

Accents & special characters

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ew in Quark 7 is the Glyphs palette, a feature added to allow access to the greatly expanded character sets of OpenType. But, hint hint, The Glyphs palette also allows access to all characters of all other standard font formats like PostScript Type 1, TrueType and even the various system fonts. Access to every glyph on even older format fonts is now easily accessible for the first time. There's even a place for Favorite Glyphs in which you can store the glyphs you might use most often.

TIP | Note the magnifying icons at the upper right of the Glyphs palette for resizing glyphs so you don't go blind searching small type glyphs at high resolution screen settings. Glyphs are technical typographers' jargon for font characters' outlines, or the underlying graphic representation of a symbol. But despite their technically different meanings, mostly important to font and software wonks, go ahead, use the terms interchangeably.

Just about anyone can access the basic alphabet on a font, with its related characters printed on the a keyboard's keycaps. But finding the many accents and characters not printed on your keyboard's keycaps can sometimes be a time-consuming and even daunting task.

TIP | See the last box on page 4 for accessing all of the glyphs for any character available in an OpenType font (Quark). That's why Quark has also added the telepathic Glyphs TrueType interface, so when you hit the "any" key, it'll automatically are transitioner the accent or special glyph you're thinking. (Just kidding.) NOTE Since some

Keyboard shortcuts to the rescue

Actually, the new OpenType format takes a giant leap toward smart fonts that can auto-replace ligatures, swatches and alternate characters, but for the basic character set from PostScript or TrueType fonts, keyboard shortcuts are a faster solution than the Glyphs palette.

Keyboard shortcuts for Mac, Windows and HTML are included on the following pages to access special glyphs on most font formats.

An odd character here and there that doesn't have keyboard shortcuts is noted as "inaccessible." For those few glyphs, different on each platform, you'll still need to use the Glyphs palette.

The same shortcuts work on most font formats. Most normal fonts (not "Expert" or "Pi" fonts) use what is called the "Adobe Standard" layout, the name of the font layout for standard alphanumeric, Western-language "Latin" fonts, be they serif, sans serif, script or other category. These layouts are the same in any format—PostScript, TrueType, OpenType and many others. Adobe Standard refers only to its inventor company, and is used by most of the type foundries and designers making fonts today.

Just what about OpenType?

You'll need the Glyphs palette to access many glyphs on OpenType fonts. Although most don't include all possible positions, OpenType is theoretically capable of more than 65,000 glyphs. PostScript Type 1 fonts are coded as single byte, 8 bits (or 16 × 16), yielding a possible 256 positions. As 35 of those positions are taken by control characters (spaces, line endings, discretionary hyphens, tabs, etc.), the maximum number left for glyphs is 221. OpenType fonts, by contrast, are double byte, 16 bits (or 256 × 256), hence a possible 65,536 positions, not all used for glyphs.

OpenType fonts are fully cross platform—the same font works on Macs and Windows computers. Originally an outgrowth of TrueType, OpenType fonts have internal data tables that now can be a conglomeration of TrueType or PostScript, but the resultant font differences are transparent to users. Most TrueType fonts now are also

cross platform with support for more formats in the latest versions of Mac OS X.

OpenType is clearly the future as relates to font formats, so where possible when acquiring new fonts, choose OpenType where available. As the standard PostScript Type 1 and TrueType keyboard layouts remain the same for the basic glyphs, replacing a PostScript or TrueType font with OpenType in a document should not change special characters, or any others, already present.

Included keyboard shortcuts

If you set type in a language other than English, you already may be familiar with the keyboard shortcuts required to achieve self-centering accented characters. But there are shortcuts for most other special characters too. The following pages contain most known keyboard shortcuts for Mac, Windows and Web. The HTML web

(many?) terms used here may be Greek to you, see the Glossary on page 15 to better understand what to some may be fairly esoteric. I've tried to include information regardless of levels of understanding.

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codes are not merely shortcuts, but can be essential to display special characters and accents on the web. Coding some characters for the web, with changing versions of competing browsers that support different code sets, can be quite daunting. HTML character codes included here currently support the greatest number of up-to-date (as of mid-2008) web browsers. Consult web development references for more coding information.

NOTE | Non alphanumeric command keys (like OPTION) are denoted by all caps sans serif type. See page 16 for contact information and links to download updates to this guide as it expands to include updated standards and additional font layouts.

Using this guide

As they contain multiple keystrokes, this guide is color coded to help accessing the most complex keyboard shortcuts. Examples to access ñ follow.

MAC First, key the red-highlighted COMMAND KEYS and any additional keystrokes together, pressing all red keys simultaneously. For example, to key in an n with a tilde accent, hold down the OPTION key and the n key together to access the accent, then release and key n (the character that will tuck underneath the accent). If the secondary key is a cap, it is shown as such, and should be typed with the SHIFT key (SHIFT n yields N) also.

WINDOWS | To access the desired glyph, first turn on NUM LOCK. Then hold down the ALT key while using the numeric keypad to enter the the four-digit number shown. Release the NUM LOCK key when finished. So, to access the n with a tilde accent, press NUM LOCK, then hold ALT and key 0241. Hit the NUM LOCK key again to release it.

HTML For our n with tilde, key ñ or ñ When you use the characters codes in your HTML, don't leave any space between the ampersand (&) and the rest of the word preceding (unless it begins a word), nor any space following the ; afterward. A full word, Español, with the n with tilde in place would look like this:

Español or Español

Organization & various notes

The special glyphs have been divided into sections for simpler locating and easy reference. For clarity, similar glyphs have been grouped or lined up, leaving frequent blank spaces. There's nothing missing, it was done to show similar characters (especially built accents) have similar keyboard shortcuts.

Where you want to create an accented character that's not shown, simply type the initial keyboard

shortcut for the accent itself, then the glyph you want to center under it. Place your cursor between the accent and the letter, then kern to overlap. The kern value should be fairly high, perhaps –100, –200 or more.

Of course, if you need to typeset material containing a great deal of accents not shown in this guide, you'll probably want to purchase special language versions of the font(s), as they contain pre-built, self-centering accents

for languages other than the common Western languages for which the Adobe Standard layout fonts are intended. You may need to alter system preferences accordingly.

Note that not all of these characters will appear if you are using a font that has a limited or non-standard character set.

Perhaps the best aspect is that these shortcuts are universal throughout all applications on each computer platform—they don't work just in QuarkXPress. For the overwhelming number of standard layout fonts, shortcuts shown in this guide work anywhere, in any software fonts are used. So for most glyphs shown in this guide (with the exception of "invisibles" following), you don't need a glyphs palette to access common accents and special characters.

Special Quark characters

Although many page layout and other applications include some shortcuts for characters such as fixed spaces, discretionary hyphens, various line breaks, etc., the glyphs and shortcuts usually are different in each program. Those shown in this guide are unique to QuarkXPress and, as invisible characters, are shown in grey. Keyboard shortcuts can be used for simplifying Find & Change and when coding type for tagged text input or XML export.



Quark invisible characters Spaces | breaks | separators | control characters | QuarkXPress only

Two keyboard shortcut styles for invisibles exist in QuarkXPress, one to insert the glyph in a Quark document, the other to access it in the Find/Change pane. The former is given on the first line within each platform, the latter next after "FIND |". To view invisibles, make sure they are turned on: \Re i

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via Glyphs palette FIND Z HTML	via Glyphs palette FIND				via Glyphs palette FIND <mark>8</mark>	SHIFT SPACE FIND \. [period] or CTRL .
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	FIND - [hyphen]					
­ <i>or</i> ­	unavailable		unavailable	unavailable	unavailable	

 $n/a^* = not accessible:$ use top menu, **Utilities** > **Insert Character** > **Special** or Glyphs palette, Window > Glyphs (pull down "Entire Font" menu) [keypad] ENTER = ENTER key on numeric keypad

= COMMAND OPT = OPTION CTRL = CONTROL | Access Quark invisibles by keying Жi

Quark special characters

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Dashes | Auto page numbering | misc | QuarkXPress only

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Additional Quark keyboard shortcuts

When all else fails, there's always the help file or application manual. After all, even charts can only go so far even with a few notes and tips.

For a complete set of Quark keyboard shortcuts for special characters and application manipulation, select **Help** from the top Quark menu. Click the **Contents** tab. Click **Typography** (just under halfway down the list), then **Special Characters**. Select **Text commands** (or other desired category) for your platform. Mac is on top (or at left), Windows is listed second (below or at right). Some special characters can also be accessed from the index. Click Index, then K from the row just below. Select Keyboard commands below, and scroll down on right as needed. This will also show various related document commands.

A printed manual can be ordered by phone or web from Quark. A PDF version is installed with your application. Open the Quark 7 folder within your **Applications** folder, open **Documents**, then **English** (or your language if not English). Manual is called **Guide** to QuarkXPress.pdf.

Within the manual, Quark invisibles keyboard shortcuts begin on page 132. And go ahead, take some time to read the entire "Working with glyphs" chapter.

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Self-centering floating & fixed accents | lowercase composites

á	à	â	ä	ã	å
a acute	a grave	a circumflex	a umlaut	a tilde	a ring
MAC OPTION e a	MAC OPTION`a	MAC OPTION i a	MAC OPTION U a	MAC OPTION n a	MAC OPTION a
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HTML áorá	HTML àorà	HTML â or â	HTML ä or ä	HTML ãorã	HTML å or å
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Self-centering floating & fixed accents | lowercase composites

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o acute	o grave	o circumflex	o umlaut	o tilde	o slash
MAC	MAC	MAC	мас	мас	мас
OPTION e o	OPTION 0	OPTION 1 0	OPTION U O	OPTION n O	OPTION 0
ALT 0243	ALT 0242	ALT 0244	ALT 0246 or 0148	ALT 0245	ALT 0248
HTML ó or ó	HTML òorò	HTML ô or ô	HTML ö or ö	HTML õ or õ	HTML ø or ø
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MAC inaccessible					
WINDOWS					
ALT 0154					
š <i>or</i> š					
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u	u	u	u		
u acute	u grave	u circumflex	u umlaut		
MAC OPTION e a	MAC OPTION` a	MAC OPTION i a	MAC OPTION 11 a		
WINDOWS	WINDOWS	WINDOWS	WINDOWS		
ALT 0250	ALT 0249	ALT 0251	ALT 0252		
ú <i>or</i> ú	ù <i>o</i> rù	û <i>or</i> û	ü or ü		
$\dot{\mathbf{x}}$					
у	y				
y acute	u umlaut				
MAC	MAC				
windows	WINDOWS				
ALT 0253	ALT 0255				
ý <i>or</i> ý	ÿ <i>o</i> rÿ				
ř					
Z					
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MAC					
inaccessible					
inaccessible					
HTML ž:					

Accents

Self-centering floating & fixed accents | Uppercase composites



Self-centering floating & fixed accents | Uppercase composites



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Self-contained fixed accents | Uppercase composites

ð	Đ
eth (Icelandic)	Eth (Icelandic)
MAC inaccessible	MAC inaccessible
WINDOWS ALT 0240	WINDOWS ALT 0208
HTML ð or ð	HTML Ðor Ð
ł	Ł
l slash	L slash
MAC inaccessible WINDOWS	MAC inaccessible WINDOWS
inaccessible	inaccessible
&lslash <i>or</i> ł	&LslashorŁ
b thorn (Old English)	P Thorn (Old English)
MAC	MAC
ALT 0254	WINDOWS ALT 0222
HTML þ; <i>or</i> þ	HTALL Þ; or Þ

Isolated accents

Separated accents | spacing & non-spacing

acute MAC SHIFT OPTION E WINDOWS ALT 0180 HTML ´or´	grave MAC SHIFT OPTION U WINDOWS ALT 0168 HTML ` or <	Circumflex Circumflex MAC SHIFT OPTION I WINDOWS ALT 0136 HTML ˆ or ˆ	Caron MAC SHIFT OPTION t WINDOWS inaccessible HTML ˇ or ·	breve AAC SHIFT OPTION . [period] WINDOWS inaccessible HTML ˘ or ˘	tilde MAC SHIFT OPTION II WINDOWS ALT 0152 HTML ˜ or ˜	< NOTE Codes shown are for the tilde accent, which differ from the glyph generated by the tilde character on the keyboard. Use the tilde keyboard character for such things as URLs but not accent marks.
dot accent MAC OPTION h WINDOWS inaccessible HTML ˙ or ÿ	C ring (angstrom) MAC OPTION k WINDOWS inaccessible HTAL š	macron MAC SHIFT OPTION, WINDOWS ALT 0175 HTTAL ¯or¯	ümlaut (diaeresis) MAC SHIFT OPTION U WINDOWS ALT 0168 HTML ¨ or ¨	hungarumlaut MAC SHIFT OPTION g WINDOWS inaccessible HTTAL ˝ or ˝	Cedilla (cedille) SHIFT OPTION Z WINDOWS ALT 0184 HTML ¸or¸	Cogonek MAC SHIFT OPTION X WINDOWS inaccessible HTTAL ˛ or ²

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Combined characters



The 'un' ligature

Disassembled character



On PostScript & TrueType fonts, the only glyph with part of its outline removed. Used for accenting and to eliminate overlap with line above in tight leading.

< NOTE

Punctuation

Quote marks | dashes & rules | other symbols

Left single quote MAC OPTION] WINDOWS ALT 0145 or ALT [HTML ' or '	right single quote MAC SHIFT OPTION] WINDOWS ALT 0146 or ALT] HTML ' or '	دد left double quote <u>MAC</u> OPTION [WINDOWS ALT 0147 or ALT SHIFT [HTML " or "	75 right double quote MAC SHIFT OPTION [WINDOWS ALT 0148 or ALT SHIFT] HTML " or "	< NOTE In QuarkXPress, standard English "curly" quotes are selected with the quote key by default when the "Smart Quotes" preference is turned on.) single base quote MAC SHIFT OPTION 0 WINDOWS ALT 0130 HTML ' or '	99 double base quote MAC SHIFT OPTION W WINDOWS ALT 0132 HTML &dbquo or "
K guillemet left (left angle quote) MAC OPTION \ WINDOWS ALT 0171 HTML « or «	SHIFT OPTION (WINDOWS ALT 0187 HTTAL »or »	guillemet single left (left single angle quote) MAC SHIFT OPTION 3 WINDOWS ALT 0139 HTAL ‹or‹	suillemet single right (right single angle quote) MAC SHIFT OPTION 4 WINDOWS ALT 0155 HTML › or ›	< NOTE French "quote" marks, most commonly with a space between the guillemet (or guillemot) and following or preceding character.	NOTE ∧ Primarily used in Spanish, quotes both precede and follow intented phrase.	NOTE v In a pinch, primes can be used as inch and foot marks, but should never be used as quotes. Proper inch and foot marks are similar, but usually slanted or oblique. Check Expert sets or OpenType fonts for typographically correct marks.
endash MAC OPTION - [hyphen] WINDOWS ALT 0150 HTML – or –	emdash MAC SHIFT OPTION - [hyphen] WINDOWS ALT 0151 HTAL — or —	baseline rule MAC SHIFT - [hyphen] WINDOWS SHIFT - [hyphen] HTML SHIFT - [hyphen]	vertical bar MAC SHIFT \ [backslash] WINDOWS SHIFT \ [backslash] HTML SHIFT \ [backslash]	broken bar MAC inaccessible WINDOWS ALT 0166 HTML ¦ or ¦	prime (sometimes inch) (key if "smart quotes" enabled) MAC CONTROL' WINDOWS CONTROL' [apostrophe] HTML ' or '	Control Alt Windows Control Alt Mac SHIFT CONTROL " WINDOWS CONTROL ALT HTML " or "
ellipses MAC OPTION ; WINDOWS ALT 0133 HTML …or…	middle dot MAC SHIFT OPTION 9 WINDOWS ALT 0183 HTML · or ·	bullet MAC OPTION 8 WINDOWS ALT 0149 or ALT SHIFT 8 HTML • or •	inverted question MAC SHIFT OPTION / WINDOWS ALT 0191 HTML ¿ or ¿	inverted exclam OPTION 1 WINDOWS ALT 0161 HTML ¡ or ¡	paragraph (pilcrow) MAC OPTION 7 WINDOWS ALT 0182 or ALT SHIFT 7 HTALL ¶ or ¶	Section MAC OPTION 6 WINDOWS ALT 0167 or ALT SHIFT 6 HTML § or &# 167;
dagger MAC OPTION t WINDOWS ALT 0134 or ALT SHIFT t HTML † or †	double dagger MAC SHIFT OPTION 7 WINDOWS ALT 0135 HTAL ‡ or ‡	MAC SHIFT OPTION V inaccessible HTML ◊ or ◊	a ordinal indicator feminine MAC OPTION 9 WINDOWS ALT 0170 HTML ª or ª	O ordinal indicator masculine MAC OPTION 0 WINDOWS ALT 0186 HTML º or º	Apple logo MAC SHIFT OPTION & inaccessible HTML 	< NOTE Available only on early generation PostScript fonts. Deleted for legal branding reasons. Outline later updated—now slightly inaccurate. Original logo created by Rob Janoff.

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Currency | copyright symbols

Monetary units | legal marks



Math & Greek symbols

Some symbols generally generic (not drawn to font style)



Glossary Related terms

Accent | Generally now known interchangeably as diacritic marks (which referred only to pronunciation), symbols that appear above, below, connected or through and rarely next to a character to indicate special pronunciation and/or meaning.

ASCII | American Standard Code for Information Interchange. Original 8 bit computer character code set developed by ANSI, the American National Standards Institute. Defines the basic 128-character set of non-printing command keys including the primary 96 printing characters accessible by the keyboard.

Character | Any printable or non-printable typographic element contained within a single position on a font, including its outline and related metrics (widths, kerns and other measurement values). Can include letters, figures, accents and other symbols, as well as non-printing symbols or commands (such as spaces or line endings). Also referred to as a sort in hot metal typesetting. A character's outlines are called glyphs.

Character set | A grouping of characters usually defined by standards set by varying computing consortiums, computer language character strings or groupings developed for specific purposes, such as defining typesetting of different languages.

Composite character | A combination of two or more individual characters into one font position, or keystroke.

Case | From non-digital metal typesetting, the position of a letter, determining capital (**uppercase**, shift) or small (**lowercase**, unshift) letters of the Latin alphabet.

Diacritic | see accent.

Dingbat | see pi character.

Em space | see space, fixed.

En space | see space, fixed.

Figure | A printing numeral, or number.

Figure space | see space, fixed.

Fixed accent | An accent created as one character, not a referenced combination of a letter and a floating accent within a font.

Floating accent | An accent meant to be combined with another character, usually self-centering.

Font family | A complete set of fonts of one style (or design), comprised of fonts of varying weights, inclinations and other variations.

Font | An individual set of characters, including letters, figures, punctuation, various symbols and its related codings. A font is one weight with one inclination (roman (upright), italic (inclined or oblique) and one style (or design).

Glyph | A font character's outline, the underlying specific graphical symbol(s) of a character, printing or non-printing.

Hairline space | see space, fixed.

ISO | International Organization for Standardization. A global network of organizations that identifies, develops and promotes international standards and related activities.

Keystroke | A depressing of a single key on a keyboard, used also to mean a single glyph, or character, position on a font.

Latin alphabet | Technically, the 26 letters that form the basis of the alphabet for the common Western languages. Derived from Roman stone-carved Capitals, later evolving through scribes' calligraphic handwriting to include the small (lowercase) letters.

Letter | A character created to express a sound in a language. The primary 26 uppercase and their respective 26 lowercase alphabetic characters on a font used to form words. Not synonymous with **glyph** or **character**, which also include figures, punctuation and other symbols on a font.

Ligature | A combination of two or more letters or symbols into one glyph for aesthetic, pronunciation or meaning purposes.

Lining figures | Figures of the same height, aligning at the baseline and at cap height or just below. Usually of fixed width to align in tables, they can also be proportional, with differing widths and kerns for better fit in running body copy.

Oldstyle figures | Figures drawn with primary heights the same as x-heights, but including ascenders and descenders. Oldstyle figures are usually proportional, but can also be of fixed-width for tabular purposes.

Pi character | Any symbol not a letter, figure, punctuation, accent or other standard glyph considered to be part of a specific typeface. Pi characters, and pi fonts, include non-alphanumeric symbols such as bullets, boxes, arrows, math, Greek, other dingbats, picture-like characters, ornaments and various decorative elements.

Point size | A measurement system primarily used for typography and graphic design. Although 72 points are slightly less than an inch, most software preferences make 72 points equal an inch for ease in conversion.

Punctuation space | see space, fixed.

Rule | A line, horizontal or vertical, of any width used in typography.
Space, fixed | Non-printing separator characters whose width remains the same (non-flexible) at a specific size.
Em space is the square of the point size (in 10 point, 10 point × 10 point).
En space is a half em, though fonts vary.
Thin space is a quarter (usually referred to as 4-to-the-em or 4-per-em) or fifth of an em.
Thick space is a third of an em.

Hairline (hair) space is a very thin space, technically the width of the thinnest stroke of a letter.

Figure space is the width of a figure, or number. **Punctuation space** is the width of a period or comma.

Space, proportional | The standard wordspace, coded to adjust thinner or wider than its average default width to align lines of type.

Symbol | see pi character.

Thin or thick space | see space, fixed.

Typeface | An individual set of characters, including letters, figures, punctuation and its various symbols of a particular style. A font is one weight with one inclination (roman (upright), italic (inclined or oblique) and one style (or design). In current usage, differs from **font**, which is the physical form (various digital formats and platforms, or metal, wood, etc.)

Unicode | International computer coding system designed to define far larger character sets than the original limited ASCII coding. Developed by the Unicode Consortium, a worldwide group of typographic- and softwarerelated companies and organizations. Taken over by ISO/IEC, which continues development of character set standards. Mostly important for font and web development.

Weight | Relative thickness of character strokes. One aspect of a font (or typeface) family.





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