

Gautami Bangla/Bengali

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This is a **phonetic/alphabetic** keyboard. It deviates from the customary akṣara-based orthographic practice of Bangla in requiring the inherent অ/Schwa in consonants to be explicitly keyed in, e.g. কি is entered as **ki**, but কই must be typed in as **kai**. Use LeftCtrl+LeftShift+B to turn the keyboard on or off, and LeftAlt+LeftShift+K to invoke or revoke an on-screen keymap.

Vowels

Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke
অ	a ¹	আ	A a ²	ই	i ¹	ঈ	I i ²
উ	u ¹	ঊ	U u ²	ঋ ঌ	< ¹ < ²	঍ ঐ	> ¹ > ²
এ	e ¹	ঐ	E e ²	ও	o ¹	ঔ	O o ²

CONSONANTS

Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke	Character	Keystroke
ক	k	খ	kh	গ	g	ঘ	gh	ঙ	xm
চ	c	ছ	ch	জ	j	ঝ	jh	ঞ	xn
ট	T	ঠ	Th	ড	D	ঢ	Dh	ণ	N
ত	t	থ	th	দ	d	ধ	dh	ন	n
প	p	ফ	ph	ব	b	ভ	bh	ম	m
য	y ¹	য়	y ² y.	র	r b.	ব	xr	ল	l
ৱ	w	স	s	শ	sh	ষ	S	হ	h
ড়	R D.	ঢ়	Rh Dh.	ঁ ঁ ং ঃ ঄	bkqu ¹⁻⁴	ঁ ঁ ং ঃ ঄	~ ¹⁻⁵	ঃ ৃ	H ¹ H ²
ৎ	xt	deadkey	x ¹	ক্ষ	x ²	ঔৗ৑	M ¹⁻³	ক্	q
ঝ	K	গ্	G	ফ্	f ph.	জ্	z j.	্	\
়	.	°	x.	। ॥	¹ ²	₹\$£€¢	\$ ¹⁻⁵	৳ূৃৄ...	# ¹⁻⁸

x toggles between a dead key and ক্ষ. As a dead key it yields no output, but (1) modifies the keystroke that follows it, e.g. **m** > ম but **xm** > ঔ, **n** > ন but **xn** > ঞ, and (2) breaks a toggle cycle and moves the cursor on to the next character, e.g. **oo** > ঔ but **oxo** > ঔঔ.

Pressing down and holding the **Right-Alt** key switches the keyboard back to Roman, e.g. **kamalaa** > কমলা, but typing the same sequence of keys while holding down the **Right-Alt** key yields **kamalaa**.

The **Backquote** and **Tilde** are also toggle keys. The former toggles across the nasals ঁ ং ঃ ঄ and ঁ, while the latter toggles across the Vedic accent markers ̀ ́ ̂ ̃ and ̄.

/ is the **Joiner/Splitter**. It combines two preceding characters into a single unit, e.g. কষ/ > ক্ষ, কহ/ > খ and কই/ > কি. It also splits a preceding character into two, e.g. ক্ষ/ > কষ, কি/ > কই and খ/ > কহ.

Inserting a **virama (hashanta)** between two consonants will combine the two into a single composite character (yuktākṣara), e.g. **t|r** > ত্র. If you want to type ত্র instead, you will have to use a **hard virama** which is obtained by typing **x** or two backslashes in a row, e.g. **tx\r** or **t\\r** > ত্র. The backslash key **** toggles between the **soft virama** and the **hard virama**.

¹⁻⁸These are toggle keys. The superscript numbers indicate the position of the akṣara in the toggle cycle, e.g. **M¹** i.e. **M** > ঔ, **M²** i.e. **MM** > ৗ, and **M³** i.e. **MMM** > ৑. Press each of these keys several times in a row to see how it works.