

# THINKING ABOUT DESIGN-1

## INTRODUCTION TO HCI - ASSIGNMENT

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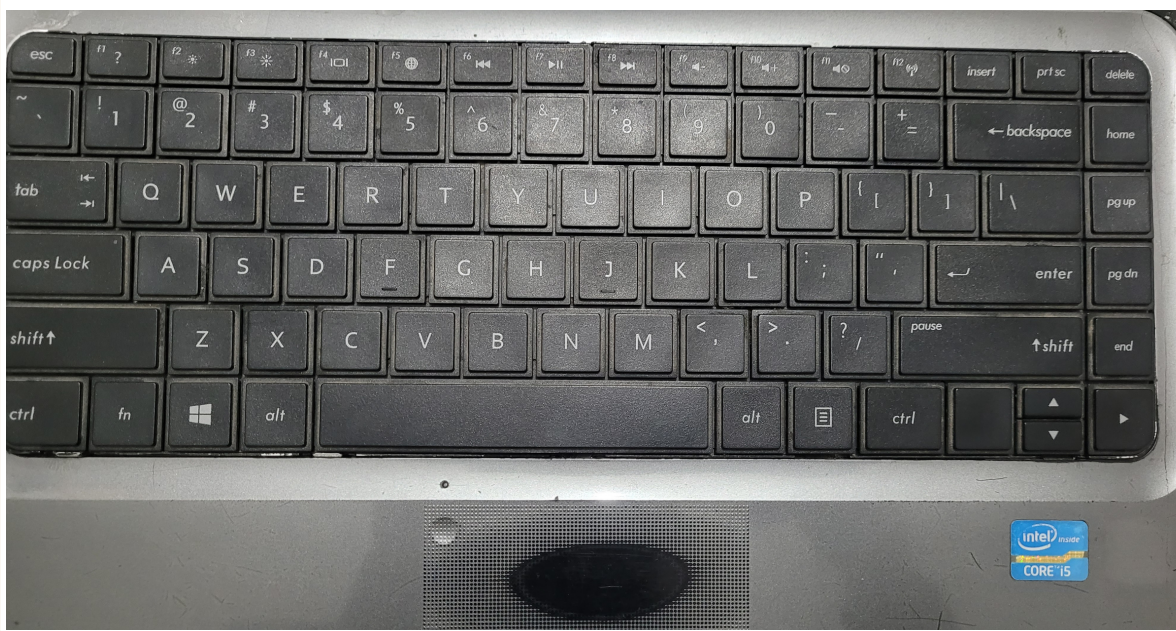
### GOOD DESIGN: BACKLIGHT KEYBOARDS



What is a Backlight Keyboard?

well its a keyboard that contains a light underneath the keys. The backlight illuminates the letters and symbols on the keys to make them visible in low light environments. The print on the keys is semi-transparent, so the light underneath will shine through it like a window.

## My Old Laptop's Keyboard



Traditionally, Laptop keyboards used to have normal solid color key markings which were fine for most of the time but the white color marking used to fade away after some time or by rough usage and then it becomes hard to spot the right key unless you remember the position of that key. Also, I cannot identify these nonbacklight keys while working in a dark room.

It has become much easier for me to spot the right key to type as I can clearly see them due to their backlight. I used to have some trouble while working late at night on my old laptop but with new backlight keyboard, most of my typing problems have vanished.

For me, backlight keyboard is a very good design.