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## Keyboard Layouts: Availability and Installation (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

I noticed I have several foreign keyboard layouts in my Keyboard control panel. Does a foreign keyboard plugged into my computer work with the proper keyboard layout selected? Where can I get international keyboard layouts?

DISCUSSION -----

If you have System Software 7.x you can attach a Roman Language keyboard and use the Keyboard control panel to select the keyboard layout that matches that keyboard.

The keyboard layout tells the computer which characters are assigned to which keys on the keyboard. You can see the different layouts by choosing the Keyboard Control Panel and selecting the Keyboard Layout of your choice. You can also toggle through the installed keyboard layouts without opening the Keyboard control panel by pressing command-option-space bar. You can view the newly selected Keyboard Layout by choosing the Key Caps Desk Accessory located in the Apple Menu.

In countries where two or more languages are used frequently, such as in Switzerland, the system software also includes a Keyboard menu, which you can use to switch rapidly from one layout to another.

The following keyboard layouts are included with System Software 7.5.x:

- Australian
- British
- Danish
- Danish Mac Plus
- Dutch
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- French - numerical
- French Canadian
- German
- ISO Canadian
- Italian

- Norwegian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Swiss French
- Swiss German
- U.S.
- U.S. - System 6

The following keyboard layouts are posted online:

- Australian
- British
- Canadian - CSA
- Canadian - ISO
- Canadian French
- Danish
- Danish Mac Plus
- Dutch
- Espanol
- Espanol ISO
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- French - numerical
- German
- Italian
- Norwegian
- Swedish
- Swiss French
- Swiss German

To install new keyboard layout files:

Step 1

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Quit all open applications.

Step 2

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Drag the desired keyboard layouts into the System file (it looks like a suitcase when you are viewing by icon) which is located in the System Folder.

Step 3

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Restart your computer.

Step 4

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You can now go to Keyboards under Control Panels and choose the desired keyboard layout.

These articles can help you locate the software update mentioned here:

- "Where To Find Apple Software Updates" - Lists online services for free Apple software updates.
- "Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA" - Lists 800 numbers and online services for software updates, Apple support information, and a subset of the Apple Tech Info Library.

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