

WINDOWS SHORTCUT KEY COMBINATIONS

SHORTCUT KEY COMBO	FUNCTION
SHIFT (during boot)	Enter Safe Mode
F8 (during boot)	Display Windows Start & Diagnostic menu
ALT + TAB	Forward scroll through open applications
ALT + SHIFT + TAB	Reverse scroll through open applications
WINDOWS + TAB	Live view of open applications (Vista & higher)
WINDOWS (or CTRL + ESC)	Display the Start Menu
CTRL + + (on numeric Keypad)	Resize column to length of longest line
SHIFT + * (on numeric Keypad)	List all subfolders of currently open folder in Windows Explorer
F1	Display help for the current application
F2	Rename highlighted object
ALT + D (or F4)	Place cursor in Address Bar of Windows Explorer
F5	Refresh contents in Internet Explorer
ALT + F4	Close current application
CTRL + F4	Close open window in current application
CTRL + N	Open new window in current application
CTRL + Z	Undo last edit in current document or field
CONTEXT (or SHIFT + F10)	Display the context menu
SHIFT + DEL	Permanently delete item, no Recycle Bin
F10	Display Menu Bar options
SHIFT + F10	Display the Context Menu
SHIFT (while inserting CD/DVD)	Prevents auto-play of CD/DVD
CTRL + A	Select all
SHIFT (hold &select items)	Select multiple items inclusively
CTRL (hold & select items)	Select multiple items individually
ALT + PRINT SCREEN	Copy image of current application to the clipboard
CTRL + C	Copy highlighted item to the clipboard
CTRL + X	Cut to the clipboard
CTRL + V	Paste from the clipboard
CTRL + B	Make current selection bold
CTRL + U	Underline current selection
WINDOWS	Toggle Start Menu
WINDOWS + D	Toggle display of the desktop
WINDOWS + E	Start Windows Explorer
WINDOWS + F (F3 for find next)	Display Windows Search
WINDOWS + CTRL + F	Display Search for Computers
WINDOWS + F1	Display the Windows Help
WINDOWS + L	Lock the computer
WINDOWS + R	Display Run to execute a command
WINDOWS + PAUSE	Display Windows System Properties
WINDOWS + +	Zoom in (W7)
WINDOWS + -	Zoom out (W7)

SHORTCUT KEY COMBO	FUNCTION
WINDOWS + # (1-9)	Open application pinned to Taskbar at position # (W7)
SHIFT + WINDOWS + # (1-9)	New open of application pinned to Taskbar at pos'n # (W7)
ALT + WINDOWS + # (1-9)	Open jump list of application pinned to Taskbar at pos'n # (W7)
WINDOWS + T	Set focus to Taskbar items and scroll (W7)
WINDOWS + B	Set focus to System Tray items (by clock) (W7)
WINDOWS + HOME	Minimize all open windows except current window (W7)
WINDOWS + Space	Show desktop (W7)
WINDOWS + ↑	Maximize current window (W7)
WINDOWS + ↓	Minimize current window (W7)
WINDOWS + ←	Snap current window to left of display (W7)
WINDOWS + →	Snap current window to right of display (W7)
WINDOWS + SHIFT + ←	Move current window to 2 nd monitor (left) (W7)
WINDOWS + SHIFT + →	Move current window to 2 nd monitor (right) (W7)
WINDOWS + T	Show preview of open applications (W7)
WINDOWS + G	Display gadgets over other windows (W7)
WINDOWS + A	Open Action Center (W10)
WINDOWS + C	Open Cortana in listening mode (W10)
WINDOWS + G	Open Game Bar when game is open (W10)
WINDOWS + H	Open Share charm (W10)
WINDOWS + I	Open Settings (W10)
WINDOWS + K	Open Connect quick action (W10)
WINDOWS + M	Minimize all open windows (W10)
WINDOWS + S	Open Search (W10)
WINDOWS + U	Open Ease of Access Center (W10)
WINDOWS + X	Open Quick Link menu (W10)
WINDOWS + COMMA	Peek at desktop (W10)
WINDOWS + CTRL + D	Create new virtual desktop (W10)
WINDOWS + CTRL + ← (or →)	Rotate left (or right) through virtual desktops (W10)
WINDOWS + CTRL + F4	Close current virtual desktop (W10)
WINDOWS + ENTER	Start Narrator (W10)
WINDOWS + PRT SCRN	Save screenshot to Screenshots folder (W10)
WINDOWS + SHIFT + ↑	Stretch current window to top & bottom of screen (W10)
WINDOWS + TAB	Open Task View (W10)
CTRL + SHIFT + ESC	Open Task Manager (W10)
ALT + ←	Go back (W10)
ALT + →	Go forward (W10)
ALT + PGUP	Move up one screen (W10)
ALT + PGDN	Move down one screen (W10)
CTRL + ALT + TAB	View all open applications (W10)

W7 & W10 indicate Windows version shortcut key was introduced

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