Indic Keyboard Map

This keyboard map is a modified version of the UK English standard with added letters for writing Sanskrit and other Indic languages such as Pāli. The document contains:

— Installation instructions
— Chart of additional keys

To use this keyboard map you may need to have a Unicode Font installed and selected depending on the application you are using.

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Installation

1. Download the zip file and unzip.

2. Scan for viruses (I'm pretty sure the file is clean, but it's good practice to scan any downloaded file)

3. Double click on (i.e. run): Indic.msi

   This will install the keyboard.

4. Restart you computer

5. Open the control panel

6. Open Regional and Language Options

7. Choose the "language" tab

8. Click on Details.

9. Click on Add

10. Choose Input Language: English (United Kingdom)

11. Choose Keyboard Layout: Indic-diacritic-jayarava

12. Click on Language Bar

13. Select: Show Language Bar on Desktop

    the icon will appear as a little keyboard in the system-tray – those little icons at the lower left of your screen

14. Click on the keyboard icon

15. Select: Indic-diacritic-jayarava

You are in business.

To switch back to your standard keyboard click on the keyboard icon and select your original keyboard map.

Keyboard Chart

This will work in Internet Explorer, Firefox (etc), and notepad and other Windows applications. It won't work on Macs.

NOTE: The *alt-gr* key is to the right of the space bar on standard Windows keyboards.

I've tried to make it as consistent as possible. Most of diacritics are found by pressing *alt-gr* and the letter you want (+ *shift* for capitals) e.g. alt-gr + a = ā

The nasals and sibilants are more complex because each roman letter can have more than one diacritic mark. So *alt-gr* + . [fullstop] for the velar (ṅ), *alt-gr* + ~ for the palatal (ñ), and *alt-gr* + n for the retroflex (ṇ). *Alt-gr* + z for the ś, and *alt-gr* + s for ṣ

Full Chart.

letter	Key combinations
ā	alt-gr + a
Ā	alt-gr + shift + a
ī	alt-gr + i
Ī	alt-gr + shift + i
ū	alt-gr + u
Ū	alt-gr + shift + u
ē	alt-gr + e
Ē	alt-gr + shift + e
ō	alt-gr + o
Ō	alt-gr + shift + o
ṛ	alt-gr + r
Ṛ	alt-gr + shift + r
ḷ	alt-gr + l
Ḹ	alt-gr + shift + l
ṃ	alt-gr + m
Ṃ	alt-gr + shift + m
ḥ	alt-gr + h
Ḥ	alt-gr + shift + h

ṅ	ctrl + .
Ṅ	ctrl + shift + .
ñ	alt-gr + ~
Ñ	alt-gr + shift + ~
ṇ	alt-gr + n
Ṇ	alt-gr + shift + n
ḍ	alt-gr + d
Ḍ	alt-gr + shift + d
ṭ	alt-gr + t
Ṭ	alt-gr + shift + t
ś	alt-gr + z
Ś	alt-gr + shift + z
ṣ	alt-gr + s
Ṣ	alt-gr + shift + s

One inconsistency: I've never seen a capital ḷ so I used the capital for ḹ