

AutoHotKey Character Guide for Common Medieval Special Characters

One of the very best features of AutoHotKey is its extremely powerful scripting system, which allows for a lot of automation. This allows anyone to make adjustments to their own setup, just as I've done with the following codes. The file "common-medieval-special-characters.ahk" (which should be distributed along with this file) uses the following codes to tell AHK to produce the associated characters. Just load the file (or rename it to "AutoHotKey.ahk") and start typing!

It's also worth noting that there are a few characters that have not been included here. There are no thorns with strokes through the ascenders, nor any "m with macron" characters (both common scribal abbreviations) because the character itself is not well supported in common fonts. Likewise, there is no yogh or insular g. Again, the power of the AHK system means you can add anything else you like yourself! Just add a line and use the following codes:

^	<CTRL>	!	<ALT>
+	<SHIFT>	#	<WINDOWS>

Thus, if you wanted to print out a special character like the Greek letter beta (β), and you wanted to use the <ALT> and <WINDOWS> keys, along with the , to trigger it, your code would potentially look like this:

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!#b::Send β
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Simple and effective: what more could we ask for?

I suppose you could ask for a quick reference guide; see below to get what you wished for!

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“Common Medieval Special Characters.ahk”

Code	Key Combo	Result	Character
^!a::Send ā	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <a>	ā	a w/macron
^!+a::Send Ā	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <a>	Ā	capital a w/macron
#!a::Send æ	<WIN> + <ALT> + <a>	æ	ash
#!+a::Send Æ	<WIN> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <a>	Æ	capital ash
^#!a::Send æ̃	<CTRL> + <WIN> + <ALT> + <a>	æ̃	ash w/macron
^#!+a::Send Æ̃	<CTRL> + <WIN> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <a>	Æ̃	capital ash w/macron
^!d::Send ð	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <d>	ð	eth
^!+d::Send Ð	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <d>	Ð	capital eth
^!e::Send ē	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <e>	ē	e w/macron
^!+e::Send Ē	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <e>	Ē	capital e w/macron
^!i::Send ī	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <i>	ī	i w/macron
^!+i::Send Ī	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <i>	Ī	capital i w/macron
^!o::Send ō	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <o>	ō	o w/macron
^!+o::Send Ō	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <o>	Ō	capital o w/macron
#!o::Send ȝ	<WIN> + <ALT> + <o>	ȝ	o caudata
#!+o::Send Ū	<WIN> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <o>	Ū	capital o caudata
^!t::Send þ	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <t>	þ	thorn
^!+t::Send Þ	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <t>	Þ	capital thorn
^!u::Send ū	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <u>	ū	u w/macron
^!+u::Send Ū	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <u>	Ū	capital u w/macron
^!w::Send ƿ	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <w>	ƿ	wynn
^!+w::Send ƿ̃	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <w>	ƿ̃	capital wynn
^!y::Send ŷ	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <y>	ŷ	y w/macron
^!+y::Send Ÿ	<CTRL> + <ALT> + <SHIFT> + <y>	Ÿ	capital y w/macron

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