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SITUATION/QUESTION:

I notice my keyboard has some blue print on it. And that I have a key that is labeled **Fn** in blue. Are they related? What's that mean?

In other words:

On some of the keys on my computer, there are things written in the color blue. How do I use those?



SOLUTION/ANSWER:

Fn stands for "Function".

If you hold that key when you press one of the other keys with blue printing on it, it will do what is in blue.

For example, some keyboards have [Print Screen] (abbreviated usually like [PrtScr]) in blue. That means that in order to use that feature, you have to first hold the blue **Fn** key down.

Note: Not all keyboards have this.



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