

OT: Path dependent keyboard

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There was an excellent discussion several years ago about the efficiency, or lack thereof, of the Dvorak keyboard and its relationship to economic theory. Most Dvorak users make only modest claims about speed and instead concentrate on ergonomics and comfort. What follows concerns a layout that offers similar comfort at a far lower cost in time and effort.

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It has been said that the most common letters were taken off the home row of the first typewriter keyboard to slow down the typist and prevent jamming.

On a Dvorak keyboard almost sixty percent of average text is typed from the home keys. Transposing the letters 'etni' with 'dfjk' would put more than 55% of text on the home keys, up from only 26% on the qwerty layout. That's more than twice the text typed without lifting a finger.

The change is quite pleasant and easy to learn. I hope you will pass this on.

To put e, t, n and i back where they belong, there is a keyboard remapping program that is free, downloads quickly and is very easy to use. I am typing this post on a keyboard remapped to the 'etni' transposition layout. The program is called 'KeyTweak 2.11' and can be googled up by that name. It is available from several sites, including PC magazine and recommended by several keyboard manufacturers, including TypeMatrix. The creator of the program is Travis Krumsick.

- 1) After you have loaded the program click start.
- 2) Click the "KeyTweak" icon and a graphic of a keyboard will appear.
- 3) Click the "Full Teach Mode" at the bottom of the screen.
- 4) A box will appear. Click "Begin Teach Mode".
- 5) Press the key you want to reassign, then the key you want it reassigned to, in this case D to E.
- 6) Click "Remap Key#1 to Key#2"
- 7) The box will disappear and the scancodes of the keys will appear in the "Pending Changes" window at the bottom right.
- 8) Follow the same procedure (from 3) for E to D, and the remaining six remaps.

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9) Click "Apply" and you will be asked if you want to turn off the computer to apply the changes.

At the top there is also a clickable "Restore Defaults" to give you back your qwerty layout.

I was able to remap in under three minutes and restore qwerty in thirty seconds, not including the restart.

You can try out the sample lines of text below to discover that your fingers already know where etni should go.

nineteen lean little saints settle in a nest
jkjdfddj ldaj lkffld sakjfs sdffld kj a jdsf

an alien eats an ant antenna in atlanta
aj alkdj dafs aj ajf ajfdjja kj aflajfa

elite sense entails a siesta in a satin seat
dlkfd sdjds djfakls a skdsfa kj a safkj sdaf

a stain is seen at a linen sale
a sfakj ks sddj af a lkj dj sald

a latent latin talent tast tests in seattle
a lafdjf lafkj faldjf fasf fdsfs kj sdaffld

insane santa sails in sea salt
kjsajd sajfa sakls kj sda salf

Many thanks,

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