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Le Jeudi 8 Février 2007 14:44, Peter a écrit :

Le Jeudi 8 Février 2007 06:16, Giorgos Keramidas a écrit :

On 2007-02-08 00:38, Peter <pmatulis@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Le Mercredi 7 Février 2007 16:03, Giorgos Keramidas a écrit :

Yes, I tried

fr.iso.acc.kbd
fr.iso.kbd
fr_CA.iso.acc.kbd

Maybe I need to inform
FreeBSD about the layout of
my keyboard.
All I get are beeps when I
hit the special French accent
keys.

This usually means that you are typing 8-bit
(i.e. French)
characters at a shell prompt, but you have
not set or configured
any locale environment yet, or you have the
wrong locale
environment.

If this is true, and you are hearing the beeps
when typing at a
shell prompt, then please tell us which shell
you are using and
what you see by typing:

% locale

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This is what I get:

```
LANG=  
LC_CTYPE="C"  
LC_COLLATE="C"  
LC_TIME="C"  
LC_NUMERIC="C"  
LC_MONETARY="C"  
LC_MESSAGES="C"  
LC_ALL=
```

Right. You haven't set any LANG or LC_xxx environment variables.

Try using one of the French locales, and set the following in your shell startup scripts:

```
LANG='C'  
LC_COLLATE='fr_CA.ISO8859-1'  
LC_CTYPE='fr_CA.ISO8859-1'
```

If you are using GNU bash, you can set in your ``.bashrc`` file:

```
export LANG='C'  
export LC_COLLATE='fr_CA.ISO8859-1'  
export LC_CTYPE='fr_CA.ISO8859-1'
```

Thanks a lot Giorgos. It works now. I used the bash method and then set up a couple of aliases:

```
alias french='/usr/sbin/kbdcontrol -l fr_CA.iso.acc.kbd'  
alias english='/usr/sbin/kbdcontrol -l us.iso.acc.kbd'
```

Darn. Now I see that these commands cannot be used via an xterm (remotely via SSH). Any ideas?

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