

Keyboard shortcuts for WINDOWS-AHK



This document lists keyboard shortcuts for [arlbibek/windows-ahk](https://github.com/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

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

🔧 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
<code>default_browser</code>	Launch the default browser or cycle through its windows
<code>all_browsers</code>	Launch default browser of cycle through all active browser windows (includes: firefox, duckduckgo, chrome, arc, brave, msedge, opera, iexplore, zen)









Option	Description
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 (or a browser 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 
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.

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; for example
::wtf::Wow that's fantastic
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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
ty	Thank you very much
wc	Welcome
mp	My pleasure
omg	Oh my god
pfa	Please find the attachment.
/lorem	(Lorem Ipsum text)

Abbreviation	Phrase
/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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