

I have **8 workspaces** in use throughout the day arranged as **2 rows x 4 columns**. Workspaces are numbered logically from 1-4 for the top row left-right, then 5-8 for the next row.

I would like to be able to switch to a workspace using the keyboard combination `Ctrl-num` where [num] corresponds to number [1-8] on my numeric keypad.

**Gnome/Compiz** already allows me to switch workspaces via `Ctrl-Alt-up/down/left/right` or at least that is how I have configured it.

Finding a way to make the mapping and behavior described above however is still confounding me.

Under Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts you can map up to 12 workspaces. You can find needed entries under Window Management -> Switch to workspace #.

## 2.4. Workspaces

### 2.4.a. Switching Between Workspaces

You can switch between workspaces in any of the following ways:

- In the **Workspace Switcher** applet in the bottom panel, click on the workspace where you want to work.
- Move the mouse over the **Workspace Switcher** applet in the bottom panel, and scroll the mouse wheel.
- Press **Ctrl+Alt+right arrow** to switch to the workspace on the right of the current workspace.
- Press **Ctrl+Alt+left arrow** to switch to the workspace on the left of the current workspace.

#### Note:

The arrow shortcut keys work according to how your workspaces are set out in the **Workspace Switcher** applet. If you change your panel so workspaces are displayed vertically instead of horizontally, use **Ctrl+Alt+up arrow** and **Ctrl+Alt+down arrow** to switch workspaces.

### 2.4.b. Adding Workspaces

To add workspaces to the GNOME Desktop, right-click on the **Workspace Switcher** applet, then choose **Preferences**. The **Workspace Switcher Preferences** dialog is displayed. Use the **Number of workspaces** spin box to specify the number of workspaces that you require.