

# Re: Changing keyboard symbols

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Keyboards are "mapped" to send certain characters to the display, but there are several hundred different characters, you can see most on the "character map." You'll also notice that on the character map window, there is a key stroke means to display any ASCII character. If you have a keyboard with 100 keys, you have a number pad and you use the key code ALT key+ 0163 and when you let the ALT key release, the £ is displayed. Many laptops do not have a numeric pad, but they can use the keys in the keyboard to simulate a numeric pad, see your laptop manual.

"Wayne Mason" <[Wayne.Mason.2cb919@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Wayne.Mason.2cb919@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:Wayne.Mason.2cb919@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Wayne.Mason.2cb919@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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| Pavel A. Wrote:  
| > "Wayne Mason" wrote:-  
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| > I have a laptop I bought in Arizona while I lived there,  
it has an  
| > American style keyboard and no £ sign on any key, I  
have to use the  
| > character map to cut & paste it as I use it often now  
I'm back in  
| > England.  
| > How can I make a key of my own choosing display £ when  
I press it?  
| > Telling me to adjust regional settings is not the  
correct answer as  
| > an  
| > American keyboard layout and an English keyboard layout  
are different  
| > and that would mess up everything.  
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| > In addition to Jim's answer:  
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| > - On-screen keyboard applet (in Accessories) can help.

