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On-Screen Keyboards

An on-screen keyboard can perform all the functions of a standard keyboard, but without the need to physically use the hardware keyboard. The on-screen keyboard is a software application that stays on the monitor with whatever application is being used, and can be used in conjunction with alternative mice or switches. Most on-screen keyboards have the added advantage of having intelligent word prediction that learns the words most often used by the user and will give these as options when typing a word begins. This significantly cuts down the input required to produce text.



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