

# CAPS Warn

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**CAPS Warn** is FREE, but please send me an email if you find it useful.

To install it for the first time, or to upgrade from version 1.x, just double-click **Caps Warn.prefPane**.

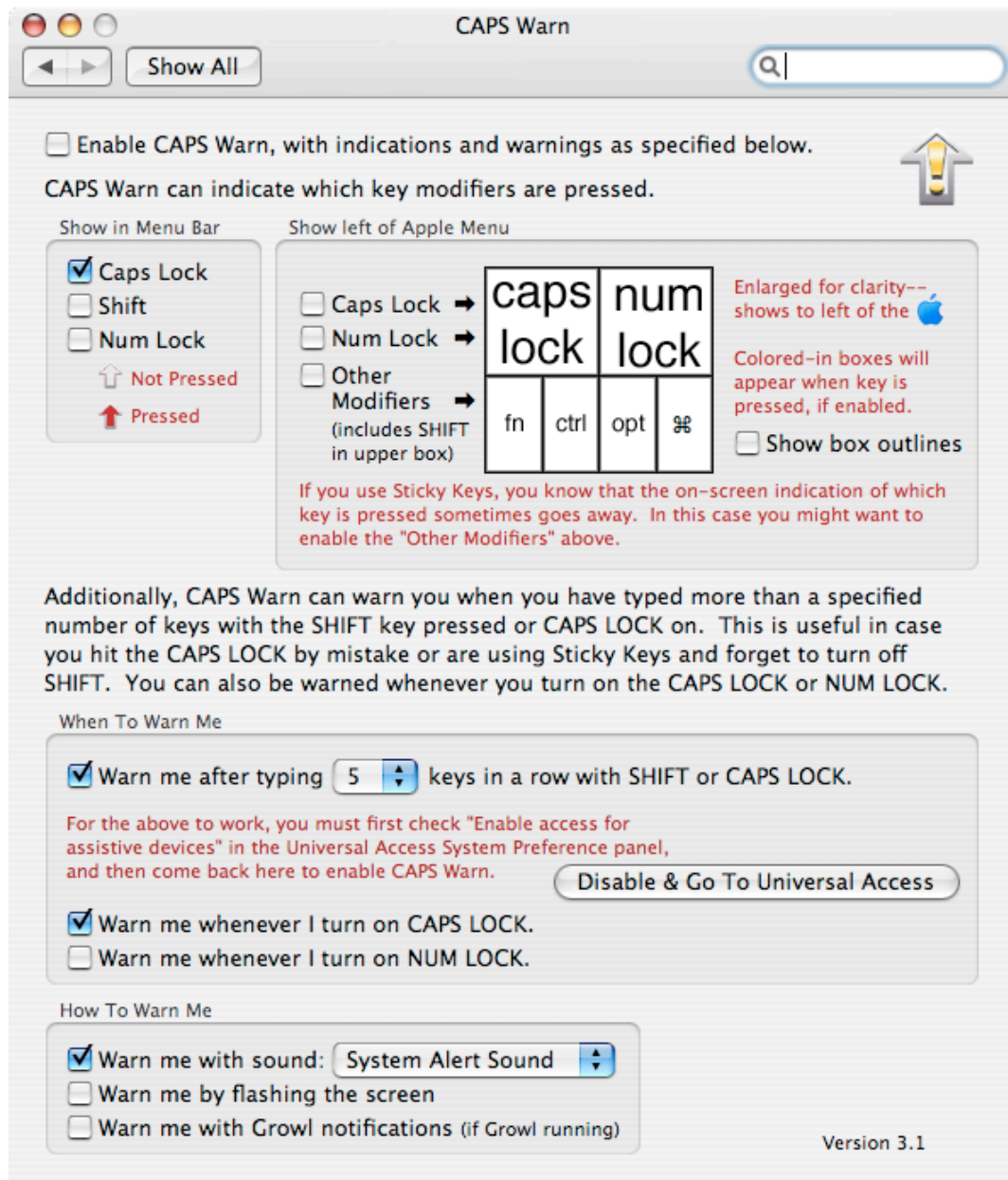
**To upgrade from a previous version of the Caps Warn preference pane (2.x+), you MUST follow these steps EXACTLY:**

1. Open **System Preferences**.
2. Remove the **Caps Warn** preference pane by control-clicking on the **Caps Warn** icon, then selecting **Remove "Caps Warn" Preference Pane**.
3. Quit **System Preferences**.
4. Double-click **Caps Warn.prefPane**.

CAPS Warn is designed for people who type with one hand using Sticky Keys, or for anyone who presses the Caps Lock or Num Lock key frequently by mistake.

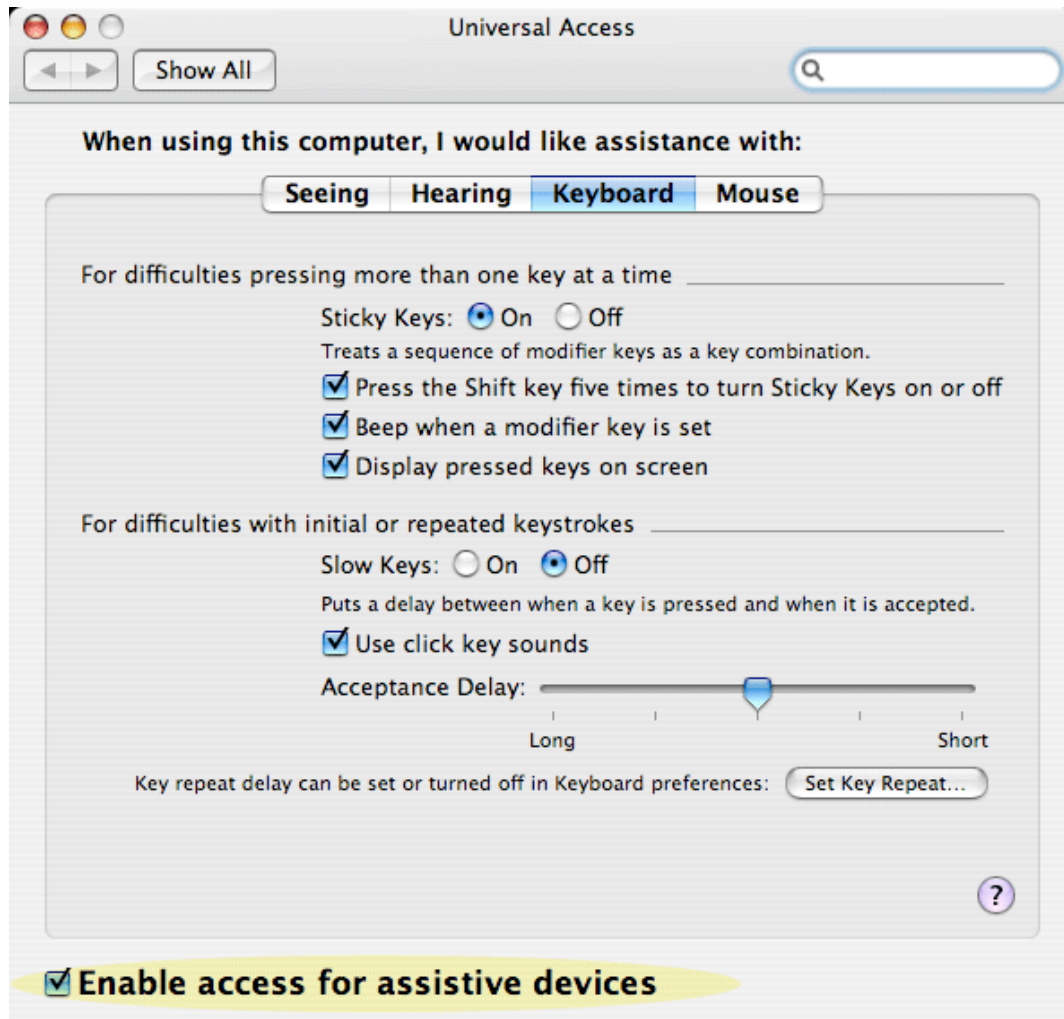
CAPS Warn is a Preference Pane that provides: A) on-screen indications of when the Caps Lock, Shift, Function (Fn), Control, Option, or Command keys are pressed (or stuck on by Sticky Keys) or B) warnings that: 1) you have turned on the CAPS Lock and/or 2) you have typed a specified number (default 5) of keys with the SHIFT key (or Sticky Keys SHIFT) or CAPS Lock and/or you have turned on the Num Lock. CAPS Warn warns you regardless of what application you are typing into.

The **CAPS Warn** preference pane appears as shown below, with the default settings shown.



Enabling **CAPS Warn** via this Preference Pane will automatically disable any previous version of CAPS Warn.

For CAPS Warn to be able to warn you about multiple shifted key presses, you must turn on "Enable access for assistive devices" in the Universal Access System Preference panel (as shown below), and then enable CAPS Warn.



## Macintosh Requirements

CAPS Warn is a MacOS X application. It runs on 10.3 and later. Tiger compatible. Universal Binary.

## Version History

### 3.1 - Feature enhancement and bug fixes:

- Made indicators in upper left corner larger and easier to read.
- Restored original color scheme in upper left corner.
- Fixed that sometimes CAPS Warn turned off when rebooted.
- Other bug fixes.

### 3.0 - User-requested feature enhancements:

- Added Growl notifications (if Growl is installed and running).
- Added ability to separately request display of Caps Lock and Shift in menu bar and upper left-hand corner.
- Improved look of upper left-hand corner.
- Separated display of Fn from Ctrl in upper left-hand corner.
- New icon for preference pane and menu bar, thanks to Eike Hübner.

### 2.2 - Feature enhancements:

- Added option to warn when Num Lock is turned on.
- Added the fn key on laptops to the upper-left-hand-corner indicator for the ctrl key.

### 2.1 - Fixed that "Warn me after typing..." works even when turned off.

## 2.0 - Feature enhancement and bug fix:

- Rewritten from scratch as a Preference Pane.
- Icon in menu bar is now optional (in case you have no room in your menu bar), and is no longer a menu.
- The state of the Shift/Caps Lock, Control, Option, and Command keys can now optionally be displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the screen (using space that is otherwise not used).
- Added a new built-in sound--CAPS--courtesy of Bernhard van Ham.
- Fixed bug whereby command-option-d to show/hide the dock did not work.

## 1.3 - Feature enhancement and bug fixes:

- Added a preference to specify the sound to play when warning...it no longer must be the system sound.
- Depressing the shift key now fills in the menu bar icon
- Fixed the "Warn after typing..." preference, which would not turn off in 1.2.

## 1.2 - Bug fix and enhancement:

- Fixed crash when changing "Start Automatically" preference.
- Improved menu icon.

## 1.1 - Feature enhancements:

- Made CAPS Warn run as an icon in the menu bar rather than in the dock.
- Added a preference to start CAPS Warn automatically when you startup or login.
- Added a preference to warn by flashing the screen.
- Made CAPS Warn easier to setup by adding a button to the preferences to take you to the "Universal Access" preference panel so you can turn on "Enable access for assistive devices".

## 1.0 - Initial release.

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