Keyboard shortcuts for WINDOWS-AHK

This document lists keyboard shortcuts for arlbibek/windows-ahk, a simple and intuitive AutoHotKey script to enhance your Windows workflow.

For setup instructions, refer to the README.md on GitHub.

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Tray menu options

Right-click the windows-ahk tray icon to access the following options:

Option	Action	Hotkey
Run at startup	Enable or disable script to run automatically at login	
Start menu shortcut	Show or hide the script from the Start menu	
Presentation mode	Toggle Windows Presentation Mode on/off	`Win` + `Shift` + `P`
Keyboard shortcuts	View keyboard shortcuts, opens (this) shortcut documentation as a PDF	`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Alt` + `\`
Open file location	Opens the script directory	
View in GitHub	View source code in GitHub repository	
AutoHotKey documentation	Opens the official AutoHotKey v2 documentation	
Suspend hotkeys	Disables (suspends) hotkeys and hotstrings, while the script itself keeps running in the background	`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Alt` + `S`
Reload script	Reloads the script (use after changes)	`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Alt` + `R`
Exit	Exits the script	`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Alt` + `E`

Hotkeys

Also known as **shortcut keys** - easily trigger an action (such as launching a program or keyboard macro).

Function keys actions

> **Note:** You can customize these actions by editing the configuration file at `%appdata%/windows-ahk/config.ini`, under the `[FUNCTION_KEYS]` section.
>
> > To do so, right-click the tray icon → **Launch configuration window**, Click **Open configuration file**, then edit as needed, Save changes and reload the script

Function Key	Value	Action
F1	`default_browser`	Launch or switch to the default browser
F2	*(Unassigned — customize as needed)*	
F3	`switch_tabs`	Switch between two most recent active windows
F4	`notepad.exe`	Launch or cycle through Notepad windows
F5 ... F9	*(Unassigned — customize as needed)*	
F10	`C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe`	Launch or switch to PowerShell window(s)
F11 ... F12	*(Unassigned — customize as needed)*	

> 🔧 You can use either one of the **available options** below or an **app path** - *must be a full path or accessible via the system PATH*.

Available options

Option	Description
`default_browser`	Launch the default browser or cycle through its windows
`all_browsers`	Launch default browser of cycle through all active browser windows (includes: firefox, duckduckgo, chrome, arc, brave, msedge, opera,

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	iexplore, zen)
`browser_tabs`	Launch the default browser or cycle through active browser tabs
`switch_window`	Switch between two most recent active windows (sends {Alt} + {Tab})
`switch_tabs`	Switch between two most recent active tab in a active window (sends {Ctrl} + {Tab})

🔍 See screenshot of example configuration here.

Global hotkeys

Hotkey	Action
`Win` + `E`	Open or switch to File Explorer (Use `Shift` to open new window)
`Win` + `N`	Open or switch to Notepad (Use `Shift` for new window)
`Win` + `S`	Search selected text using the active or default browser
`CapsLock` + `7`	Transform selected text to lower case (e.g., `Hello, Word!` to `hello, word!`)
`CapsLock` + `8`	Transform selected text to title case (e.g., `hello, word!` to `Hello, Word!`)
`CapsLock` + `9`	Transform selected text to upper case (e.g., `Hello, Word!` to `HELLO, WORD!`)
`Esc` ×3	Press `Esc` three times to close the active window (if the active window is a browser close the active tab)

File explorer hotkeys

Hotkey	Action
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `U`	Go to **User** folder 👤
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `E`	Go to **This PC** 💻
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `H`	Go to **Desktop** 🏠
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `D`	Go to **Documents** 📄
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `J`	Go to **Downloads** 📥
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `M`	Go to **Music** 🎵

Hotkey	Action
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `P`	Go to **Pictures** 🖼️
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `V`	Go to **Videos** 📼
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `T`	Open PowerShell in current directory
`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `\`	Open current directory in VS Code

Hotstring

Hotstrings are mainly used to expand abbreviations as you type them (auto-replace), they can also be used to launch any scripted action.

```
; for example
::wtf::Wow that's fantastic
```

Abbreviation	Expands To
`/paste`	*(Pastes clipboard content)*
`/datetime` or `/dt`	Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 17:38
`/date`	May 13, 2025
`/time`	17:38
`/dear`	(*Time-based email greeting with polite template*)

Customizable hotstrings

> **Note**: You can edit or add custom Hotstrings under the `[HOTSTRINGS]` section in the config file, using the format: `shortcut=your text here`
>
>> To do so, right-click tray icon → **Launch configuration window**, Click **Edit configuration file**, Save and **reload** the script

Abbreviation	Phrase
`wtf`	Wow that's fantastic
`gm`	Good morning
`ge`	Good evening
`gn`	Good night

Abbreviation	Phrase
ty	Thank you very much
wc	Welcome
mp	My pleasure
omg	Oh my god
pfa	Please find the attachment.
/lorem	*(Lorem Ipsum text)*
/plankton	*(Plankton description)*
/mail	you@example.com (update your email here)
/ph	98XXXXXXXX (update your phone number here)
/addr	Kathmandu, Nepal (update your address here)

💡 To restore default configuration, right-click the tray icon → **Launch configuration window** → **Restore default configuration**

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