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This module allows you to choose how your keyboard works.

The actual effect of setting these options depends upon the features provided by your keyboard hardware and the X server on which KDE is running. As an example, you may find that changing the key click volume has no effect because that feature is not available on your system.

1.1 Advanced

Enable keyboard repeat When this option is selected, pressing and holding down a key emits the same character repeatedly until the key is released. Pressing and holding the key will have the same effect as pressing it multiple times in succession.

TIP

Almost all users will want to have this option enabled, because it makes navigating through documents with the arrow keys significantly easier.

NumLock on KDE Startup You can choose to either always Turn on or Turn off the NumLock when KDE starts, or you can choose to have KDE leave NumLock at whatever it was set to before KDE started up.

Key click volume: If supported, this option allows you to hear audible clicks from your computer's speakers when you press the keys on your keyboard. In essence, this simulates the 'click' of a mechanical type-writer. You can change the loudness of the key click feedback by dragging the slider button or by clicking the up/down arrows on the spin-button. Setting the volume to 0% turns off the key click.

Many computers won't support this function.

TIP

Very few people would choose to enable this option, since it generally annoys everyone else in the room. However, if your heart yearns for the pre-soft-key era, this may help you to re-experience the warm sentimentality of days-gone-by.