

Custom HotKey Control

The Settings project provides a custom hotkey control which consumes key presses. This control can be used to set the hotkey of any PowerToy.

HotKey Control in FancyZones



Image of hotkey control

Hotkey related files

[HotkeySettingsControlHook.cs](#)

- This function initializes and starts the `KeyboardHook` for the hotkey control.

```
public HotkeySettingsControlHook(KeyEvent keyDown, KeyEvent keyUp, IsActive
isActive, FilterAccessibleKeyboardEvents filterAccessibleKeyboardEvents)
{
    _keyDown = keyDown;
    _keyUp = keyUp;
    _isActive = isActive;
    _filterKeyboardEvent = filterAccessibleKeyboardEvents;
    _hook = new KeyboardHook(HotkeySettingsHookCallback, IsActive,
FilterKeyboardEvents);
    _hook.Start();
}
```

[HotkeySettingsControl.xaml.cs](#)

- The function of this class is to update the state of the keys being pressed within the custom control. This information is stored in `internalSettings`.
- It provides the following callbacks to the `HotkeySettingsControlHook` :
 - `KeyUp` : Resets the key state in `internalSettings` when a key is released.
 - `KeyDown` : Updates the user facing text of the hotkey control as soon as a key is pressed.
 - `isActive` : Sets the current status of the keyboard hook.
 - `FilterAccessibleKeyboardEvents` : This function is used to ignore the `Tab` and `Shift+Tab` key presses to meet the accessibility requirements.

[HotkeySettings.cs](#)

- Contains the structure of a HotKey where it is represented as a combination of one of the modifier keys (`Alt` , `Shift` , `Win` and `Ctrl`) and a non-modifier key.

Note

- The control displays all key presses to the user (except Tab and Shift+Tab which move focus out of the control). However, when the focus is being lost from the control, the `lastValidHotkeySettings` is set as the user facing text.