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Gnome Desktop Keyboard Shortcut Keys

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Q. How do I navigate the desktop from the keyboard only? I have difficulty using a mouse or other pointing device. I am using Debian Linux.

A. Following is the list of essential keyboard shortcut keys for Linux Gnome Desktop system:

=> **Alt + F1** : Open the Main Menu

=> **Alt + F2** : Open the Run Program dialog.

=> **F1** : Display online help.

=> **Print Screen** OR **Alt + Print Screen** : Start the screenshot application and take a screenshot of the window or entire desktop

=> **Ctrl + F1** : If the focused desktop element is a panel or application window, this keyboard shortcut switches the display of tooltips for the window or panel objects on and off.

=> **Shift + F10** : Open a popup menu for the desktop element that has focus, if a popup menu exists.

=> **arrow keys** : Navigate within a desktop element or control.

=> **Alt + F4** : Close the window.

=> **Alt + F10** : Maximize the window.

=> **Alt + F5** : Restore a maximized window to the original size of the window.

=> You can read rest of the all keyboard shortcuts in [Using the Keyboard to Navigate the Desktop](#) ^[2] chapter online.

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