

How to type special characters (Mac)

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How to type accented characters and ligatures used in various European languages on the Mac keyboard (based on U.S. keyboard design).

1. Accent marks and diacriticals (most have lowercase and uppercase letters). For capital letters, use shift with the last stroke.

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| à (À) | option-` , then type a |
| å (Å) | option-a |
| á (Á) | option-e, then type a |
| â (Â) | option-i, then type a |
| ä (Ä) | option-u, then type a |
| æ (Æ) | option-' |
| œ (Œ) | option-q |
| ç (Ç) | option-c |
| è (È) | option-` , then type e |
| é (É) | option-e, then type e |
| ê (Ê) | option-i, then type e |
| ë (Ë) | option-u, then type e |
| ì (Ì) | option-` , then type i |
| í (Í) | option-e, then type i |
| î (Î) | option-u, then type i |
| ñ (Ñ) | option-n, then type n |
| ò (Ò) | option-` , then type o |
| ó (Ó) | option-e, then type o |
| ô (Ô) | option-i, then type o |

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|-------|-----------------------|
| ö (Ö) | option-u, then type o |
| ù (Ù) | option-`, then type u |
| ú (Ú) | option-e, then type u |
| û (Û) | option-i, then type u |
| ü (Ü) | option-u, then type u |
| ÿ (Ý) | option-u, then type y |
| ß | option-s |

3. Other useful characters and signs

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|-------------|--|
| i | option-1 |
| ¿ | option-? |
| ∞ | option-5 |
| ¢ | option-4 |
| £ | option-3 |
| ¥ | option-y |
| ¤ | option-9 |
| º | option-0 |
| € | shift-option-2 |
| ℳ | shift-option-2 |
| ° (degree) | shift-option-8 |
| – (en dash) | option-- (option and hyphen) |
| — (em dash) | shift-option-- (shift, option, and hyphen) |
| ≠ | option-= |
| ± | shift-option-= |
| … | option-; |
| µ | option-m |
| Ω | option-z |
| √ | option-v |
| © | option-g |
| Σ | option-w |
| f | option-f |
| ∂ | option-d |
| ® | option-r |
| † | option-t |
| π | Option=p |
| ∏ | shift-option-p |