

IPA Keyboard Layout for Windows by Bryan James Gordon (University of Arizona)

Finally, Windows has made its keyboard-layout designer free of charge. I have taken the initiative to make an all-purpose keyboard that serves general IPA (as well as Siouan and Chocoan) needs. If you don't like that it doesn't have underdots or some other diacritic you use in your language family, be my guest, use the source code and design your own!

Included in the zip file are installation files for three different processor architectures (amd64, i386 and ia64) as well as the source code, ipa-gordon.msklc.

The keyboard is based on the US-International keyboard with dead keys *and* AltGr (the right Alt key), familiar to those of you who use Linux. The following are the keyboard layouts with varying combinations of the dead keys. Each key has up to four values in it. The bottom left is the basic output of the key, and above that is the output with SHIFT depressed. The bottom right is the output with AltGr depressed, and above that is the output with both SHIFT and AltGr depressed.

There are seven dead keys in this keyboard: ` , ~ , ^ , ; , : , ‘ and “. If a value is greyed, that means it is a dead key, and you should see the respective keyboard layout for the dead key in question to see what will result with your next keystroke. In general if you want the basic character that is greyed, you just need to hit SPACE after the dead key. E.g., to get a semicolon, type SEMICOLON-SPACE.

No more do Windows users have to bite the dust of those of us who use Unix-based systems. No more must we pay Tavultesoft for the privilege of using our languages. (I must admit, I did this out of self-interest, since I'm still having horrible problems running Toolbox in wine.) Have fun!

Note that you may have to turn off annoying hotkeys in certain programmes. For instance in Word I cannot type AltGr-I without getting the print preview. Also in Word the dead-key+AltGr combos don't work. In Excel they're all fine, as they are in Notepad and Toolbox. (Be sure to turn on Unicode format!) Screw Word.

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Basic output

	! ¹	@ ²	# ³	\$ £	% €	^ ¼	& ½	* ¾	(´) °	_ ¬	+ ÷	Backspace	
Tab	Q	W	E	R ʀ	T	Y	U	I	O	P æ	{	}	¡	
	q	w ʍ	e ɐ	r ɹ	t ʈ	y ɣ	u	ı	o ɔ	p æ	[«] »	\ ¬	
Caps	A ʌ	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L ɿ				Return	
	a ɐ	s ʂ	d	f	g	h	j	k	l ɿ					
Shift		Z Æ	X	C	V	B	N	M ʉ	<	>	? ¡		Shift	
		z æ	x ɣ	c ©	v ʌ	b β	n	m ʉ	,	.	/ ÷			
Control		Alt	SPACE NBSP										Alt	Control
			SPACE NBSP											

Notes on basic output

- NBSP means “non-breaking space”. It’s useful only if you’re a nerd.
- In general, the basic AltGr keys are for “turned” characters, but not all of them. Some of them are from the ordinary US-International keymap.
- Don’t squint at this on your monitor. Print it out!

Output with grave-accent (´) dead key

													Backspace	
Tab			É			ÿ	ù	ì	ò					
			è			ÿ	ù	ì	ò					
Caps	À												Return	
	à													
Shift													Shift	
Control		Alt											Alt	Control

Notes on grave dead key

- ` -space = `
- The following are all combining characters (add after another character)
- ` -comma = extra-short ǿ
- ` -< = no release ɽ
- ` -period = syllabic ɳ
- ` -> = non-syllabic ɶ
- ` -equals = voiceless ɸ
- ` -plus = voiced ɹ
- ` -] = grave ˘
- ` -} = double-grave ˚

Notes on quote-mark dead key

- ”-space = ”
- The quote-mark is used mostly for vowels as in standard US International.
- The following are all combining characters (add after another character)
- ”-/ = retracted tongue root ɣ
- ”-ʔ = advanced tongue root ɣ
- ”-] = dieresis ̈
- ”-t = laminal ɬ