

Windows 7 Accessibility Features

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts are combinations of two or more keys that, when pressed, can be used to perform a task that would typically require a mouse or other pointing device. Keyboard shortcuts can make it easier to interact with your computer, saving you time and effort as you work with Windows and other programs.

Most programs also provide accelerator keys that can make it easier to work with menus and other commands. Check the menus of programs for accelerator keys. If a letter is underlined in a menu, which usually means that pressing the Alt key in combination with the underlined key will have the same effect as clicking that menu item.

Pressing the Alt key in some programs, such as Paint and WordPad, shows commands that are labeled with additional keys that you can press to use them

Keyboard Shortcuts to use in the Ease of Access

Press this key	To do this
Right Shift for eight seconds	Turn Filter Keys on and off
Left Alt + Left Shift + PrtScn (or PrtScn)	Turn High Contrast on or off
Left Alt + Left Shift + Num Lock	Turn Mouse Keys on or off
Shift five times	Turn Sticky Keys on or off
Num Lock for five seconds	Turn Toggle Keys on or off
Windows logo key + U	Open the Ease of Access Center

General Keyboard Shortcuts

Press this key	To do this
F1	Display Help
Ctrl + C	Copy the selected item
Ctrl + X	Cut the selected item
Ctrl + V	Paste the selected item
Ctrl + Z	Undo an action
Ctrl + Y	Redo an action
Delete or Ctrl + D	Delete the selected item and move it to the Recycle Bin
Shift + Delete	Delete the selected item without moving it to the Recycle Bin first
F2	Rename the selected item
Ctrl+ Right Arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next word
Ctrl + Left Arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the previous word
Ctrl + Down Arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next paragraph
Ctrl + Up Arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the previous paragraph
Ctrl + Shift with an arrow key	Select a block of text
Shift with any arrow key	Select more than one item in a window or on the desktop, or select text within a document
Ctrl + A	Select all items in a document or window
F3	Search for a file or folder
Alt + Enter	Display properties for the selected item
Alt+F4	Close the active item, or exit the active program
Alt + Spacebar	Open the shortcut menu for the active window
Ctrl+F4	Close the active document (in programs that allow you to have multiple documents open simultaneously)

Alt + Tab	Switch between open items
Ctrl + Alt + Tab	Use the arrow keys to switch between open items
Ctrl + Mouse scroll wheel	Change the size of icons on the desktop
Windows logo key +Tab	Cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D
Ctrl + Windows logo key + Tab	Use the arrow keys to cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D
Alt + Esc	Cycle through items in the order in which they were opened
F6	Cycle through screen elements in a window or on the desktop
F4	Display the address bar list in Windows Explorer
Shift + F10	Display the shortcut menu for the selected item
Ctrl + Esc	Open the Start menu
Alt + underlined letter	Display the corresponding menu
Alt + underlined letter	Perform the menu command (or other underlined command)
F10	Activate the menu bar in the active program
Right Arrow	Open the next menu to the right, or open a submenu
Left Arrow	Open the next menu to the left, or close a submenu
F5 (or Ctrl + R)	Refresh the active window
Alt + Up Arrow	View the folder one level up in Windows Explorer
Esc	Cancel the current task
Ctrl + Shift + Esc	Open Task Manager
Shift when you insert a CD	Prevent the CD from automatically playing

The following table contains keyboard shortcuts that use the Windows logo key.

Press this key	To do this
Windows logo key	Open or close the Start menu
Windows logo key + Pause	Display the System Properties dialog box
Windows logo key + D	Display the desktop
Windows logo key + M	Minimize all windows
Windows logo key + Shift + M	Restore minimized windows to the desktop
Windows logo key + E	Open Computer
Windows logo key + F	Search for a file or folder
Windows logo key + L	Lock your computer or switch users
Windows logo key + R	Open the Run dialog box
Windows logo key +T	Cycle through programs on the taskbar
Windows logo key + number	Start the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number. If the program is already running, switch to that program.
Shift + Windows logo key + number	Start a new instance of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number
Ctrl + Windows logo key + number	Switch to the last active window of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number
Alt + Windows logo key + number	Open the Jump List for the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number
Windows logo key + TAB	Cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D
Ctrl + Windows logo key + TAB	Use the arrow keys to cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D
Windows logo key + Spacebar	Preview the desktop
Windows logo key + Up Arrow	Maximize the window

Windows logo key + Left Arrow	Maximize the window to the left side of the screen
Windows logo key + Right Arrow	Maximize the window to the right side of the screen
Windows logo key + Down Arrow	Minimize the window
Windows logo key + Home	Minimize all but the active window
Windows logo key + Shift + Up Arrow	Stretch the window to the top and bottom of the screen
Windows logo key + Shift + Left Arrow or Right Arrow	Move a window from one monitor to another
Windows logo key + P	Choose a presentation display mode
Windows logo key + G	Cycle through gadgets
Windows logo key + U	Open Ease of Access Center
Windows logo key + X	Open Windows Mobility Center

Windows Explorer (the Computer folder)

Press this key	To do this
Ctrl + N	Open a new window
Ctrl + W	Close the current window
Ctrl + Shift + N	Create a new folder
End	Display the bottom of the active window
Home	Display the top of the active window
F11	Maximize or minimize the active window
Ctrl + Period (.)	Rotate a picture clockwise
Ctrl + Comma (,)	Rotate a picture counter-clockwise
Num Lock + Asterisk (*) on numeric keypad	Display all subfolders under the selected folder
Num Lock + Plus Sign (+) on numeric keypad	Display the contents of the selected folder
Num Lock + Minus Sign (-) on numeric keypad	Collapse the selected folder

Left Arrow	Collapse the current selection (if it's expanded), or select the parent folder
Alt + Enter	Open the Properties dialog box for the selected item
Alt + P	Display the preview pane
Alt + Left Arrow	View the previous folder
Backspace	View the previous folder
Right Arrow	Display the current selection (if it's collapsed), or select the first subfolder
Alt + Right Arrow	View the next folder
Alt + Up Arrow	View the parent folder
Ctrl + Shift + E	Display all folders above the selected folder
Ctrl + Mouse scroll wheel	Change the size and appearance of file and folder icons
Alt + D	Select the address bar
Ctrl + E	Select the search box
Ctrl + F	Select the search box