

Logickeyboard launches their **Astra** series, the next-generation backlit keyboard that let's you see your keyboard in a dark room. The ASTRA keyboard offers five selectable light levels for any lighting environment-- go from a bright room or dim, with just a tap of your finger.

With one wire for the USB hub and a separate one for the keyboard, the ASTRA series is designed for editing systems that use USB KVM extenders, and installations that require data security.

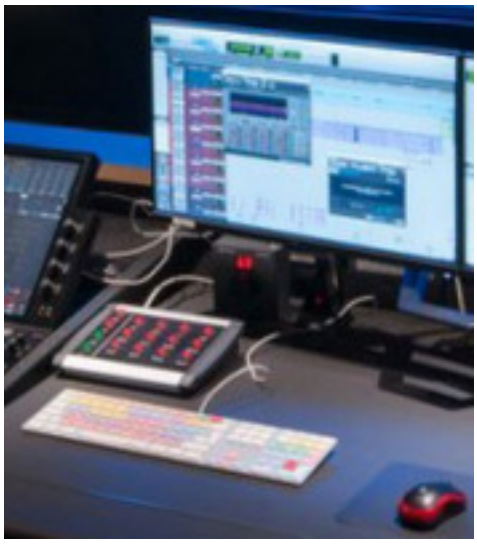
More importantly, The ASTRA series keyboard is compatible with Logickeyboard's entire software suite, from **video** programs to **audio** to **graphics** platforms.

Yuo probably know about keyboards customized especially for software programs like Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Apple Aperture, Maxon Cinema 4D Studio etc. This article focuses on keyboards for audio and video as used in vertical markets.

Logickeyboard makes keyboards specialized **for professionals who used them for video editing, audio editing, visual effects, 2D/3D/motion graphics, photo finishing, character generation, coloring, stage lighting, and assistive applications.**

How are they specialized? The Danish manufacturer adapts the keyboards to the software, adding features like keyboard shortcuts, colour coding and back-lit keys.

Studies have shown that using keyboard shortcuts can improve productivity by as much as 50% than using the computer mouse alone. Keyboard shortcuts are prevalent in professional software, but it takes time to learn and use them. Using keyboard shortcuts can relieve hand strain, and help avoid carpal tunnel syndrome.



For example, the most popular software used by professional video editors are Avid Media Composer, Adobe Premiere Pro, and Apple Final Cut Pro. Other programs that are popular include Grass Valley Edius. Autodesk Smoke (Flame), Harris Velocity, Sony Vegas, and Quantel Lightworks.

These software are used in non-linear editing (NLE) systems because they allow editors to perform non-destructive editing on the original video clips. This contrasts to the old days when filmstrips can only be viewed linearly and editors have to splice the film strips in their proper places. All video editing software offers timelines, storyboards, effects, transitions, titles, and audio editing.

Audio Editing software is software of Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) that is used for the production of music, radio, television, podcasts, multimedia, and any other situation, where complex recorded audio is needed. Avid Pro Tools is the most popular DAW software. Others software include Apple Logic Pro, Steinberg Cubase/Nuendo (now owned by Yamaha), Avid

Sibelius, Presonus Studio One, Adobe Audition, Ableton Live, MOTU Digital Performer, and Cakewalk Sonar.

Audio editing software allows the user to import and export audio files; record and store audio inputs; edit the start time, end time, and length of any sound on the audio timeline; apply effects like fade-in and fade-out, filters, compression, noise reduction, equalization, etc.; mix multiple tracks; playback sounds. (Music notation software like Makemusic's Finale is used for creating sheet music. It is basically a scorewriter to music notation as a word processor is to text.)

Graphics applications that Logickeyboard cater to include Adobe After Effects, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom, and Maxon Cinema 4D.

For those professionals who don't need to use these best-selling specialized software, there are still keyboard products that might help. Do you sit in the back of a darkened room for presentations?



The LogicLight 2 features a touch sensitive on-off and dimmer switch. Just tap the tip end of the light with your finger and it goes on, off, or half power. The Logiclight is made up of 10 cool white LEDs with a heat temperature rating of about 4500. At half power, only 5 LEDs light up.The light shade can be rotated a full 360 degrees. The flexible light arm can be adjusted to any desired angle.

Other products include Large Print keyboard, a keyboard for Apple Boot Camp, a Compix Persona Slim Line keyboard for the broadcast graphics industry-- and there's even a premium Windows keyboards if you just want a better keyboard.

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