

Adding Accented French Characters in Windows

Windows assigns a numeric code to different accented letters, other foreign characters and special mathematical symbols. For instance the code for lower case **á** is **0225**, and the code for capital **Á** is 0193. The ALT key input is used to manually insert these letters and symbols by calling the numeric code assigned to them.

To use the codes:

1. Place your cursor in the location where you wish to insert a special character.
2. Activate the **numeric key pad** on the right of the keyboard by pressing **Num Lock** (upper right of keyboard). The **Num Lock** light on the keyboard will indicate that the numeric key pad is on.
NOTE: You must use the numeric key pad; if you use the number keys on the top of the keyboard, the characters will not appear.
3. While pressing down the **ALT** key, type the four-digit code on the **numeric key pad** at the right edge of the keyboard. The codes are "case sensitive." For instance, the code for lower-case **á** is **ALT+0225**, but capital **Á** is **ALT+0193**.
NOTE: If you have the International keyboard activated, you will only be able to input codes with the **ALT** key on the left side of the keyboard.
4. Release the **ALT** key. The character will appear when the **ALT** key is released.
NOTE: You must **include the initial zero** in the code. For example to insert **á (0225)** you must type **ALT+0225**, NOT **ALT+225**.

This list is organized by **Accent** type. To determine the appropriate numeric code, match the accent with the vowel.

Capital Vowels	
À	ALT+0192
Â	ALT+0194
Ä	ALT+0196
È	ALT+0200
É	ALT+0201
Ê	ALT+0202
Ë	ALT+0203
Î	ALT+0206
Ï	ALT+0207
Ô	ALT+0212
Œ	ALT+0140
Ù	ALT+0217
Û	ALT+0219
Ü	ALT+0220
Ý	ALT+0159

Lowercase Vowels	
à	ALT+0224
â	ALT+0226
ä	ALT+0228
è	ALT+0232
é	ALT+0233
ê	ALT+0234
ë	ALT+0235
î	ALT+0238
ï	ALT+0239
ô	ALT+0244
œ	ALT+0156
ù	ALT+0249
û	ALT+0251
ü	ALT+0252
ÿ	ALT+0255

Consonants/Punctuation	
Ç	ALT+0199 (caps)
ç	ALT+0231 (lower)
«	ALT+0171 (Left Angle Quote)
»	ALT+0187 (Right Angle Quote)
€	ALT+0128

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