

# Keyboard Layout in KDE

If you haven't set the [keyboard layout](#) system-wide, you can specify it in KDE System Settings. The following steps have been tested on Slackware 14 (KDE SC 4.8.5)

## Setting Keyboard Layout

1. Open Input Devices from the System Settings panel.

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Menu => System Settings => Input Devices
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2. Switch to the Layouts tab.

4. Tick `Configure layouts`

5. Click the `Add` button and choose the appropriate keymap from the list.

6. Use the `Move Up` and `Move Down` buttons to choose the active layout. The top keymap in the list will take precedence.

7. Optionally, you can remove the `us` or any other layouts if you do not need them.

8. Click the `Apply` button for the changes to take effect.

## Switching Between Layouts in the Task Manager

If you have more than 1 layout in the list from step 7, a keyboard module should automatically appear in the task manager displaying the current layout. You can quickly switch to an alternative keyboard layout by left-clicking on the module. If you right-click on it, a keyboard menu with additional options will unfold.

## Assign a Shortcut to Switch Between Layouts

If you are used to global shortcuts such as `Alt+Shift` to switch between layouts, then on the same settings page, in the container `Shortcuts For Switching Layouts` click on `Main shortcuts`: and select the combination that you desire.

## Sources

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