General Info

All sorts of info to help with keyboard decisions

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Just in case:
Linear: Key glides smoothly to bottom with no other action
Tactile: A feedback bump happens before the key hits bottom
Clicky: The key makes audible noise beyond the minimum plastic noise

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Begin here!

Linear, tactile, or clicky?

- **Linear** → Do you prefer silent typing or audible typing?
  - I'm a ninja → Silent Ink / Silent Alpacas / Healios
  - Audible → Are you an ultra hyper gamer?
    - My eyes shine RGB → Kailh Speed / Kailh Pro
    - Not really → Are you rich?
      - Nope → Gateron milky top black bottom housing red/yellow/black
      - Somewhat → Are you really rich?
        - Just rich, no more → Inks, Alpacas, Tangerines, H1, Everglides, Creams, Retools, Vints, Mauve, UHMWPE stem mods
        - I'm drowning in my bank → Are you REALLY REALLY rich?
          - Wat → West German Vints / Nixdorfs / Hirose Orange
          - I won the lottery jackpot 50 times → Nixdorfirose clears / Hirose pale green / 1945 East German Vints
            - I need a life raft for the Benjamin Franklin flood → Nixdorfirosealiandaliazopreverglide-G
            - UHMWPE Holy firosealiandaliazopreverglide-G
            - jk I'm poor please don't hurt me → Vintage worn-out decaying Keytronic foam and foil

- **Tactile** → Do you prefer a tangible bump of decent quantity?
  - Small bump → Do you hate yourself?
    - Yes → Kailh speed / Gat brown / Retool/Vint MX brown
    - What did I do wrong → Pretool MX brown / Epic Gear orange / Vintage Romer-G
    - Oh yes bby hurt me more → Vintage Razer Greens lubed with hydraulic fluid
  - Big bump → Would you prefer to have the biggest bump you can find?
    - All the way → Do you care for Alps, or would you rather stay with MX?
      - MX → Holy Panda, Zealio/Zilent V2, T1, Oreo, Lilac and similar, Halo and U4 stem mods, NK Blueberry
      - Alps → SKCM Brown / SKCM Neon Green

- **Clicky** → Do you care for vintage gear, or would you rather stay with MX?
  - Modern MX → How extreme do you want to go?
    - Normal → Kailh Clickbars that aren't Navy or Jade / Phoenix stem mods
    - Regular will do → Do you have Alps-compatible keycaps and keyboards?
      - Yes → Ergo clears / Hako violets / Kailh pro / MOD-M
      - What is an alps → SKCM orange / Pine SKCM black / SKCM cream / SKCM salmon
    - Earthquakes with each keystroke → Kailh BOX Jade / Kailh BOX Navy
  - Vintage everything → Alps or IBM?
    - Alps → SKCM Blue / SKCM White / SKCM Amber
    - IBM → Are you rich?
      - Nope → IBM Model M
      - Of course → IBM Model F Beamspring