

Quirkey Shift Functions

Shift functions are invoked with the inner key (the one to the right of the thumb on a right-handed Quirkey). This is referred to as the Command Key because it is used for other purposes than just an alphabetic shift key.

These control functions are represented in documentation by a Quirkey letter code that uses the thumb key, but prefixed with Command- or Cmd- to indicate that the Command key is used in place of the thumb key (or in some cases to aid mnemonics, in addition or a chord that does not normally use the thumb key).

For control functions that shift into a different character set (in its simplest form that would be tapping the Command key twice to produce capital letters) pressing the Command sequence twice will "lock" that shift mode for all subsequent characters.

A few oddball functions will use both the thumb and Command keys. The most frequent use is to press both to clear all current shift functions.

Shift modes may be stacked. For example, using Shift and Numeric Shift while typing "-" will produce "_", and using Shift with Extra Shift while typing "[" will produce "{" much the way the original characters on a standard keyboard behave with Shift depressed.

Cmd	Shift key (actual keyboard Shift key, but lockable)
Cmd-C	Enter
Cmd-D	Delete
Cmd-F	Cursor right (Forward)
Cmd-H	Extra Shift - extra large cursor movements
Cmd-I	Insert
Cmd-J	Cursor up (Actually Cmd-Y but mnemonic for "Jump back")
Cmd-K	Cursor left (back)
Cmd-L	Function keys shift
Cmd-N	Numeric shift (actually Cmd-Y but easier to remember)
Cmd-P	Alt key shift (actual keyboard Left Alt)
Cmd-T	Tab (actually Cmd-R but more mnemonic)
Cmd-X	Command key shift (actual keyboard Cmd)
Cmd-Z	Cursor down (mnemonically at the bottom of the alphabet)

Extra Shift

The Extra Shift is used primarily to emulate keys in the numeric/movement portion of a standard keyboard, as well as a few characters that seemed appropriate. Extra Shift will lock if pressed twice. It modifies the following character to perform as follows:

Extra-C	[(Note: similar to Numeric Shift generating a '(' character)
Extra-D	DEL key (usually used for forward delete)
Extra-E	ESC key
Extra-F	END key (similar to Cmd-F used for right arrow)
Extra-J	Page Up
Extra-V	\
Extra-Q] (Note: similar to Numeric Shift generating a ')' character)
Extra-Z	Page Down

Oddballs

Other than clearing the shifts, there are some oddball chords that use both the thumb keys simultaneously. Oddball-J is the ALTGR (Right Alt key) shift, and Oddball-I enters mouse mode. Mouse mode does not emulate all functions of a mouse, but Shift may be locked before entering mouse mode:

Left	1 st finger
Right	Pinkie
Up	Index finger
Down	Ring finger
Left button	Thumb
Right button	Command

Pressing all 4 finger keys will exit mouse mode. Mouse mode is not meant to be used constantly, only to rescue keyboard-only users when poorly-designed software insists users click with a mouse.