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keyboard layout in DOS box



Thyge

Sunday, October 11, 2009 2:45 PM

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How do I get Danish (I am danish) keyboard layout in DOS box?

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If I run a command prompt window everything seems to work, but if I start a DOS application, the keyboard layout is english.

OS version: Windows 7 Professional Danish 32 bit

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Dale Qiao

MSFT, Moderator

Thursday, October 15, 2009 8:30 AM

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C:\Windows\System32\KB16 DK,850,C:\Windows\System32\KEYBOARD.SYS

To more information, please refer to the following website:



[Keyboard Layout under Command Prompt](#)

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Best Regards
Dale

Marked As Answer by **Ronnie Vernon MVP**, Moderator Friday, October 16, 2009 5:56 AM

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Dale Qiao

MSFT, Moderator

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 5:09 AM

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Hi,

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Do you set Danish keyboard as the default keyboard layout for your system? Can you type danish in a command prompt? Please make sure that you set both keyboard layout and language locale to Danish in Region and Language panel. BTW, to configure the keyboard layout for a specific language, please refer to [MS-DOS Goto Keyb Syntax](#)

Best Regards
Dale

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Thyge

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 9:58 AM

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Hi Dale..

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Danish keyboard is set as default. The installation has been run choosing danish at all the prompts, just like in the installation of XP.
If I launch a command prompt window (start - run - cmd) I have danish keyboard layout - if I then do it again from inside the command box I have US keyboard layout - same if I launch a program requiring the command box - US keyboard layout.
Then I close the boxes typing exit - launch cmd again - danish keyboard... seems that settings are not inherited to next level.

Strange

I have none of that in Win XP Pro SP3 - launch all the cmd's you want - danish keyboard all the way with no options or config's set.

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