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Thread: [Best Programming Keyboard? Give your opinion!](#)

iNuke - January 8, 2017, 6:40 am

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Have a great one guys! ?

Deamon_ - January 8, 2017, 6:42 am

I really like notebook keyboards for programming
Especially MacBook keyboards

Xogg - January 8, 2017, 7:42 am

Just get a cheap SteelSeries Apex 100 its what i use. Great overall keyboard.

Sajuuk - January 8, 2017, 8:47 am

I prefer to use the one that's integrated with my laptop.

Disease - January 8, 2017, 10:42 am

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I am particularly fond of Das keyboards. I've been using their Ultimate line for some time now- completely black, no lettering on the keys. If you don't touch type now, you will in no time if you use a keyboard without labels.

As far as laptops go- I've never gotten into using an external keyboard. The integrated keyboards on laptops do well enough by me. Including my MacBook Pro, which is really the only laptop I dev from.

morph - January 8, 2017, 10:44 am

Any keyboard with quickfire switches. You can create a FastFucker 3000 with ultra surround rape screams from SCRATCH in two minutes with them!

Lor?d - January 8, 2017, 10:44 am

I prefer mechanical keyboards over everything else. I love the feel of them.

iNuke - January 8, 2017, 2:34 pm

Thank you for all your answers, currently taking a look at each references made ?

Keep coming if you'd like!

Stealth™ - January 8, 2017, 2:35 pm

OP, are you looking for a mechanical keyboard?

iNuke - January 8, 2017, 2:36 pm

(Jan 8, 2017 03:35 PM)Stealth™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) OP, are you looking for a mechanical keyboard? I believe so. I'm about to buy a Switch Tester to see what switch fits me best.

Lithe - January 8, 2017, 2:36 pm

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Malicious Intent - January 8, 2017, 2:39 pm

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Lol why not?! You could get used to it.. lol it also prevents anyone standing behind you from reading your passwords as you type.. ??

iNuke - January 8, 2017, 2:54 pm

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We can get use to anything. And that's true haha ?

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Thank you for the suggestion, will definitely consider it.

Shaq - January 8, 2017, 3:00 pm

I have an IBM Model M (PS/2 connector, made 14 September 1989). Since this fucker is still alive and working great 28 years later I think it would survive the apocalypse.

The buckling springs, easy to clean, and rock solid manufacturing are what I like about it. It was \$67 on ebay. Downsides is it's heavy, doesn't have the Windows super key (I had to map caps lock to super key via sharpkeys), and it's PS/2 so you need a PS/2 port or a USB adapter.

HomunculusK - January 10, 2017, 2:10 pm

just get any writing switch mechanical keyboard

webdev77 - January 10, 2017, 4:35 pm

I'd get a Corsair K70 Lux or RGB depending on what you prefer. Same functionality just one has fancier lighting.

Crake - January 10, 2017, 7:04 pm

Laptop keyboard works great for me :P I'm not picky on keyboards though

Mom - January 10, 2017, 7:05 pm

I haven't heard of a programming keyboard before, but I've used just a normal Razer Blackwidow, it serves its' justice.

iNuke - January 11, 2017, 2:34 am

Thanks for all your replies guys! ?

(Jan 10, 2017 05:35 PM)webdev77 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd get a Corsair K70 Lux or RGB depending on what you prefer. Same functionality just one has fancier lighting.

Damn, that one seems nice. Will keep taking a look and see. Ordered a switch tester first, to try different switches.

Undefined - January 11, 2017, 2:38 am

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iNuke - January 11, 2017, 5:40 am

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Maxi - January 11, 2017, 5:42 am

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iNuke - January 11, 2017, 6:05 am

(Jan 11, 2017 06:42 AM)Maxi Wrote: [CITE](#) Take a look at Vortex Pok3r series. They're really small compared to normal keyboards and they would fit in your backpack. Mechanical.
Just took a look, thank you very much. Seems nice as well! ?