

Typing French Accents from Windows 10

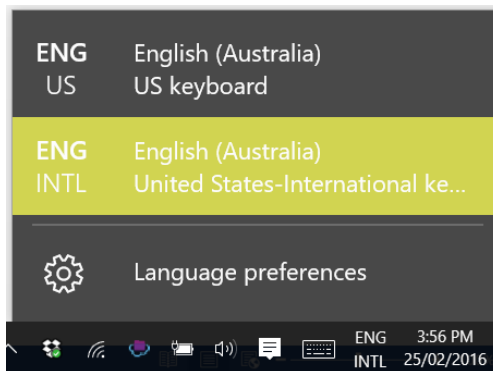
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The set of characters that can be typed from a keyboard can be changed by installing and selecting an alternative keyboard mapping (i.e. system level software that determines the character that is produced when a key is pressed).

The United States International Keyboard mapping provides an easy way to enter French accents from a standard keyboard. If the International mapping is not already installed on your PC, instructions for doing so are given on the next page.

Once the United States International mapping has been installed, you select it by holding down the Windows key and pressing the space bar.



Each press of the space bar cycles to the next installed keyboard mapping.

When the US International Keyboard is selected, you enter French accents as follows:

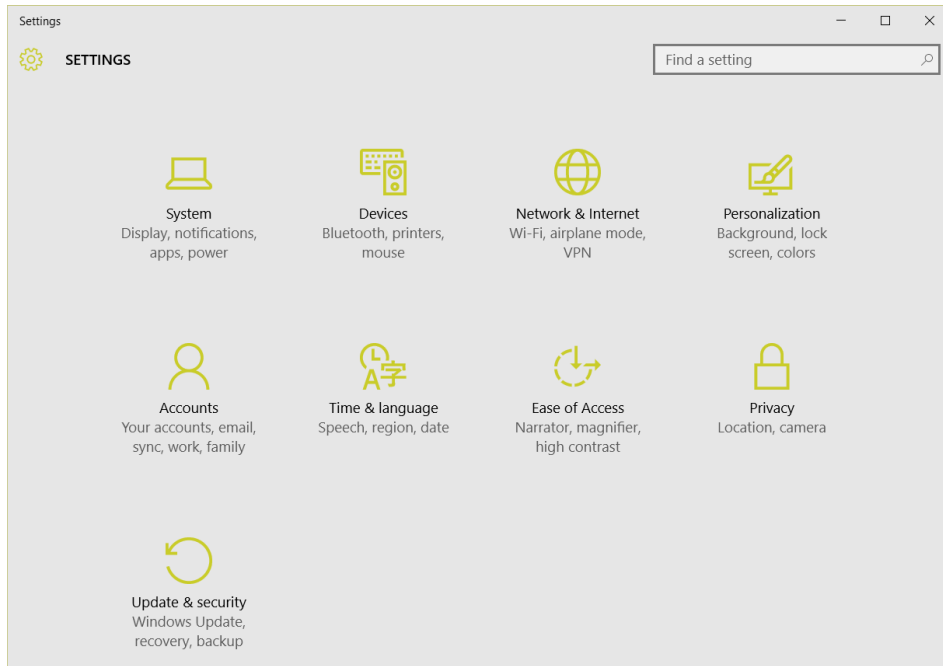
- Accent grave (à, è, etc), type ` (to the left of 1) then the vowel.
- Accent aigu (é), type ' (single quote) then e
- Cédille (ç), type ' then c.
- Circonflexe (ê), type ^ (shift + 6) then e.
- Tréma (ö), type " (shift + ') then o.
- To type French quotation marks « » use ctrl + alt + [and], respectively.

A minor disadvantage of the International Keyboard mapping is that when you want to type a single or double quote by itself rather than above a vowel, you have to type the symbol then hit the space bar. For example, to type c'est, type c then ' then spacebar followed by est. It takes time to remember to type the space to avoid producing an accent when you simply want a single or double quote.

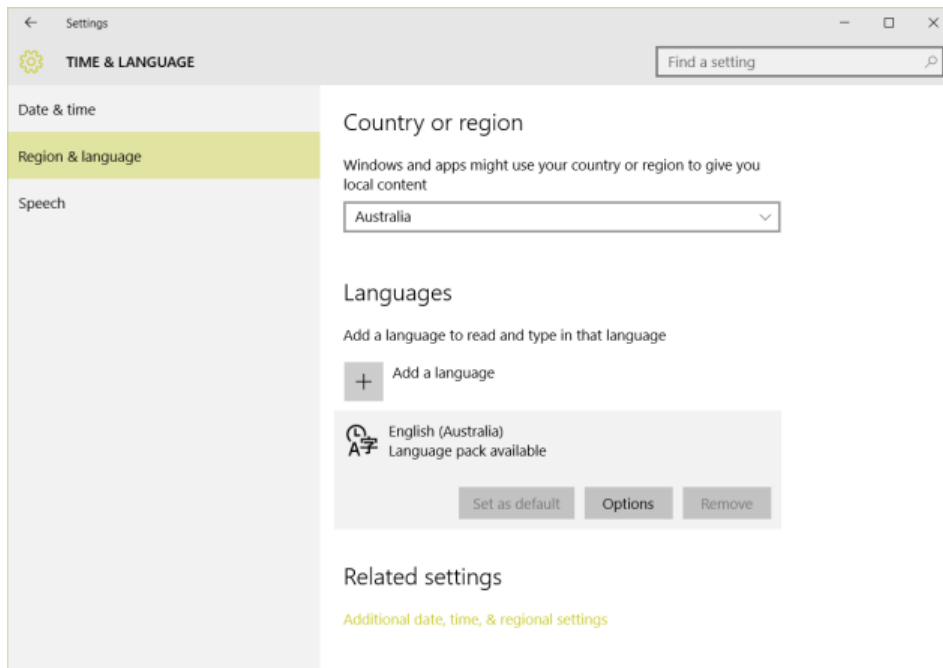
To return to the standard keyboard mapping, hold down the Windows key and press the space bar.

Installing United States International Keyboard

Go to Windows 10 Settings. (One way to get there is to click the Windows icon at the right of the task bar at the base of the screen and select Settings from the list of programs and utilities installed on your PC).

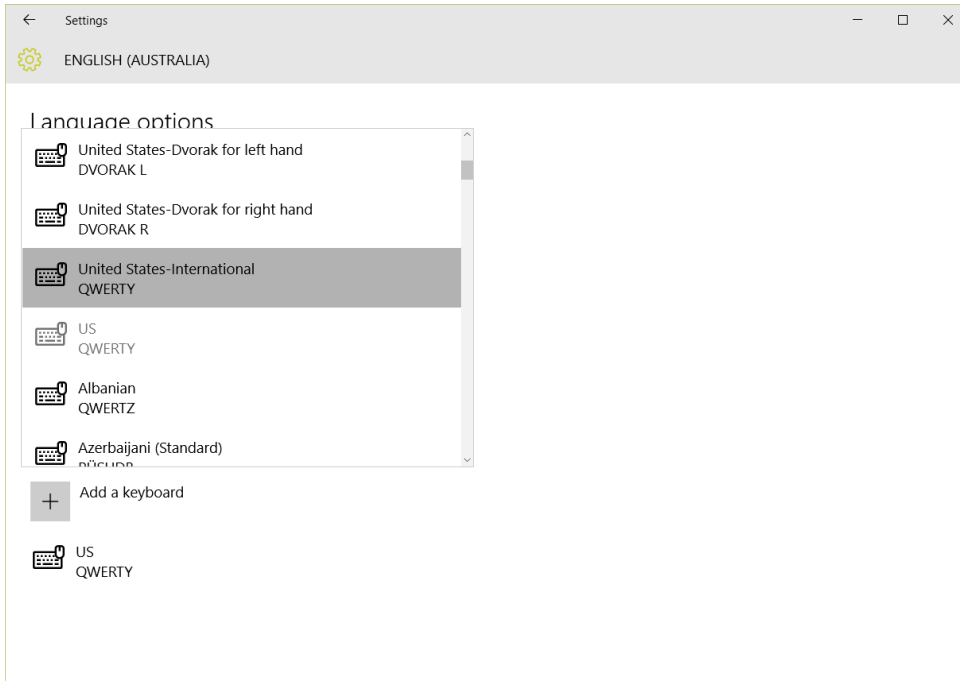


Select the Time & Language option.

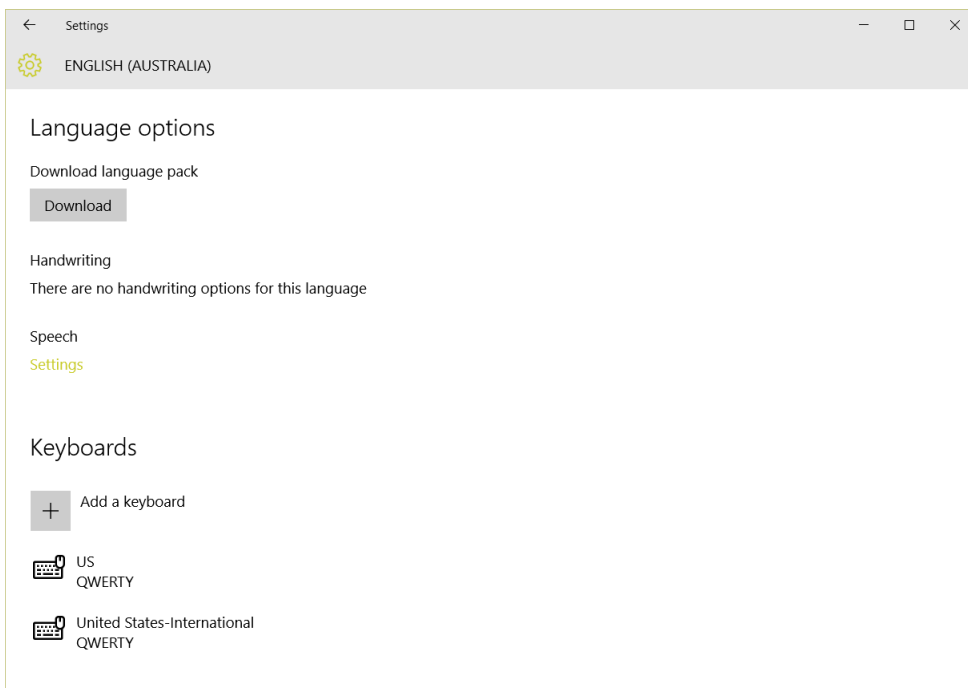


Select Region & Language.

Select English (Australia) and Click the Options button.



From the list of language options, select United States International QWERTY and press the Enter key



The United States International keyboard mapping is now installed on your PC.

Close Settings.

Select the United States International keyboard mapping by holding down the Windows key and pressing the space bar.

