EasyUnicode Key Mapping Chart

EasyUnicode is a Keyboard layout file for Mac OS X (10.2 or later) to type Unicode characters for basic Sanskrit/Pali transcription.

*For transcription, I simply follow the International Alphabet of Sanskrit Transliteration (IAST) which is based on a standard established by the International Congress of Orientalists at Geneva in 1894 (See *Grammaire Sanscrite*, by Louis Renou, Tome 1, pp. xi-xiii, 1968). Although I have come across some different opinions requesting, for example, ɽ or ŕ in place of ṛ, I think we still have good reason to stick to the IAST.

1. To type characters with diacritical marks for basic Sanskrit/Pali transcription, please use the combination with "option" key.

Chart ("option" key):

Examples:

ā: Opt+a, ū: Opt+u, ṅ: Opt+k or g.

2. For capital characters, add "shift" key to the above combination.

Chart ("option+shift" key):

Examples:

Ā: Opt+Shift+a, Ṛ: Opt+Shift+r, Ṣ: Opt+Shift+x.

3. To type French and German special characters, please use the combination with "option+control" key.
Chart ("option+control" key):

Examples:

é: Opt+control+e, ü: Opt+control+u.

4. For capital characters, add "shift" key to the above combination.
Chart ("option+control+shift" key):

Examples:

É: Opt+control+shift+e, Ç: Opt+control+shift+c.

5. EasyUnicode keyboard also provides other "Unicode Combining Diacritical Marks" (0301-0362). To add any of them to any of letters, first type the letter to which you wish to add a diacritical mark, then press "option+1" to call for keys for diacritical marks (see the chart below), then press the key assigned for the mark you wish to add.
For example, you can add acute accent mark "´" on the letter "ā" by:

i. Type the letter "ā"
ii. Press "option+1"
iii. Press "e" which is assigned for the Unicode "Combining Acute Accent" (0301).

Result: ā́

The following is the chart of keys you can call for by pressing "option+1":

Examples:
Acute: "option+1" and "e", Greve: "option+1" and "@",
Breve: "option+1" and "b", Caron: "option+1" and "v",
Ring below: "option+1" and "r"

6. Alternative diacritical marks can be called for "option+1" and then pressing "shift" key:

Examples:
Breve Below: "option+1" and "shift+b", Caron Below: "option+1" and "shift+v"
Vertical line below: "option+1" and "shift+7".

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