1 Quick Start Manual

The fast & easy way to get chording with the EkaPad.

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The EkaPad Package includes:

- Cable
- EkaPad in DeskStand
- EkaHand
- Sweater Guard
- Crib Card
- Cheat Sheet
- DeskStand
- EkaPad
- CD
- Travel Pouch

You may not have ordered The Package, in which case your order may be different than pictured.
3  Fitting the EkaHand to your thumb.

Start with the hand which isn’t your mouse hand. Hold the EkaHand between your thumb and middle finger. The EkaHand is not symmetrical. Pick which way feels best. Tighten the OneWrap™ around your thumb.
Fitting your EkaHand to your EkaPad.

Either hand works best.

The *mushroom* surface on the EkaHand will snap together with the *mushroom* surface on the EkaPad. Hold the EkaPad with your other hand while you slide the EkaHand around on the EkaPad to get to a comfortable location while arranging your fingers on the keys. Then push them together. The two surfaces SNAP together. The EkaPad SNAPs in place and POPs off. Repeat if necessary until comfortable.
5 **Plug in.**

Open a blank document in a word or text processor. With the cable, connect the EkaPad to an available USB port on your computer.

Windows is easy; factory setting is Windows. So just start chording.

Mac takes a minute; it wants to recognize a keyboard - the EkaPad.

When you plug in, a dialog comes up. Just follow along and eventually a screen says *Select the keyboard type* - select ANSI click Done. (Even if the procedure isn’t followed correctly, you’ll get to *Select the keyboard type*, and then you’ll be ok.)

A system check

Your keyboard cannot be identified. **Click OK.**

This only happens if the chords weren’t correct.

EkaPad now works

In Mac>Applications>Utilities>SystemProfile, USB will show EkaTetra USB EkaPad.
Let’s press and release some keys.

**Icons:** Press & release the gray keys together. Here’s a 3 finger chord to always bring you back to lower case alphabet.

**Important!** All icon views are x-ray views.

Now do **t h e** and **space** **period** **return**.

Adjust repeat rate on your computer: Mac: SystemPrefs>Keyboard&Mouse>Repeat Delay = long (but not off), Repeat Rate = 30%.
A quick look at the Cheat Sheet icons.

1 finger chords
s o t
da e i
h r n

2 finger chords
f =

3 finger chords (right hand q u chords)
q
u

Press and release the keys which are gray together. Remember, these are x-ray views.

Caps prefix chord
s o t
da e i
h r n

then

Post prefix chord

= €

€

means press and release the black outlined box chord first.
And what about numbers? They’re all here.

**Nlock** (default layout is phone pad)

Press and release the Nlock key to turn EkaPad into a number keypad. Once in Nlock the EkaPad stays there until you exit. To exit the number state, press and release Nlock again, or Alpha chord.

Let’s do a math equation: $2 \times 3 = 6$

OK Mac users, before you go on, let’s set the EkaPad for Mac OS.
Selecting the OS.

For once – Windows users have it easy. The EkaPad is configured for Windows. But Macintosh needs your help (for a change). Page 5 got your EkaPad recognized (only once per computer); now you need to set the OS. (You only need to do this once, unless you switch to Windows, then you have to set for W.)

To change to Mac OS follow this chord sequence: **Config** then **o** then **m**.

![Chord sequence diagram]

Footnote: The EkaPad is a *United States and others* keyboard. It works as a keyboard for other languages but the chording shown on the Cheat Sheet will not necessarily match other countries' keyboard symbols. To make a Cheat Sheet for other fonts, see *How Tos* on Eka Tools CD.
10 **Tools** On CD and available from ekatetra.com/support/

**CS** = EkaTetra_CheatSheet.pdf  *Your primary tool*

**CB** = EkaTetra_ChordingBook.pdf  *Step by step introduction to the EkaPad*

**EB** = EkaTetra_ExerciseBook.pdf  *Getting up to speed*

**RB** = EkaTetra_ReferenceBook.pdf  *Answers all your questions about how EkoPad works*

You can load, open and display the EkaTetra Tools on your computer screen as you need them. It is a good practice to have the Cheat Sheet, either printed or on the screen, available at all times.

.pdf files are displayed using the free Adobe® Acrobat Reader.
Using the EkaPad is the quickest way to get comfortable with it. Do this short sentence from the Exercise Book. You now have 80% of the chords you’ll use. (the 80/20 rule)

Oh! she atones. Is it north?
Congrats! You’ve now experienced the chords you’ll use 80% of the time.

**Next:** check out the **Cheat Sheet**. The paper version is for desk or pocket. Then copy the display pdf version (in Tools CD) to view on your screen. **Also:** from **Tools CD**, copy to your computer the display pdfs of the **Chording Book** *(intro to chording and the EkaPad)* and **Exercise Book** *(ways to gain skills fast)* for display on your screen.

We want you to have an exceptional keyboarding experience. Please help us to make it even better. Send your input and feedback to support@ekatetra.com.

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