

MacOS Notes/Tips

Windows Keyboard to MacOS

NOTE: Follow this guide first: [Switch Control and Command Keys, MacOS](#)

- MacOS Command Key (⌘) is swapped w/ Control (^)
- Works better w/ Windows Centered Keyboards (only do this for window keyboard, not mac keyboard)

Windows	Mac
CONTROL (Ctrl)	COMMAND/Apple (⌘)
ALT	OPTION (⌥)
SHIFT	SHIFT (⇧)
Windows/Start (⊞)	CONTROL (^)
BACKSPACE	DELETE
DELETE	DEL
ENTER	RETURN

Spotlight Search

1. Open Spotlight Search via **COMMAND (⌘) + SPACE**
2. Search for **App/Files**
 - **Files:** will show previews, which can be opened (based on the default app associated w/ file extension)
 - **Applications:** will be able to be opened from spotlight search

Syntax Highlighting for Preview

NOTE: To open preview files:

1. Open Finder
2. Select file (such as src code file)
3. Press **SPACE**

To have src code syntax highlighting

Run in shell (fish/zsh will work as well):

```
brew install --cask qlcolorcode
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MacOS Preview/Screenshot Edit

1. **COMMAND (⌘) + SHIFT(⇧) + 4** (Changes cursor to snipping cursor, click/drag to use)
2. Hold **CONTROL (^)** while clicking/dragging left Click to copy screenshot to clipboard (otherwise if just clicking and dragging, will get saved as image)
 - By default, screenshots are saved to Desktop, to change that, **COMMAND (⌘) + Spacebar** -> Search/open **Screenshot.app** -> Options -> **Save to** -> **Other Location** -> Create **Screenshots** Folder in **~/Pictures** (unless desired somewhere else)
3. Open Preview (**COMMAND (⌘) + Spacebar** -> Search/open **Preview.app**)
4. Find Preview Menu Bar (Top Left Corner of Screen), Select File -> **New From Clipboard**
5. Press **SHIFT (⇧) + COMMAND (⌘) + A** to Show Markup Toolbar for easy editing
 - Also can press Symbol/Icon next the **Search Bar** or Preview -> View -> **Show Markup Toolbar**
6. When done editing enter **COMMAND (⌘) + S** to save, or Preview -> File -> Save

Text Editor Shortcuts/Commands (VS Code Focused)

NOTE:

- **DELETE** -> **BACKSPACE**
- **DEL** -> **DEL**

Description	Shortcut/Command
Extends the selection/cursor position to the next line (Esc to exit)	COMMAND (⌘) + OPTION (⌥) + DOWN/UP
Moves cursor(s) to the beginning/end of line	COMMAND (⌘) + LEFT/RIGHT
Highlights the beginning/end of line (from cursor position)	COMMAND (⌘) + SHIFT (⇧) + LEFT/RIGHT
Move cursor between/across words	Hold OPTION (⌥) + LEFT/RIGHT
Highlights/moves across words	Hold OPTION (⌥) + SHIFT (⇧) + LEFT/RIGHT
Deletes all word characters before cursor	OPTION (⌥) + DELETE
Deletes all word characters after cursor	OPTION (⌥) + DEL
Deletes all line content before cursor	COMMAND (⌘) + DELETE
Deletes all line content after cursor	COMMAND (⌘) + DEL
Duplicate Line (below cursor)	SHIFT (⇧) + OPTION (⌥) + DOWN/UP
Delete Line (No cut)	COMMAND (⌘) + SHIFT (⇧) + K
Delete Line (Cut)	COMMAND (⌘) + X
Copy Highlighted Content onto Clipboard	COMMAND (⌘) + C
Paste Clipboard Content	COMMAND (⌘) + V
Move Clipboard Content (Useful for Finder App)	OPTION (⌥) + COMMAND (⌘) + V
Copy Filepath onto Clipboard (Useful for Finder App)	OPTION (⌥) + COMMAND (⌘) + C

Description	Shortcut/Command
Selects all instances of the current highlighted word	COMMAND (⌘) + SHIFT (⇧) + L
Selects the next instance... and the one after that... etc	COMMAND (⌘) + D
Hide VS Code Sidebar (some extensions may use this shortcut)	COMMAND (⌘) + B
	move/click cursor where not on main text editor if needed

Bash (zsh/fish) Terminal Shortcuts

NOTE: Install [fzf](#) First ([click link here](#))

Description	Shortcut/Command
Open Finder in working directory	open .
FZF Command History Search (use arrows to navigate, RETURN to select)	CONTROL (^) + R
FZF Navigate Directories (use arrows to navigate, RETURN to select)	cd ** + TAB
Open FZF (search, use arrows to navigate, RETURN to select)	fzf
	ex: code ** + TAB
Go to Beginning of Line	CONTROL (^) + A
Go to Ending of Line	CONTROL (^) + E
Delete Line	CONTROL (^) + U
Delete from cursor to the end of the command line	CONTROL (^) + K
Delete from cursor to the start of the word (i.e. delete backwards one word)	CONTROL (^) + W
Paste word or text that was cut using one of the deletion shortcuts	CONTROL (^) + Y

MacOS General Shortcuts

Description	Shortcut/Command
Locks the MacOS Screen	COMMAND (⌘) + CONTROL (^) + Q
Spotlight Search (find applications/files, preview, and open them), see more info above	COMMAND (⌘) + SPACE
Take Screenshot (Drag Mouse cursor), see more info above	COMMAND (⌘) + SHIFT(⇧) + 4
Move Clipboard Content (Useful for Finder App)	OPTION (⌥) + SHIFT(⇧) + V
Copy Filepath onto Clipboard (Useful for Finder App)	OPTION (⌥) + SHIFT(⇧) + C

Description	Shortcut/Command
Switch between windows (Use Tab or Arrow Keys to select, release COMMAND (⌘) on selection)	COMMAND (⌘) + TAB
Paste without formatting	OPTION (⌥) + SHIFT(⇧) + COMMAND (⌘) + V