Laptop Keyboard Backlighting

The backlighting feature by default is disabled. Different brands of Laptop seem to handle this feature differently.

If applicable to your unit, review:

The **backlight** that illuminates the keys on the computer's keyboard is off by default. To turn it on, press and hold the **Fn** key, and then tap the **Z** key. Press this same Fn + Z hotkey combination to turn it off again.

You can change the settings for the keyboard backlight in **Toshiba Hardware Setup**: Click the Windows **Start** button, then click **All Programs**, **Toshiba**, **Utilities**, and **HWSetup**.

In the HWSetup app, click the **Illumination** tab. The Illumination properties page will appear, as shown below.

The available options are:

- **Auto** - The keyboard backlight will turn on when a key is pressed. It will stay on as you type, until you stop typing for the number of seconds specified in the Backlight Lighting Time field, which you can increase or decrease to suit your preference.
- **On** - The keyboard backlight stays on -- until you press Fn + Z to turn it off.
- **Off** - The keyboard backlight stays off -- until you press Fn + Z to turn it on.
- REBOOT to apply settings please.

  On at least one DELL system the above did not turn off the backlighting feature. However doing a system restore did turn it off. This suggests to me that the enabled backlighting feature in this Dell was mostly likely due to it being in the Startup as it only became 'enabled' when windows had loaded.

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