
Subject: What Causes This?

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 23:41:12 GMT

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Dont matter if its note pad or word pad or Microsoft word or any thing that you can type on, have you guys ever had that weird thing where you have something typed then you go back to lets say fix a spot but then all it does is erase everything in front of it whole your typing something to fix it? am i making my self clear kind alike this

Testing text:

this iis a testpaper

then when i go back to fix it rather typing or spaces it erase everything in front go it

error:

this ii a test aper

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 23:45:40 GMT

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You probably tapped your Insert key.

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 23:55:41 GMT

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pawkyfox wrote on Sat, 27 September 2008 16:45You probably tapped your Insert key. holy shit thanks! iv always wondered what did that...question what is it for? like why does insert key do that?

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 23:59:11 GMT

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Because Bill Gates wanted everyone to be tortured while typing up essays for school work.

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 00:25:09 GMT

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SSnipe wrote on Sat, 27 September 2008 18:55pawkyfox wrote on Sat, 27 September 2008

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Insert key provides the Overtyping Mode. Programmers used to use the key a lot way back when computers came with Overtyping Mode set as default. But when they wanted to insert text (make a correction or change something in their code), they would hit the Insert key to allow them to do that.

But nowadays, the Overtyping mode is not set as default. It is switched around. Now the default IS Insert mode where you are typing as normal. And pressing the Insert key would put you in Overtyping mode.

The Insert key was/is also used to copy and paste. Ctrl+Insert would copy. And Shift+Insert would paste.

Some people use it but it's really dumb as it is far too easier to copy and paste using more efficient shortcuts now. (Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V)

Also, Microsoft has disabled the Insert/Overtyping functionality by default from Office 2007.

Toggle SpoilerIf you want to get rid of the Insert key and disable Overtyping mode altogether, you can do this steps:

1. Start Word
2. Click on the Tools menu
3. Click Customize
4. Click the Options tab
5. Click Keyboard
6. Under the Categories dropdown box, select All Commands
7. Under the Commands dropdown box, select Overtyping
8. Under the Current keys dropdown box, select Insert
9. Click Remove
10. Click Close until the dialog windows close.

I have no use for Overtyping mode and have it disabled for ages.

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 01:29:13 GMT

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Holy shit, I've been wondering this for so long.

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [InternetThug](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 01:38:39 GMT

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wow you guys must be new to computers, evne i knew this..

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 07:43:12 GMT

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Until last year I didn't know this either-I used to think the computer didn't have enough physical memory to hold all of the words

I'm surprised it has not been documented in any office or text applications, as it is a pain if you don't know how to turn it off.

Subject: Re: What Causes This?

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 07:52:50 GMT

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yes guys thank you for filling me in on this now no more fucked up school essays
