

Typing French accents cheat sheet

Note

Acute accent

There are two ways to type French accents.

1. On a non-French keyboard, you can select French keyboard layout from Windows settings.
2. Typing with UK Extended keyboard shortcuts.

We provide shortcuts for both ways below.

Grave accent

UK extended keyboard:

AltGr + E or Shift + \	é
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Cédille

French keyboard layout:

Ctrl + ` then E	è
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Ctrl + ` then A	à
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Ctrl + ` then U	ù
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UK extended keyboard:

` then E	è
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` then A	à
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` then U	ù
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Circumflex

French keyboard layout:

Ctrl + , then C	ç
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Ctrl + , then C or AltGr + C	ç
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Umlaut

French keyboard layout:

Ctrl + ^ then A	â
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Ctrl + ^ then E	ê
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Ctrl + ^ then I	î
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Ctrl + ^ then O	ô
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Ctrl + ^ then U	û
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UK extended keyboard:

AltGr + ^ then A	â
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AltGr + ^ then E	ê
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AltGr + ^ then I	î
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AltGr + ^ then O	ô
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AltGr + ^ then U	û
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Alt codes

French keyboard layout:

Ctrl + : then E	ë
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Ctrl + : then I	ï
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UK extended keyboard:

AltGr + \ then E	ë
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AltGr + \ then I	ï
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Using Character map

Acute accent:

Alt + 0233	é
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Alt + 0201	É
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Grave accent:

Alt + 0224	à
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Alt + 0232	è
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Alt + 0249	ù
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Alt + 0192	À
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Alt + 0200	È
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Alt + 0217	Ù
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Circumflex:

Alt + 0226	â
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Alt + 0234	ê
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Alt + 0238	î
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Alt + 0244	ô
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Alt + 0251	û
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Alt + 0194	Â
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Alt + 0202	Ê
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Alt + 0206	Î
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Alt + 0212	Ô
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Alt + 0219	Û
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Umlaut:

Alt + 0235	ë
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Alt + 0239	ï
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Alt + 0203	Ë
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Alt + 0207 ï

Cédille:

Alt + 0231 ç

Alt + 0199 Ç

Windows: How to add keyboard layout

While above methods are easier for most situations, some may prefer not using keyboard at all for typing French accents. Windows Character Map tool will allow you to copy and paste French letters (and any other letter).

To launch Character Map in Windows 10, open Start menu and start to type character map, then click Character Map from search results.

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More information: defkey.com/typing-french-accent-shortcuts

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