

How to open virtual keyboard on Win XP / 7/8 / 10

This article will help you understand what a virtual keyboard is and how to open a virtual keyboard on Windows 10/8/7, you can use this keyboard to replace you with the real key.

The virtual keyboard is an available application of all Windows operating systems, but not everyone knows how to open the virtual keyboard on their Windows computer.

In this article TipsMake.com will share with you all how to open the virtual keyboard on all types of Windows operating systems from old to new.

1. What is virtual keyboard?

In addition to the physical keyboard (*removable keyboard*), which is the everyday keyboard you use for typing, playing games and controlling the computer, there is also a "virtual" keyboard located on the computer in software form.

Each Windows operating system comes pre-installed with a virtual keyboard application called **On-Screen Keyboard** , but this application is located deep in the **Start Menu** or can only be run when we perform certain operations.

It is not available on the Desktop like My Computer; Recycle Bin or My Document, so many people do not know how to open the **On-Screen Keyboard** , not even know its existence.

When do I need to use the virtual keyboard?

There are quite a few cases we have to use the virtual keyboard, mainly to test the keyboard or use temporarily when some "keys" on the physical keyboard are damaged.

However, for Windows tablets, this is an extremely useful tool, now the virtual keyboard will function similar to the keyboard on a smartphone or other tablet. Almost completely replaced for removable keyboard.

How to use the virtual keyboard?

Using the virtual keyboard is extremely simple, you start the application then press any "key" in the application. The computer will receive the same information as if you pressed a "key" from the physical keyboard.

So there are methods to quickly launch this virtual keyboard software, please follow the ways below.

2. How to open the virtual keyboard on Win XP



Step 1: Press the key combination Windows + R to open the **Run** window .

Step 2: Type: osk and press **Enter** to open the virtual keyboard.



3. How to open the virtual keyboard on Win 7 - Vista



Step 1: Press the button Windows on the keyboard or click the **Start Menu** icon in the lower left corner of the screen.

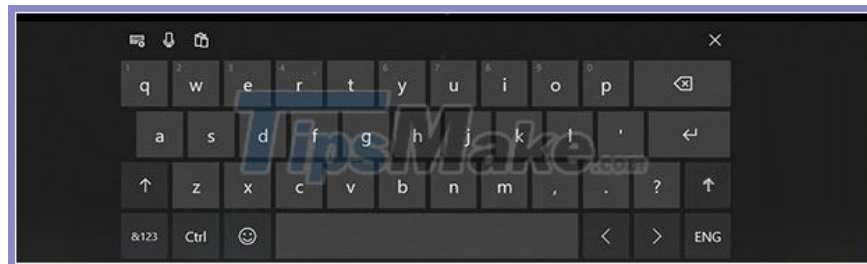
Step 2: In the list of applications, look for the virtual keyboard under the path:

Accessories / Ease of Access / On-Screen Keyboard

Step 3: Left-click on the tool to open the virtual keyboard on Win 7.

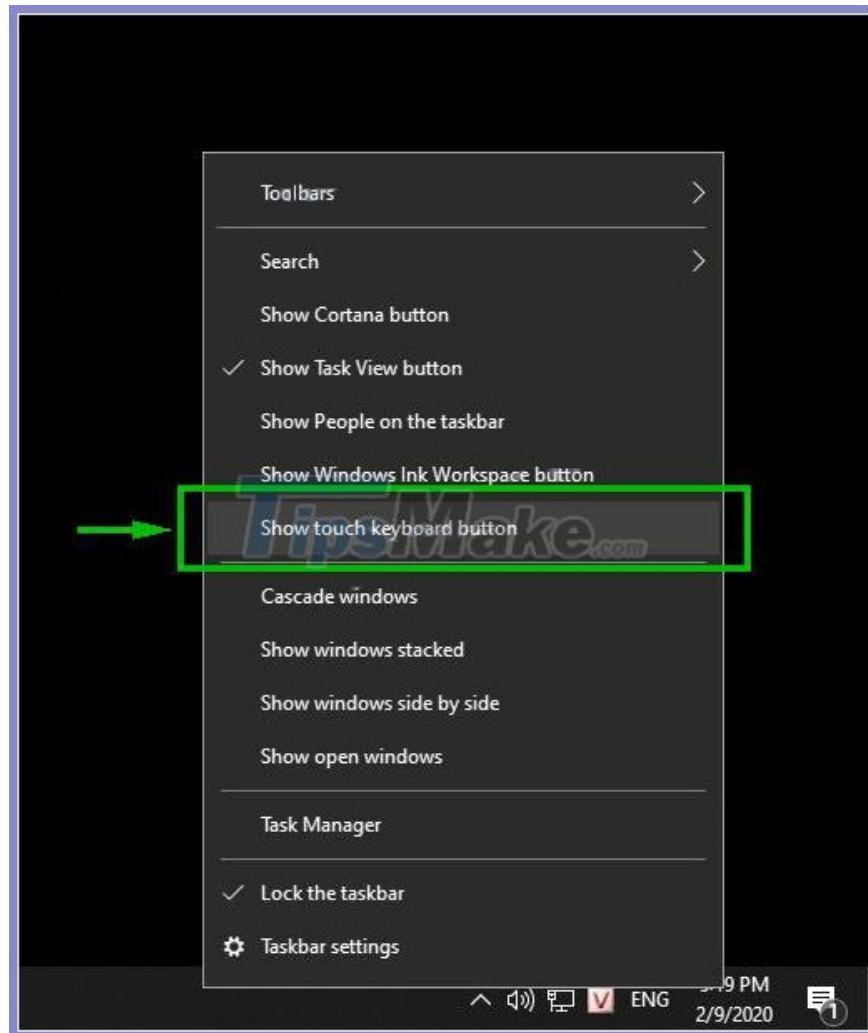


4. How to open the virtual keyboard on Win 8 - 8.1 - 10



From Win 8 to Win 10, from the interface to the application, there are very few changes, you do the following to be able to open the virtual keyboard on Windows 8 - 8.1 and Windows 10.

Step 1: Right-click the **taskbar** and then left click **Show touch keyboard button**.



Step 2: Click the **Touch keyboard** icon in the lower right corner of the screen.



5. How to open the virtual keyboard on all Windows operating systems

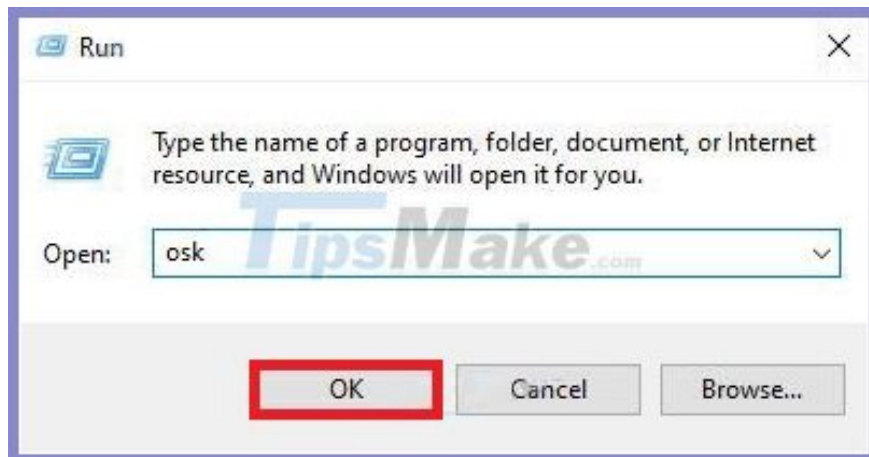
Most of the ways to open the virtual keyboard from Windows Xp to Windows 7 can apply to any other operating system. Only **Touchkeyborad** on Win 10 is not applicable to other operating systems.

Also below will be a few ways to help you open the virtual keyboard (*On-Screen keyboard*) on all Windows operating systems.

Method 1: Use the Run dialog box to open the virtual keyboard

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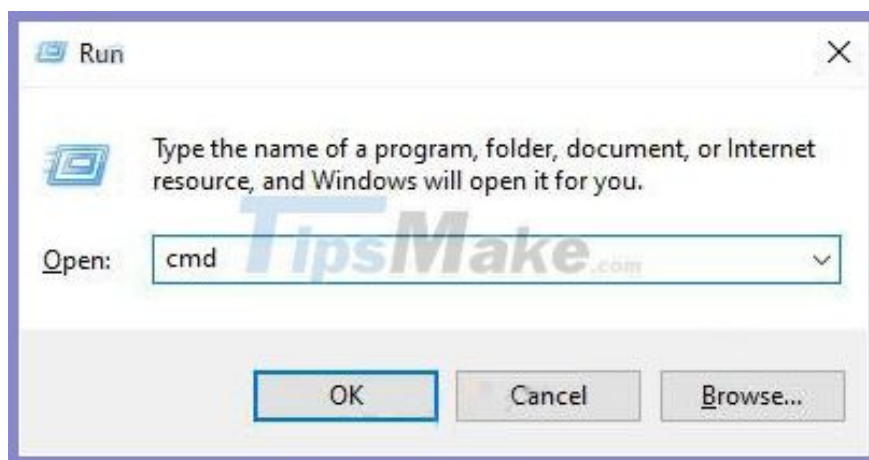
Step 2: Enter *osk* and click **OK** to open the virtual keyboard.



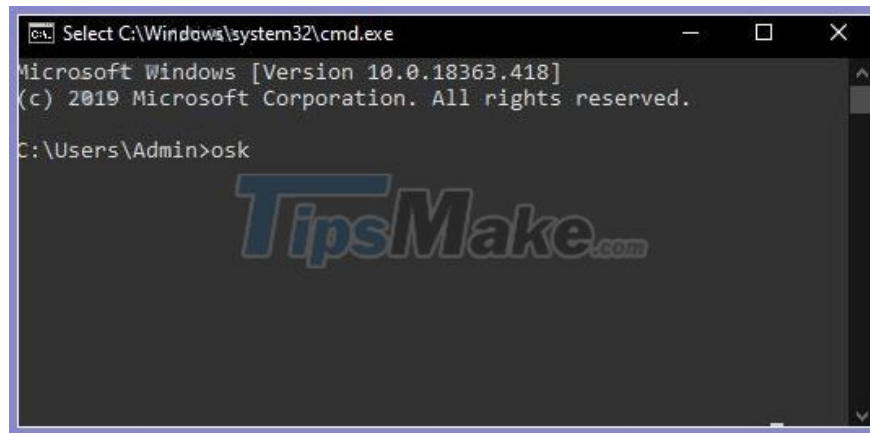
Method 2: Use the command prompt window to open the virtual keyboard

Step 1 : Press the key combination Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.

Step 2: Type: `cmd` and press **Enter** or **OK** .



Step 3: At the command prompt, enter `osk` and click **OK** to open On-Screen Keyboard



6. Summary

Opening the virtual key on Windows is really simple, because this is an application that comes pre-installed on all Windows operating systems. Surely anyone can open and use the virtual keyboard easily by themselves. Do not forget to share this trick with your friends if they do not know how to open the virtual keyboard.

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