Advantage2 SmartSet App Download and Installation Instructions (v1.1.1 Sept 16 2019)

Overview

The SmartSet App offers a GUI alternative to onboard programming your Advantage2 keyboard. The App does not get installed on your PC, you run it directly from the keyboard's "v-Drive". The Windows version of the App is pre-installed on newer Advantage2's (since Aug 2018). The macOS version of the App must be downloaded from Kinesis.com.

Download and Installation Instructions

If may need/wish to download the App if 1) you have an Advantage2 that pre-dates the SmartSet App, 2) you wish to use the SmartSet App for macOS, or 3) you wish to install the latest version of the Windows App, first scroll down the page and follow the instructions to install the latest version of firmware.

4MB Keyboards

Download the appropriate version of the App to your desktop. *Mac users will need to launch the App once from their Desktop at this time.* Then use the onboard shortcut to open the v-Drive and copy/paste the App to the top level of the "KINESIS KB" removable drive in Windows File Explorer or mac OS Finder. It may be necessary to delete older versions of the App from the v-Drive to make room for newer versions. macOS requires the Trash folder to be empty to clear space on the v-Drive.

2MB Keyboards

If you have an older version of the Advantage2 with the smaller 2MB v-Drive, it may not be possible to save the SmartSet App directly to the keyboard. If that is the case, you can run the App from a special folder on your desktop and then copy your configuration files to the v-Drive manually.

Download the appropriate version of the App to your desktop and save it to a new folder called "KINESIS KB Local". Open the v-Drive, and copy/paste all the files and folders from the v-Drive into the new "KINESIS KB Local" folder on your desktop.

When you run the SmartSet App from your desktop it will save your QWERTY and/or Dvorak configuration files in the "active" subfolder on your desktop. To implement your layout on the keyboard, simply copy the desired .txt file to the corresponding "active" subfolder on the "KINESIS KB" v-Drive and replace the existing file. Then simply right-click the v-Drive and eject it, and use the onboard shortcut to close the v-Drive.

Accessing the SmartSet App from the v-Drive

If you have successfully saved the SmartSet App to the "KINESIS KB" v-Drive, simply enable Power User Mode (Program + Shift + Escape) on the keyboard and use the onboard shortcut (Program + F1) open the v-Drive.

Navigate to the "KINESIS KB" removable drive in File Explorer (Windows) or Finder (Mac) and launch the App. Once you have finished configuring your layout, save your changes in the App, close the App, "eject" the v-Drive in File Explorer/Finder, and *then* close the v-Drive with the onboard shortcut (Program + F1) to implement your new settings.