

Yukon Keyboard Layouts



The Caps Lock Advantage

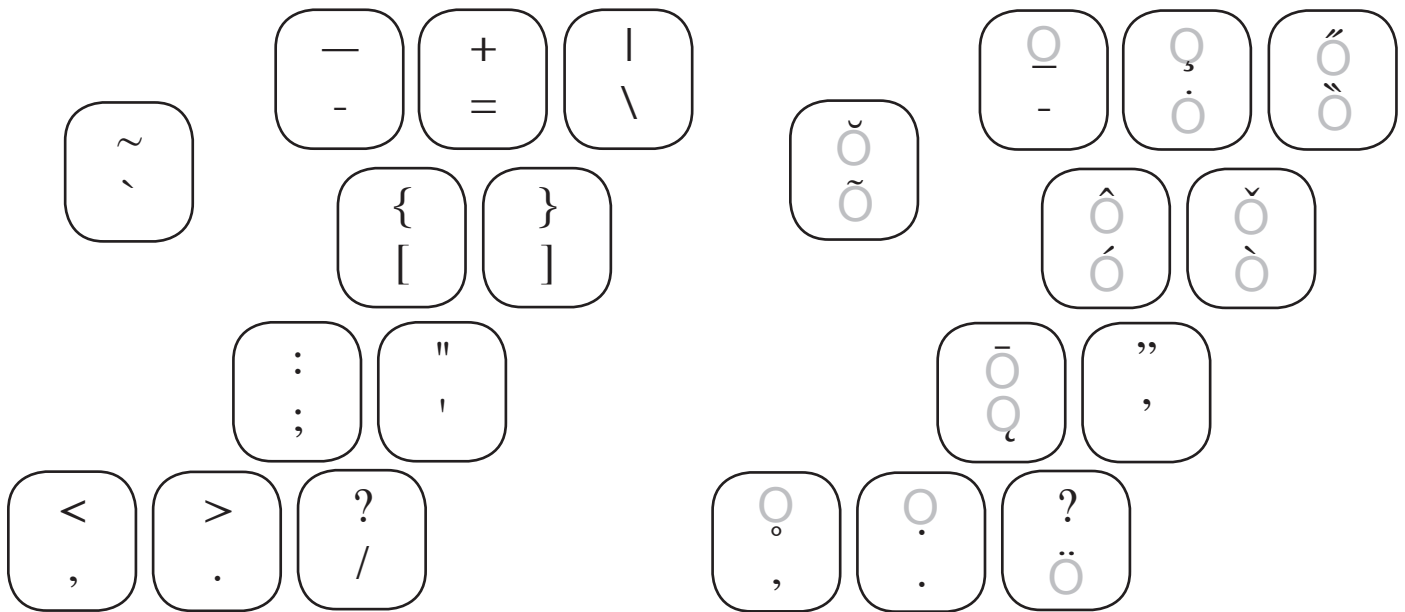
With the Yukon keyboards, the Caps Lock key is used to toggle between plain ordinary typing and Yukon typing. With Caps Lock off or out, the keyboard is plain US. With Caps Lock on or in, the keyboard is Yukon. The main advantage of this system is that all the ordinary characters which typists are trained to use are still available where expected. Typists do not have to change fonts or learn obscure keystrokes to type something ordinary. Both English and Native Language can be easily typed in the same font. There is a small disadvantage. Because Caps Lock does not have its usual function, a shift key must be held down to type a series of upper case letters.

Diacritics

The accents or diacritics which go above and below base letters are accessed on Macintosh and Windows in the same way, with identical key strokes.

Caps Lock off/out = usual typing

Caps Lock on/in = Yukon typing



Notes

- hyphen, comma, period and question mark are not affected by Caps Lock.
- Caps Lock changes the single and double quotation marks, to apostrophe and double apostrophe modifier letters. These letters look like quotes but do not trigger word wrap and are not automatically converted to curly left and right quotes by text processors like MS Word (smart quotes) or Indesign (printer's quotes).

Base Letters

The most important non-U.S. base letters for Yukon languages are ł and Ł. On Macintosh these are accessed through option-l and option-shift-L. On Windows these are available at alt-ctrl-l and shift-alt-ctrl-l. Several other base letters are available for linguistic and historical purposes. They are similarly accessed through option or ctrl-alt modifiers. In the chart below, the top line shows the desired character and the bottom line shows the key pressed with option on Macintosh or alt-ctrl on Windows.

character	ł	Ł	ə	ɛ	ρ	χ	ʔ	ŋ	Ŋ	œ	Œ	◌̇
name	bar-l	bar-L	schwa	epsilon	rho	chi	glottal stop	eng	Eng	oe	OE	dotted circle
key	l	L	e	E	r	x	/	n	N	o	O	0 (zero)

Many more characters are in the fonts. Word and InDesign offer Insert Character functions that give access to all characters. Specialized keyboard layouts can also be made.