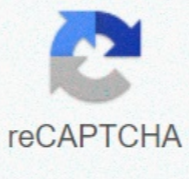




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## How do you turn on the keyboard light on a macbook air

Apple has made a small but notable tweak to the MacBook Air keyboard alongside its transition to Apple Silicon processors. The function row on the MacBook Air keyboard now features dedicated keys for Do Not Disturb, Dictation, and Spotlight. The three new keys replace Launchpad and keyboard brightness controls in the function row. Instead, you'll now have to rely on the new Control Center in macOS Big Sur to adjust keyboard backlighting brightness. The removal of the Launchpad key is unlikely to affect many users, but the keyboard brightness change could take some getting used to. Another change you'll notice on the MacBook Air keyboard is that there is a dedicated emoji globe icon on the function key in the bottom left. Of course, the new Apple Silicon MacBook Pro does not have these new function keys because it includes a Touch Bar instead of a function row. The new MacBook Pro does, however, add the emoji globe icon to the function key. The new MacBook Air is powered by Apple's M1 processor and features largely the same design as the previous Intel-powered machine. It starts at \$999 and is available to order from Apple today, with the first orders arriving next week on November 17. Are you planning to order the new Apple Silicon MacBook Air? What do you think of this small tweak to the keyboard design? Let us know down in the comments! The new MacBook Air has updated keyboard function keys, adding Spotlight, Dictation, and Do Not Disturb – replaces Launchpad and Keyboard brightness. pic.twitter.com/1DM6wTQZn — Mark Gurman (@markgurman) November 10, 2020 Read more: FTC: We use income earning auto affiliate links. More. Check out 9to5Mac on YouTube for more Apple news: The new MacBook Air and MacBook Pro with Apple M1 chips have been out for a while and everyone seems to be loving Apple's new processor and its capabilities. While Apple more or less kept the same design for the new MacBooks, there is one major change. The Cupertino giant removed the shortcut keys for adjusting keyboard brightness and replaced them with shortcuts for Spotlight, DND, and Dictation instead. So, if you're wondering how to change keyboard backlight brightness, here is how to adjust keyboard brightness in M1 MacBook Air and MacBook Pro. Change Keyboard Brightness in M1 MacBook Air and Pro Even though Apple has removed the shortcut keys, there are many ways you can adjust the keyboard brightness on your new M1 MacBook. In this article, we will discuss all the methods to change keyboard illumination and to turn keyboard light on/off in MacBook Air M1. Plus, we will also tell you how you can get those shortcut keys back on your new Mac. As usual, you can use the table of contents below to skip over to any particular section of this article. Adjust Keyboard Brightness with Control Center The easiest way to change the backlight on your Mac keyboard is through the Control Center in macOS Big Sur. Here's what you need to do. Click on the Control Center icon in the menu bar. Click on 'Keyboard Brightness' Drag the slider to adjust keyboard brightness on your M1 MacBook Air/Pro. Add Keyboard Brightness Setting to Menu Bar If you need to adjust the keyboard brightness on your Apple laptop very often, doing it through the Control Center might be too much work. In that case, you can add the brightness menu to your Mac's menu bar. Click on the Control Center icon in the menu bar. Drag and drop the 'Keyboard Brightness' option to your menu bar. Alternatively, you can go to 'System Preferences -> Dock and Menu Bar -> Keyboard Brightness' and enable the checkbox next to 'Show in Menu Bar'. You can now click on this icon in the menu bar to change the keyboard brightness without going to the Control Center every time. Get Keyboard Brightness Shortcut Keys Back on M1 MacBook If you simply want to use the keyboard shortcut keys to adjust brightness on your Mac, you can do that too. However, this requires a bit of work. Here's what you need to do. Install Karabiner Elements (Free) on your MacBook and run it. Your Mac might show you an error saying 'System Extension Blocked'. Click on 'Open Security Preferences'. Click the lock icon and enter your password or use Touch ID to unlock. Launch the Karabiner Elements app and click on 'Open Security and Privacy System Preferences' button in the pop-up that shows up on screen. Enable both 'karabiner observer' and 'karabiner grabber'. Quit Karabiner Elements and relaunch it. Click on 'Function Keys' in the top navbar. You'll see it has changed F5 and F6 to decreasing and increasing illumination of your Mac keyboard. Now, you can use F5 and F6 to adjust keyboard brightness on your M1 MacBook. Karabiner also automatically changes the F4 key to 'Launchpad' by the way. If you'd rather keep it for Spotlight only, you can easily change that from the Karabiner Elements app. Note: You can use Karabiner Elements to remap your Mac keyboard pretty much any way you'd like. Disable Auto Brightness for Keyboard Backlight By default, your Mac will adjust the keyboard brightness automatically in low light situations. That's actually good for improving battery life, but if you don't want this to happen on its own, here's how you can disable the feature. Go to System Preferences -> Keyboard. Uncheck the box that says 'Adjust keyboard brightness in low light'. That's it. Your Mac will no longer automatically adjust keyboard brightness for you. Easily Adjust the Keyboard Brightness on Your Mac Those were the methods you can use to change the keyboard brightness on your new M1 MacBook. Personally, I feel like using Karabiner Elements is a little overkill, but that's because I usually don't adjust the keyboard brightness very often. Going into Control Center and adjusting keyboard brightness works fine for me. What about you? Are you okay with the new method to adjust keyboard brightness on your laptop? Or do you prefer the dedicated shortcut keys instead? Let us know in the comments. Loving my MBA after upgrading today, previous computer 2011 MBA. Yeah ☺ I just don't think there is a way to turn off the keyboard backlight, which is a deal breaker. I've toggled the 'Adjust keyboard brightness in low light' setting, no changes. Kind of a deal breaker, a Touch Bar MBP might be in my future. Nov 11, 2006 286 4 Colorado You had the slider in Control Center all the way down? When I have it all the way to the left the backlight on my new M1 MBA turns off: Reactions: Abazigal Im ridiculous for not upgrading sooner.. maybe the faith learned from visiting MacRumors 5x/day is what made me hold out for so long, always expecting a major redesign the next cycle. I was hoping for a Liquid Retina LCD (

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