Pinger guide

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01 What to install

The phone app is required, the desktop one isn't

Phone • Pinger `Required`
Every key lives here. Install it, open it, allow Bluetooth.

PC • Pinger Settings `Optional`
Only for WiFi, or for editing keys on the computer.

02 Connect once, then just open the phone

Bluetooth HID, no driver on the computer

On the phone PINGER

1. Open Pinger and allow Bluetooth.
2. Turn it sideways, then **two-finger swipe right** for the Status panel.
3. Pick the host: Win / Mac / iPad / Android.
   Mac and iPad swap Ctrl for Cmd automatically; pick the wrong one and the keys won't match.
4. Tap **Register HID** and the phone is registered as a Bluetooth keyboard.
5. Note the **host search name** on the panel, tap **Discoverable**, allow the system prompt.
   That name is often just the phone's Bluetooth name, not necessarily Pinger.

On the computer or tablet Pair first, then connect

6. Find the name from step 5 in system Bluetooth and pair.
   Windows: Settings → Bluetooth & devices → Add device
7. Back on the phone, open **Paired hosts**, pick your computer, tap **Connect keyboard**.
   Windows still listing it as a phone is normal — the keyboard channel isn't up yet.
8. When the status reads Connected, open a text editor and press a key.

You pair once. To switch computers, tap "Disconnect to switch" in the status panel first.

03 Three gestures, all two-finger

One finger is for keys



Two fingers right Open status



Two fingers left Switch presets



Two fingers up Open editing

04 How modifiers work



Hold one key down (1), then turn a knob or tap another key (2) — that's the combo. Same as a physical keypad.

05 When it won't connect

Can't find Pinger

Search for the name the panel shows. Some ROMs won't let the app rename Bluetooth, so the panel prints the real one.

Windows shows a phone

Normal. Only the device pairing is done; the keyboard channel isn't up. Go back and tap "Connect keyboard".

Switching computers breaks it

Two machines fight over the old pairing. Delete it on **both sides**, then Register HID → pair → Connect keyboard again.

Bluetooth just won't work

Use WiFi: put both on the same network, run Pinger Settings, switch the phone's status panel to WiFi, type the IP shown at the top, tap "Connect".

06 The panel behind two fingers up

Six entries, changes apply at once

Skins
Eight palettes, same keys

Edit layout
Drag keys where you want

Hotkeys
Change what each key sends

Full keyboard
Switch to the whole keyboard

Pairing
Back to the status panel

Import / export
Pack layouts and go

Some devices just refuse. The security handshake won't pass. Plug the phone into a computer, send the build along, and let an agent read the logs.

New bug or a new fix? Post it
github.com/Miatoo/pinger/issues

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