

Windows 8 Keyboard Shortcuts

General

F1	Display Help
F2	Rename the selected item
F3	Search for a file or folder
F4	Display the address bar list in File Explorer
F5	Refresh the active window
F6	Cycle through screen elements in a window or on
F10	Activate the Menu bar in the active app
Alt+F4	Close the active item, or exit the active app
Alt+Esc	Cycle through items in the order in which they
Alt+underlined letter	Perform the command for that letter
Alt+Enter	Display properties for the selected item
Alt+Spacebar	Open the shortcut menu for the active window
Alt+Left arrow	Back
Alt+Right arrow	Forward
Alt+Page Up	Move up one screen
Alt+Page Down	Move down one screen
Alt+Tab	Switch between open apps (except desktop apps)
Ctrl+F4	Close the active document (in apps that allow you to have multiple documents open simultaneously)
Ctrl+A	Select all items in a document or window
Ctrl+C (or Ctrl+Insert)	Copy the selected item
Ctrl+D (or Delete)	Delete the selected item and move it to the
Ctrl+R (or F5)	Refresh the active window
Ctrl+V (or Shift+Insert)	Paste the selected item
Ctrl+X	Cut the selected item
Ctrl+Y	Redo an action
Ctrl+Z	Undo an action
Ctrl+plus (+) or Ctrl+minus (-)	Zoom in or out of a large number of items, like apps pinned to the Start screen
Ctrl+ mouse scroll wheel	Change the size of desktop icons or zoom in or out of a large number of items, like apps pinned
Ctrl+Right arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next
Ctrl+Left arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the previous
Ctrl+Down arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next
Ctrl+Up arrow	Move the cursor to the beginning of the previous
Ctrl+Alt+Tab	Use the arrow keys to switch between all open

Ctrl+arrow key (to move to an item)+Spacebar	Select multiple individual items in a window or on the desktop
Ctrl+Shift with an arrow key	Select a block of text
Ctrl+Esc	Open the Start screen
Ctrl+Shift+Esc	Open Task Manager
Ctrl+Shift	Switch the keyboard layout when multiple keyboard layouts are available
Ctrl+Spacebar	Turn the Chinese input method editor (IME) on or
Shift+F10	Display the shortcut menu for the selected item
Shift with any arrow key	Select more than one item in a window or on the desktop, or select text within a document
Shift+Delete	Delete the selected item without moving it to the Recycle Bin first
Right arrow	Open the next menu to the right, or open a
Left arrow	Open the next menu to the left, or close a
Esc	Stop or leave the current task

Windows logo key

Windows logo key + F1	Open Windows Help and Support
Windows logo key	Display or hide the Start screen
Windows logo key + B	Set focus in the notification area
Windows logo key + C	Open the Charms
Windows logo key + D	Display and hide the desktop
Windows logo key + E	Open File Explorer
Windows logo key + F	Open the Search charm and search for files
Windows logo key + H	Open the Share charm
Windows logo key + I	Open the Settings charm
Windows logo key + K	Open the Devices charm
Windows logo key + L	Lock your PC or switch people
Windows logo key + M	Minimize all windows
Windows logo key + O	Lock device orientation
Windows logo key + P	Choose a presentation display mode
Windows logo key + Q	Open the Search charm to search everywhere or within the open app (if the app supports app
Windows logo key + R	Open the Run dialog box
Windows logo key + S	Open the Search charm to search Windows and
Windows logo key + T	Cycle through apps on the taskbar
Windows logo key + U	Open Ease of Access Center
Windows logo key + V	Cycle through notifications
Windows logo key + Shift + V	Cycle through notifications in reverse order
Windows logo key + W	Open the Search charm and search for settings
Windows logo key + X	Open the Quick Link menu
Windows logo key + Z	Show the commands available in the app
Windows logo key + ,	Temporarily peek at the desktop
Windows logo key + Pause	Display the System Properties dialog box
Windows logo key + Ctrl + F	Search for PCs (if you're on a network)
Windows logo key + Shift + M	Restore minimized windows on the desktop

Windows logo key + number	Open the desktop and start the app pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number. If the app is already running, switch to that app.
Windows logo key + Shift + number	Open the desktop and start a new instance of the app pinned to the taskbar in the position
Windows logo key + Ctrl + number	Open the desktop and switch to the last active window of the app pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number
Windows logo key + Alt + number	Open the desktop and open the Jump List for the app pinned to the taskbar in the position
Windows logo key + Ctrl + Shift + number	Open the desktop and open a new instance of the app located at the given position on the taskbar
Windows logo key + Tab	Cycle through recently used apps (except desktop
Windows logo key + Ctrl + Tab	Cycle through recently used apps (except desktop
Windows logo key + Shift + Tab	Cycle through recently used apps (except desktop apps) in reverse order
Windows logo key + Ctrl + B	Switch to the app that displayed a message in the notification area
Windows logo key + Up arrow	Maximize the window
Windows logo key + Down arrow	Remove current app from screen or minimize the desktop window
Windows logo key + Left arrow	Maximize the app or desktop window to the left side of the screen
Windows logo key + Right arrow	Maximize the app or desktop window to the right side of the screen
Windows logo key + Home	Minimize all but the active desktop window (restores all windows on second stroke)
Windows logo key + Shift + Up arrow	Stretch the desktop window to the top and bottom of the screen
Windows logo key + Shift + Down arrow	Restore/minimize active desktop windows vertically, maintaining width
Windows logo key + Shift + Left arrow or Right arrow	Move an app or window in the desktop from one monitor to another
Windows logo key + Spacebar	Switch input language and keyboard layout
Windows logo key + Ctrl + Spacebar	Change to a previously selected input
Windows logo key + Enter	Open Narrator
Windows logo key + Shift + period (.)	Cycle through open apps
Windows logo key + period (.)	Cycle through open apps
Windows logo key + /	Initiate IME reversion
Windows logo key + Alt + Enter	Open WindowsMedia Center
Windows logo key + plus (+) or minus (-)	Zoom in or out using Magnifier
Windows logo key + Esc	Exit Magnifier

Dialog box

F1	Display Help
F4	Display the items in the active list
Ctrl+Tab	Move forward through tabs

Ctrl+Shift+Tab	Move back through tabs
Ctrl+number (number 1-9)	Move to nth tab
Tab	Move forward through options
Shift+Tab	Move back through options
Alt+underlined letter	Perform the command (or select the option) that goes with that letter
Spacebar	Select or clear the check box if the active option is
Backspace	Open a folder one level up if a folder is selected in the Save As or Open dialog box
Arrow keys	Select a button if the active option is a group of option buttons

Taskbar

Shift+click a taskbar button	Open an app or quickly open another instance of
Ctrl+Shift+click a taskbar button	Open an app as an administrator
Shift+right-click a taskbar button	Show the window menu for the app
Shift+right-click a grouped taskbar button	Show the window menu for the group
Ctrl+click a grouped taskbar button	Cycle through the windows of the group

Remote Desktop Connection on the desktop

Alt+Page Up	Move between apps from left to right
Alt+Page Down	Move between apps from right to left
Alt+Insert	Cycle through apps in the order that they were
Alt+Home	Display the Start screen
Ctrl+Alt+Break	Switch between a window and full screen
Ctrl+Alt+End	Display the Windows Security dialog box
Ctrl+Alt+Home	In full-screen mode, activate the connection bar
Alt+Delete	Display the system menu

Windows Help viewer

F3	Move the cursor to the search box
F10	Display the Options menu
Home	Move to the beginning of a topic
End	Move to the end of a topic
Alt+Left arrow	Move back to the previously viewed topic
Alt+Right arrow	Move forward to the next (previously viewed)
Alt+Home	Display the Help and Support home page
Alt+A	Display the customer support page
Alt+C	Display the Table of Contents
Alt+N	Display the Connection Settings menu
Ctrl+F	Search the current topic
Ctrl+P	Print a topic

Calculator

F1	Open Calculator Help
F2	Edit the calculation history
Alt+1	Switch to Standard mode

Alt+2	Switch to Scientific mode
Alt+3	Switch to Programmer mode
Alt+4	Switch to Statistics mode
Alt+C	Calculate or solve date calculations and
Ctrl+E	Open date calculations
Ctrl+H	Turn calculation history on or off
Ctrl+L	Press the MC button
Ctrl+M	Press the MS button
Ctrl+P	Press the M+ button
Ctrl+Q	Press the M- button
Ctrl+R	Press the MR button
Ctrl+U	Open unit conversion
Ctrl+Shift+D	Clear the calculation history
F9	Press the \div button
R	Press the $1/\square$ button
@	Press the square root button
Del	Press the CE button
Up arrow	Move up in the calculation history
Down arrow	Move down in the calculation history
Esc	Press the C button or stop editing the calculation
Enter	Recalculate the calculation history after editing
F3	Select Degrees in Scientific mode
F4	Select Radians in Scientific mode
F5	Select Grads in Scientific mode
Ctrl+B	Press the $3 \times$ button in Scientific mode
Ctrl+G	Press the $10 \times$ button in Scientific mode
Ctrl+O	Press the cosh button in Scientific mode
Ctrl+S	Press the sinh button in Scientific mode
Ctrl+T	Press the tanh button in Scientific mode
Ctrl+Y	Press the y^x button in Scientific mode
D	Press the Mod button in Scientific mode
I	Press the Inv button in Scientific mode
L	Press the log button in Scientific mode
M	Press the dms button in Scientific mode
N	Press the ln button in Scientific mode
O	Press the cos button in Scientific mode
P	Press the pi button in Scientific mode
Q	Press the x^2 button in Scientific mode
S	Press the sin button in Scientific mode
T	Press the tan button in Scientific mode
V	Press the F-E button in Scientific mode
X	Press the Exp button in Scientific mode
Y	Press the x^y button in Scientific mode
#	Press the x^3 button in Scientific mode
;	Press the Int button in Scientific mode
!	Press the n! button in Scientific mode
F2	Select Dword in Programmer mode

F3	Select Word in Programmer mode
F4	Select Byte in Programmer mode
F5	Select Hex in Programmer mode
F6	Select Dec in Programmer mode
F7	Select Oct in Programmer mode
F8	Select Bin in Programmer mode
F12	Select Qword in Programmer mode
A-F	Press the A-F buttons in Programmer mode
J	Press the RoL button in Programmer mode
K	Press the RoR button in Programmer mode
<	Press the Lsh button in Programmer mode
>	Press the Rsh button in Programmer mode
%	Press the Mod button in Programmer mode
	Press the Or button in Programmer mode
^	Press the Xor button in Programmer mode
~	Press the Not button in Programmer mode
&	Press the And button in Programmer mode
Spacebar	Toggles the bit value in Programmer mode
A	Press the Average button in Statistics mode
Ctrl+A	Press the Average Sq button in Statistics mode
S	Press the Sum button in Statistics mode
Ctrl+S	Press the Sum Sq button in Statistics mode
T	Press the S.D. button in Statistics mode
Ctrl+T	Press the Inv S.D. button in Statistics mode
D	Press the CAD button in Statistics mode