

After installation

Language

Systemwide

Edit the keymaps configuration

```
nano /etc/conf.d/keymaps
```

Set the keyboard layout and find or add this line:

```
keymap="de"
```

Replace "de" with your specific German variant if needed:

```
de – Standard German
de-latin1 – German (Latin 1)
de-noddeadkeys – German without dead keys
```

Apply the changes

For the current session:

```
rc-service keymaps restart
```

For persistence, make sure the keymaps service is enabled:

```
rc-update add keymaps boot
```

Keyboard Layout within LUKS

Fixing Keyboard Layout During LUKS Password Entry on Gentoo

When you enter your LUKS password at boot, the keyboard layout defaults to QWERTY (us), not your systemwide German (de) layout. This is because the keymap is loaded after the initramfs runs. Solution: Set keyboard layout in the initramfs

You need to configure the initramfs to include the German keymap. On Gentoo, this depends on your initramfs generator.

For dracut (most common)

Edit `/etc/dracut.conf.d/` or `/etc/dracut.conf`:

```
nano /etc/dracut.conf
```

Add or modify this line:

```
keyboard_layout="de"
```

Then regenerate the initramfs:

```
dracut -f
```

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