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TOPIC -----

Can I use my British keyboard with an American Macintosh?

DISCUSSION -----

There are a couple of ways to use the Apple Desktop Bus British keyboard with a United States system. Both involve modifying the System Software running on the Macintosh.

The first method is to install the British System software on the Macintosh. This makes all of the necessary resources available, so you can use the machine exactly as you would in the UK.

The second method is to take the necessary resources from a British System Tools disk and install them in the System file on the Macintosh in question. If all you want is to map your keyboard properly, then you need the British 'KCHR' resource. You can use ResEdit to transfer a copy of this resource from the British System to the System file on the Macintosh. Once you've done this, choose the British keyboard mapping through the use of the Keyboard CDEV in the Control Panel.

If you want British sorting as well as British numerical and date formats, then you must copy all the British "itlX" resources too, where the "X" includes b,k,1,2,3,4. At this point, you would probably do better installing the British software, because the international software typically includes keyboard mapping for US keyboards, too.

Either way, the keyboard will function properly with a Macintosh manufactured in the United States.

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