

The compose key allows you to enter symbols not printed on the keys of your keyboard.

Setting the compose key

GNOME	Install Tweaks and set Compose key in Keyboard & Mouse
KDE Plasma Desktop	Open System Settings > Input Devices > Keyboard > Advanced

Compose sequence

1. Press the compose key, then release. You are now in *compose mode*.
2. Type the other keys in your compose sequence. Once the glyph appears, you are out of compose mode.

Diacritics			Result	Characters			Result		
<Compose>	'	e	é	<Compose>	a	e	æ		
<Compose>	`	e	è	<Compose>	s	s	ß		
<Compose>	"	o	ö	<Compose>	e	e	ə		
<Compose>	^	e	ê	<Compose>	o	o	°		
<Compose>	,	c	ç	<Compose>	t	m	™		
<Compose>	~	n	ñ	<Compose>	o	c	©		
<Compose>	-	e	ë	<Compose>	o	r	®		
<Compose>	o	a	å	<Compose>	(A)	Ⓐ	
<Compose>	u	e	ě	<Compose>	(1)	①	
<Compose>	_	"	o	<Compose>	(5	0)	⑤⑩
<Compose>	-	d	ď	<Compose>	^	1		¹ (superscript)	
<Compose>	.	w	ẃ	<Compose>	_	1		₁ (subscript)	
<Compose>	!	!	¡	<Compose>	?	?		¿	

Diacritics work on a variety of letters (aeiou, d, j, n, t, y, w, z). The ones listed here are just common examples.



Mathematics			Result	Typography			Result
<Compose>	1	2	½	<Compose>	.	-	.
<Compose>	3	4	¾	<Compose>	.	=	•
<Compose>	/	=	≠	<Compose>	.	<	<
<Compose>	<	=	≤	<Compose>	>	>	»
<Compose>	=	>	⇒	<Compose>	!	^	!
<Compose>	%	o	‰	<Compose>
<Compose>	v	/	√	<Compose>	-	- -	— (emdash)
<Compose>	+	-	±	<Compose>	s	o	§
<Compose>	.	-	·	<Compose>	P	P	¶
<Compose>	x	x	×	<Compose>	N	o	№

Arrows and symbols			Result	Currency			Result
<Compose>	<	-	←	<Compose>	-	L	£
<Compose>	-	>	→	<Compose>	c		¢
<Compose>		^	↑	<Compose>	Y	=	¥
<Compose>	<	3	♥	<Compose>	=	E	€
<Compose>	:)	☺	<Compose>	C	E	¢
<Compose>	L	L A P	👉	<Compose>	R	s	Rs

Music			Result	Currency			Result
<Compose>	#	q	♪	<Compose>	#	E	♪
<Compose>	#	e	♫	<Compose>	#	S	♫
<Compose>	#	b	♭	<Compose>	#	f	♯
<Compose>	#	#	♯	<Compose>	<	>	◇

