

Hints if your function or control key combinations don't work

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Some computers are supplied with control key or function key combinations already allocated for their own purposes. This can pose a problem if these keys are also used by MACREX.

Try to free up the keys

The first thing to do is to see if you can persuade your computer to release they keys. For example there is an Intel graphics driver that installs a utility with "hotkeys" to change the screen properties. If you access Control Panel->Display->Settings->Advanced you may be able to access the utility and turn the hotkeys off. It may also be possible to remove it from the startup by doing Start->Run, type MSCONFIG in the box, press <ENTER>, select the Startup tab and deselect the relevant program. In the case of the Intel graphics hotkeys, you can still make any changes you want to the graphics by accessing the settings through the control panel as above.

Current iMacs use several of the function keys for their own purposes, so although MACREX will run under Parallels some of the function keys may not be available. You may be able to turn off the Mac OS use of function keys by using the System Preferences -> Keyboard and System Preferences->Universal Access options.

It's not possible to know how a particular computer will have been set up, so you may have to poke around a bit and experiment, or even read the documentation.

Use alternative methods in MACREX

If you can't, or don't want to, free up the keys, the new menu system on MACREX can be used to work around non-functioning function keys. On the add-on-edit screen, or the add only screen, or while editing an entry on the inspect screen you can use the Edit option on the pull down menu to get the functionality of F2 - F12, and the Options option to get the equivalent of F1. On the inspect screen, you only need F1, F4 and F12. F1 is again available from the Options option and F4 and F12 from the Edit option.

You can access the drop down menus by typing <CTRL>U or by clicking on the top line of the screen with the mouse.

Make a macro

You can make a macro to navigate the menus with one keystroke. For example, suppose F12 does not work on your computer but F1-F6 do work (this is the case on some current iMacs), you could do the following to obtain the command buffer list while on the inspect screen. Note that you have to use keystrokes to record a macro, using the mouse won't result in it being recorded.

<CTRL>F1	<i>to start recording a macro (an alternative keystroke would be <CTRL><SHIFT>M if F1 does not work)</i>
<ALT>F5	<i>to assign the macro to <ALT>F5</i>
<CTRL>U	<i>to activate the drop down menu at the top of the screen</i>
<ALT><SHIFT>E	<i>to select the Edit drop down menu</i>
<ALT>C	<i>to select Show list of commands</i>
<CTRL>F1	<i>to stop recording the macro</i>

After you have done this you can use <ALT>F5 to display the command list at any time.

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