

A Unified Keyboard Layout for APL2
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Many people who use other languages or applications as well as APL find that they are slowed down and make more keying errors due to the different keyboard positions of characters common to both environments. This note and the accompanying software are an attempt to alleviate this difficulty.

The unified keyboard layout presented here was developed from the following assumptions:

- 1: If a character is present on the non-APL keyboard, it should remain in its usual position.
- 2: If a character is present as <Shift>-<key> on the default APL2 keyboard, it should be moved to <Alt>-<key> on the unified keyboard unless this conflicts with assumption 1.
- 3: The single and double line box drawing characters should be available as <Ctrl>-<key> for a conveniently grouped, reasonably mnemonic set of keys.
- 4: The characters that were present as <Alt>-<1-0> should move to <Ctrl>-<1-0> to avoid conflict with 2.
- 5: The remaining APL2 printable characters should be placed as mnemonically as possible as <Ctrl>-<key>.

The resulting keyboard layout is as shown.

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