

Typing Special Characters in Ubuntu

ENABLING THE COMPOSE KEY:

Before doing anything, you must **enable the Compose Key**. To do this, open the “System Settings” application. Go to the “Keyboard” pane. In the “Shortcuts” tab, choose “Typing” from the left sidebar. Set the “Compose Key” to “Right Alt” (which appears as AltGr on your keyboard).

This setting will ensure that there is no interference with other keyboard functions.

HOW TO TYPE A SPECIAL CHARACTER:

To type a special character, **hold down the compose key**. **Type** the **symbol** (Key #1) that you need. Then, **type** the **letter** (Key #2) that you need. **Release the compose key**.

KEY COMBINATIONS FOR FRENCH CHARACTERS:

Desired Symbol	Key #1	Key #2
´ (l'accent aigu)		(any letter)*
` (l'accent grave)		(any letter)*
^ (l'accent circonflexe)	+	(any letter)*
¨ (le tréma)	+	(any letter)*
ç (la cédille)		*
œ (e dans l'o)	*	*
<< (open quote)	+	+
>> (close quote)	+	+
€ (euro sign)		

* If you need a capital letter, hold the shift key when typing the letter.