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Useful keyboard shortcuts

This page provides an overview of keyboard shortcuts that can help you use your desktop and applications more efficiently. If you cannot use a mouse or pointing device at all, see [Keyboard navigation](#) for more information on navigating user interfaces with only the keyboard.

▼ **Getting around the desktop**

Alt+F1 or the Super key	Switch between the Activities overview and desktop. In the overview, start typing to instantly search your applications, contacts, and documents.
Alt+F2	Pop up command window (for quickly running commands). Use the arrow keys to quickly access previously run commands.
Super+Tab	Quickly switch between windows . Hold down Shift for reverse order.
Super+	Switch between windows from the same application, or from the selected application after Super+Tab . This shortcut uses  on US keyboards, where the  key is above Tab . On all other keyboards, the shortcut is Super plus the key above Tab .
Alt+Esc	Switch between windows in the current workspace. Hold down Shift for reverse order.
Ctrl+Alt+Tab	Give keyboard focus to the top bar. In the Activities overview, switch keyboard focus between the top bar, dash, windows overview, applications list, and search field. Use the arrow keys to navigate.
Super+A	Show the list of applications.
Super+Page Up and Super+Page Down	Switch between workspaces .
Shift+Super+Page Up and Shift+Super+Page Down	Move the current window to a different workspace .
Shift+Super+←	Move the current window one monitor to the left.
Shift+Super+→	Move the current window one monitor to the right.
Ctrl+Alt+Delete	Log Out .
Super+L	Lock the screen .
Super+M or Super+V	Open the message tray . Press Super+M or Super+V again or Esc to close.

▲ **Common editing shortcuts**

▲ **Capturing from the screen**

More Information

- [Applications and windows](#)
- [Keyboard](#) — Keyboard layouts, cursor blinking, keyboard accessibility...
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See Also

- [Keyboard navigation](#) — Use applications and the desktop without a mouse.
- [Set keyboard shortcuts](#) — Define or change keyboard shortcuts in Keyboard settings.
- [What is the Menu key?](#) — The **Menu** key launches a context menu with the keyboard rather than with a right-click.
- [What is the Super key?](#) — The **Super** key opens the Activities overview. You can usually find it next to the **Alt** key on your keyboard.

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