

# FAR manager cheat sheet of keyboard shortcuts

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Shortcut	Description
<b>Ctrl + \</b>	Change working directory to the root folder, i.e. root of the drive.
<b>Ctrl + PgUp</b>	Move up to the parent directory.
<b>Alt + F1</b>	Set the working drive for the left panel.
<b>Alt + F2</b>	Set the working drive for the right panel.
<b>Ctrl + u</b>	Swap panels (left becomes right and vice versa).
<b>Ctrl + Left/Right Arrow</b>	Move the separating bar between panels left/right, changing the occupied space.
<b>Ctrl + Up/Down Arrow</b>	Move the bottom border of the panels up/down.
<b>Alt + F7</b>	Open File Search dialog box
<b>Alt + F12</b>	Open history of the visited folders.
<b>Alt + F8</b>	Open history of the viewed files.
<b>F9 + c + c or F11 + Advanced Compare</b>	Compare files/directories open in Panels. Standard compare (F9 + c + c) compares by name, size and time stamp. Advanced Compare allows to choose what to compare on. The files that differ are highlighted in blue.
<b>Ctrl + 1</b>	Set panel view to 3-column layout showing just names.
<b>Ctrl + 2</b>	Return to the standard 2-column view of names only.
<b>Ctrl + 3</b>	Full panel view - shows name, size, date, time columns.
<b>Ctrl + 5</b>	Full screen view - name, size, allocated, write, created, accessed, attributes columns.
<i>Sort displayed items</i>	
<b>Ctrl + F3</b>	Sort by file/folder name.
<b>Ctrl + F4</b>	Sort by extension.
<b>Ctrl + F5</b>	Sort by modified date.
<b>Ctrl + F6</b>	Sort by size.
<b>Ctrl + F8</b>	Sort by creation time

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<b>Ctrl + F9</b>	Sort by access time
<i>Selecting files and folders</i>	
<b>Insert</b>	Select the item under the cursor. Press again to deselect.
<b>Shift + move up/down</b>	Select single/multiple items. To deselect, hold Shift and move in the opposite direction.
<b>* (asterisk)</b>	Select all files/folders in the panel. Press again to invert the selection.
<b>COLORS fix later</b>	Fix me
<b>F9 → o → l</b>	Open color selection dialog box.
<b>F11 + Temporary Panel</b>	Create and switch to a Temporary Panel. You can copy/drag files and folders from the visible Panel to it. This allows to work on multiple items from different locations at the same time.
<i>Filter what is shown in the Panel</i>	
<b>Ctrl + i</b>	<p>Open Filter dialog menu. It contains all file types/extensions seen in the current folder. By moving with <i>Arrow Up/Down</i> you can select/deselect any single or combination of multiple extensions to include or exclude in the display. Highlight the extension in question and press:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>&lt;space&gt;</b> or <b>+</b> or <b>i</b>: Include files with such extension in the display, exclude from display anything else. Pressing the same key again clears the selection.</li> <li>• <b>Shift + Backspace</b>: Clear all selections made so far.</li> <li>• <b>x</b>: Exclude the selected extensions from showing, display what is left.</li> <li>• <b>Insert</b>: Open a dialog menu to create Custom filter. This allows to include/exclude files by their name/extension, size, attributes, and modification date. You can use relative operators <b>&gt;=</b>, <b>&lt;=</b>. All operands in a Custom filter are ANDed. Make sure to activate this Custom filter with Space or <b>+</b> in the filter list later.</li> </ul>
<b>Enter</b>	Activate the filter.