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Ever wonder why they used "that key"?

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The keyboard used by the designer of vi had esc next to Q and arrows printed on hjkl

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The keyboard used by the designers of emacs had meta (outside of ctrl), rather than the painful alt (inside of ctrl) [pic.twitter.com/90fAUIQtaB](http://pic.twitter.com/90fAUIQtaB)

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[@alicemazzy](#) I have SO MANY QUESTIONS about this keyboard ahhhh it's beautiful

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[@wholemilk](#) It's called the Space Cadet keyboard and is one of my fav things in the world

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[@alicemazzy](#) it's gorgeous. Was it made only to switch between English and Greek in particular? Or was it adapted to other langs too?

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[@alicemazzy](#) OH WAIT OH GOD NO oh wow it's a MATH keyboard, not a Greek language kb!!

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[@wholemilk](#) It actually does both :-> (check the Greek key next to shift)

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[@alicemazzy](#) oh this is just the best day



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[@wholemilk](#) Also the math symbols were used to type APL, a programming language based on math symbols [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APL\\_\(prog...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APL_(prog...))



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[@alicemazzy](#) With custom keycaps and custom PCBs, or forking over for the happy hacking keyboard, you can reconstruct that board. :D



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[@jacobjohnson](#) Ctrl in the corner isn't an issue for me at all, perfectly comfortable, bc I type like this :P [youtube.com/watch?v=pw6t\\_f...](http://youtube.com/watch?v=pw6t_f...)



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**@jacobjohnson** @jacobjohnson · 8h  
[@alicemazzy](#) One of these days I'm going to build a keyboard that places /all/ of the modifiers (and return) under the thumbs.



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[@jacobjohnson](#) [kickstarter.com/projects/keybo...](http://kickstarter.com/projects/keybo...) ?



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**@jacobjohnson** @jacobjohnson · 7h  
[@alicemazzy](#) However it uses Matias key-switches... which require 60 grams of force to actuate, that's slightly more than my pinkies care for.



**Alice Maz** @alicemazzy · 7h  
[@jacobjohnson](#) Oh huh :o I'd think they'd offer multiple types? Mb when they have enough \$\$ to invest tho



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[@alicemazzy](#) One can hope!

