

The mystery of the apostrophe

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Some of you complained about not being able to find the right characters to typeset the first assignment. Read this, and it'll save you some time and frustration ☺.

1 Where are the damn things?!

1.1 Norwegian keyboard layout

Here's how you can access some of the special characters.

' á (\'a) is located on of the left of the top row of the keyboard, right next to **1**.

" ä (\"a) **Shift** + **2**.

' à (\'a) **Shift** + **acute** (usually right next to **Backspace**). **Important:** not to be confused with the **acute**, which is entered by pressing the same key *without* **Shift**.

\ **Alt** + **Shift** + **7**.

{ **Alt** + **Shift** + **8**.

} **Alt** + **Shift** + **9**.

[**Alt** + **8**.

] **Alt** + **9**.

1.2 British/American keyboard layout

 à (\‘a) located either in the bottom left corner (next to Left Shift) or in the top left corner (in the same row as the numbers).

2 How do I find out what’s where on my keyboard?

2.1 Mac OS X

On 10.2, there’s an application called **Key Caps** in the *Applications/Utilities* folder, which lets you view your current keyboard layout. By pressing the **Shift**, **Ctrl** or **Alt** keys, you can see the characters made available by those keys.

In Panther, this little tool is called **Keyboard Viewer**. You can access it by entering *System Preferences/International/Input Menu*, finding **Keyboard Viewer** in the list of keyboard layouts, and ticking the box next to it.

2.2 Mac OS 9

In the Apple menu, select *Tastaturoversikt*, and you can view your current keyboard layout. By pressing the **Shift**, **Ctrl** or **Alt** keys, you can see the characters made available by those keys.

2.3 Windows

Open **On-Screen Keyboard** (*Start/Programs/Accessories/Accesibility/On-Screen/Keyboard* in Windows 2000), and you can see your current keyboard layout. By pressing the **Shift**, **Ctrl** or **Alt** keys, you can see the characters made available by those keys.

2.4 Unix

I’m sure you know *much* better than we do, Trond ☺