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Note: The original macro was created for WPDOS 5.1 and has been converted for use in WordPerfect 6.x. The original ALTW.WPM macro is included here as 2KEY.WPM. It can be renamed to the Alt-letter combination of your choice. Be sure to use that letter as the first character in your other new macros.

I love the convenient Alt+*letter* method of playing macros. But I'm quickly running out of letters. To solve this, I've written a macro that lets me run macros with two-letter names. The first character of the name must be a letter, but the second character can be any valid character.

First, I create macros with names such as WJ.WPM, WR.WPM, and WS.WPM, where the first letter of each macro is the same, in this case "w." I then create a separate macro to run each individual macro. For example, I use an ALTW.WPM macro (i.e., the first character in the macros above) to display a prompt allowing me to enter the second letter of my macro. Using the examples above, I first press (Alt-W), then J, R or S.

Here's how you can do it:

- First, create a practice macro that types your name. Press Macro Define (Ctrl-F10), type "wj" and press (Enter). At the Description: prompt, type "Insert my name" and press (Enter). With Macro Def flashing at the bottom of the screen, type your name. Press Macro Define (Ctrl-F10) when you're done. (*The WJ.WPM macro is included for your convenience.*)
- Play the included (renamed to your choice) macro as you would any ALT+*letter* macro. At the prompt in your status line, type "j" to play the macro that displays your name.

Now that you know what to do, create several more macros where the first letter is "w" and the second character is your choice. You've just added 26 more macros to your keyboard!

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