

# Re: wanted: convenient USB switch for M/K combo

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Hello.  
On my desk I have a couple of computers and I'm looking for a convenient USB switch that allows me to use a single wireless USB keyboard/mouse combination to operate both computers. I currently have a 'Belkin 2x1 USB Peripheral Switch', which works fine except for one issue. If you want to switch from computer A to computer B, you need to give a command via an icon in the systemtray on computer B. When the keyboard and mouse are connected to computer A and you want to switch to computer B, you can't access that icon while the keyboard and mouse are connected to the other computer. I've solved this by connecting an additional mouse/tablet to both computers so I can use that to access the icon in the systemtray to switch between the two computers. Does anyone know of a USB switch for 2 or more computers that doesn't suffer from this obvious drawback that precludes convenient usage of that USB switch with a (wireless) USB mouse/keyboard combination. So I'm looking for a similar USB switch that either has a button on the switch to alternate between 2 or more USB Peripheral

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Devices or it should somehow be able to switch from both computers, instead of having to use the unconnected computer to alternate the switch. The mouse and keyboard employ the same USB port (via a wireless USB stick). Does anyone know of any brand/model USB switch that can be used conveniently to operate multiple computers via a single (wireless) USB mouse/keyboard combination?  
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I'm really surprised as the 3 I've got/had use a keystroke like shift,up,up to change from PC to PC. Has nothing to do with which PC, as the keystroke is going to the KVM switch not the PC. I'd look at Newegg.com and search 'KVM'. The only issue with my KVM's is they use PS2 mice/keyboard and you say USB.

Yep, for a KVM switch that typically makes sense. But a USB switch is different and I guess most people tend to use it to be able to switch between two computers with a printer or some other usb device.

This is really an odd workaround, but my friend has old KVM's but has upgraded the hardware for mouse or keyboard to USB (can't remember which). And of course its a nogo now. So he bought a PS2->USB adapter and just plugged it in to make the item work. Yes its more hardware and not a direct approach, but it still flies.