

## Re: Missing the 'at' sign

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Hi,

I had the same problem but got help from Dell Support. The problem is a Hot Key to the graphic card. Here is what you have to do:

1. Right click on the desktop and select Properties
2. Go to Settings – Advanced
3. Select the tab NVidia GeForce (could be something like WQuadro NVS)
4. Ypu might have to choose Classic NVIDIA Control Panel
5. Select Desktop Management
6. Activate by clicking Enable
7. Find and click on Hot Keys under Desktop Managemant
8. Remove CTRL+ALT+2 and click OK.

Life is great, isn't it:-)

/Bjorn

stefanl skrev:

Hi,

Thanks for the rapid reply. Yes I have the Alt GR key on my keyboard. And when I press Alt Gr + 2/'at/' nothig happens, and even if I press Alt + Ctrl + 2 nothing happens.

If I boot up my Linux parition the 'at' sign is workin perfectly with the key kombination Alt Gr + 2/'at/' key.

Regards,  
Stefan

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

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Do you happen to have a Alt Gr or AltGr key on your keyboard?

What happens when you hit Alt Gr + the 2/@/" key???

Notice in the picture [HERE](#) that Alt Gr, @, £, et cetera are all in BLUE....

Finnish/Swedish keyboard layout

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keyboard\\_layout#Finnish.2FSwedish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keyboard_layout#Finnish.2FSwedish)

AltGr is a modifier key on PC keyboards used to type many characters, primarily ones that are unusual for the locale of the keyboard layout, such as foreign currency symbols and accented letters. If a key has a third symbol on it (on the front vertical face or the bottom right of the key top, sometimes in a different colour), then AltGr can often be used to type that symbol.

Read the rest about the AltGr key here...

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltGr\\_key](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltGr_key)

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In [news:ECB46673-8FF1-4030-9794-BC6385F50D59@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ECB46673-8FF1-4030-9794-BC6385F50D59@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx), stefanl <stefanl@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hi,

Thanks, for the extensive answer.

If I switch to a British English keyboard I can access the 'at' located on the ' key (press shift + '). And if I switch to French keyboard I can access the 'at' sign on the 2 key (press shift + 2). This makes me wonder if the Swedish keyboard layout is corrupt in the sense that it is missing the 'at' sign.

Is their any way to restore the keyboard layout to original?

Regards,  
Stefan

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

On a US English keyboard the @ sign is located on the 2 key. On a

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British English keyboard the @ sign is located on the ' key, to the right of the L and colon–semicolon keys.

Keyboard Language...

Windows XP defaults to US English. To set the Default input language.

Start | Settings | Control Panel | Regional and Language Options | Languages tab | Details button | Settings tab |

Or...

Start | Run | Type: intl.cpl | Click OK | Languages tab | Details button | Settings tab |

Default input language

[[Specifies the default language that you use to insert text. The default language is used every time you start or log on to your computer.

For example, if you insert text in German most of the time, but have also added English as an input language, select German as your default language. When you want to insert text in English, you can switch to that language.

A language must be added under Installed services to be available as a default.]]

Add button

[[Click to install additional languages and text services. When you start or log on to your computer, all the languages and text services that you have added are loaded into memory.]]

Delete button

[[Click to delete the selected language or text service from the list. The deleted option will no longer be loaded into memory when you start or log on to your computer.]]

Keyboard layout/IME

[[Lists the keyboard layouts and Input

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Method Editors (IMEs) that are available for the selected language. Select the check box to enable this option. Clear the check box if you don't want to add a keyboard layout or IME for the selected language. You cannot add a new language without selecting at least one text service. An IME is a program that is used to enter East Asian language characters using a keyboard.]]

Installed services...  
[[Displays the languages and text services that are installed and loaded into memory when you start your computer. Text services include keyboard layouts, Input Method Editors (IMEs), and handwriting and speech recognition options. IMEs are programs that are used for entering East Asian language characters using a keyboard. Click Add to install additional languages and text services. To delete an option, select it and click Remove. You must have at least one text service.]]

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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<stefanl@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
hunted and pecked:

Hi,

I have problems with my missing 'at' sign. All other keys seems to be working, what cam be wrong?? I am using a Dell D620 with an USB Digital Media Keyboard 1.0 attached. I don't remember

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when this problem first  
appeared but it is really  
annoying.

I have tried to test my  
keyboard with the mskey  
tool and there is  
nothing wrong with the key  
so I tried to change  
keyboard layout but it  
doesn't seem to change  
anything.

Is there someone that has  
some ideas??

Regards,  
Stefan