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To type the Swedish vowels using a PC, by Jill Seaholm

Hold down the Alt key and type the numbers corresponding to the letter you want, using the number keypad at the right of your keyboard, then release the Alt key.

Lower case
å = Alt + 134 or Alt + 0229
ä = Alt + 132 or Alt + 0228
ö = Alt + 148 or Alt + 0246
é = Alt + 130 or Alt + 0233

Upper case
Å = Alt + 143 or Alt + 0197
Ä = Alt + 142 or Alt + 0196
Ö = Alt + 153 or Alt + 0214
É = Alt + 144 or Alt + 0201

The above method does not always work in Microsoft Word. If you have trouble, try it with the Numlock key on. If it still doesn't work, use this method:

å = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a @, release the keys, and type an a.
Å = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a @, release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type an a.
ä = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a : (colon), release the keys, and type an a.
Ä = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a : (colon), release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type an a.
ö = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a : (colon), release the keys, and type an o.
Ö = Hold down the Control + Shift keys and type a : (colon), release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type an o.
é = Hold down the Control key + type an ' (apostrophe), release the keys and type an e.
É = Hold down the Control key + type an ' (apostrophe), release the keys, hold down the Shift keyand type an e.

Using a PC-laptop (a.k.a. notebook) computer that does not have a separate number keypad:

Notice the blue numbers written on some of the letters under your right hand on the keyboard of your laptop. When activated, those numbers serve as your number keypad.

 The methods vary from one brand to another, but as an example, on our Dell laptop, the letters "Fn" on the Function key are blue, which means that holding down the Fn key activates other blue-labeled keys.

 *On our Dell, to make the blue numbers work as numbers, we hold down the Fn key while typing those numbers.

 *To type Swedish vowels using the blue numbers, we hold down the Fn and Alt keys then type the number in the chart at the top of this page that corresponds to the Swedish vowel that you need.

 Some laptops require that you first lock the number keys by pressing Fn + Numlock and then using the "alt+" method above. Just remember to unlock them before using those keys as letters again. Because it differs from one brand to the next, you may have to experiment with different key combinations to activate your own laptop's number keypad.

Using any Macintosh:

å = Hold down the Option key and type an a.
Å = Hold down the Option and Shift keys and type an a.
ä = Hold the Option key and type a u, release the keys, and type an a.
Ä = Hold the Option key and type a u, release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type an a.
ö = Hold the Option key and type a u, release the keys, and type an o.
Ö = Hold the Option key and type a u, release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type an o.
é = Hold down the Option key and type an e, release the keys, and type another e.
É = Hold down the Option key and type an e, release the keys, hold down the Shift key and type another e.

Another option:

It is also possible to go into one's keyboard preferences and change the keyboard to the Swedish language keyboard layout. Your keys then respond to this layout. Leave it on the Swedish keyboard while you're working on Swedish things, or switch back and forth to it each time you need a Swedish vowel.