

Welcome to Accent Composer!

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Accent Composer is a tool for Windows 95/NT 4 that simplifies the process of entering accented characters with keyboards that do not have special accent keys. It works by waiting in the background until you press a special 'compose key' (the right control key by default). It then traps the next two keys you type and tries to turn them into an accented character. For example, pressing the compose key followed by '~' and 'N' produces the character Ñ. It also works with other extended characters: 'c' and 'o' produces © and '=' and 'Y' produces ¥.

Accent Composer will work with any Windows program running under Windows 95/98 or NT 3.51 or later. It is also customizable: you can change the keys used to produce any particular character and you can change the key that acts as the compose key.

System Requirements

Windows 95/98 or Windows NT 3.51 or later.

Recommended minimum RAM: 16Mb (Windows 95) or 32 Mb (NT).

700kb hard disk space.

Accent Composer is being distributed as shareware. You are allowed to evaluate this program for up to 30 days. After that time, if you wish to continue using it, then you must register by paying a fee to the author. The cost of registration is UK£15 (or US\$25) plus shipping and handling and VAT (UK and Europe only).

If you have access to the Internet you may register on-line using a credit card at our World Wide Web page (<http://www.kovcomp.co.uk/>). Otherwise, you can use the Ordering Wizard built into Accent Composer. Just click on the "Order Form" button on the shareware notification screen and follow the instructions. Alternatively, you can print out the order form in the help file and fax, e-mail, or post it to us with your payment.

In the USA, Accent Composer is also available from RegNet (21200 Trumpet Drive #201, Santa Clarita, CA 91321-4441 U.S.A. Tel. 1-800-WWW2REG (1-800-999-2734), fax: 805-288-1867, e-mail: RegNet@swregnet.com URL: <http://www.swregnet.com/1403p.htm>).

Version history

Ver. 1.0 - Initial release, 1 Oct 1997

Ver. 1.01 - released 16 Jan 1998

- * Added a menu option to allow Accent Composer to be disabled without exiting the program.
- * Fixed a problem that meant that spaces could not be used in compose sequences. A space can now be used as either or both characters of the sequence.

Ver. 1.02 - released 2 Feb 1998

- * Fixed problem that caused Excel to not go into edit mode if an Accent Composer compose sequence was entered as the first character. The fix causes problems with the Delphi 3 programming editor; it is possible other programs may also be affected. As a result this fix was made an option.
- * Modified ordering wizard to include multiple user discounts in prices. Also slightly modified printed order form.

Ver. 1.03 - released 9 Feb 1998

- * Fixed problem with Microsoft Works for Windows 3, where compose sequence characters were being inserted into the editing window as well as the accent character. This fix was also made an option, like the key faking one.
- * Fixed problem where floppy disk drive was being activated when Accent Composer was started.

Ver. 1.04 - released 24 Feb 1998

- * Fixed problem where Windows 95 would crash in MPREXE.EXE, Explorer, OpenGL.dll or other Windows modules when Accent Composer was active. This would happen soon after a password was typed in to access a network, the Internet or a screen saver.

Ver. 1.05 - released 6 March 1998

- * Fixed problem where floating point exceptions would occur in 3-d graphics programs based on Microsoft's OpenGL when Accent Composer was active.

Ver. 1.06 - released 30 April 1998

- * Fixed Access Violation problem when clicking on Order Form button on shareware startup dialog.
- * The Load At Startup checkbox stopped working in version 1.05. This now works again.

Ver. 1.07 - released 11 Sep. 1998

- * Fixed problem where the list of compose sequences could get corrupted, causing a "PutObject to undefined item" error when opening the options dialog.

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