

Ultimate list of windows keyboard shortcuts to use with the Win key

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Ultimate list of all Windows keyboard shortcuts with Win keys

Ever since Windows 95, the Windows key (or Win key) is ubiquitous on PC keyboards. With each new release of Windows, Microsoft has added new keyboard shortcuts with the Win key. Here is a complete list of all Winkey shortcuts.

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The Win key when pressed by itself opens the Start Menu on systems which have it. On Windows 8 it opens the Start screen. Here are all the other Win key combinations which you may not be aware of:

Win+A: Does nothing in Windows 8.x, opens Action Center in Windows 10.

Win+B: Moves the focus to the notification area (System tray)

Win+C: Shows Charms, and the date & time (Windows 8 and later)

Win+D: Shows the Desktop. When you press Win+D again, it restores the open windows.

Win+E: Opens Explorer

Win+F: Opens file search. Prior to Windows 8, this opened Explorer search. Now it opens the Search pane with Files selected for searching

Win+Ctrl+F: Opens the Find Computers dialog (for Active Directory/domain joined PCs)

Win+G: Brings gadgets to the top of other windows.

Win+H: Opens the Share charm on Windows 8

Win+I: Opens the Settings charm on Windows 8

Win+J: *Does nothing*

Win+K: Opens the Devices charm

Win+L: Locks the PC or lets you switch users

Win+M: Minimizes all windows. Win+Shift+M does undo minimize all

Win+N: *Does nothing in Windows.* In Microsoft OneNote, it opens a new Note.

Win+O: Locks or unlocks the orientation of the device if it's a tablet PC so if even if you rotate it, it won't rotate

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Win+P: Opens the UI to project to another display or projector

Win+Q: Opens the app specific search in Windows 8.1. e.g. In Modern IE, it will search Internet Explorer. In PC Settings, it will search Settings and so on.

Win+R: Opens the Run dialog

Win+S: Opens the search with "Everywhere" selected

Win+T: Focuses on the taskbar icons. Pressing Win+T again moves the focus to the next icon.

Win+U: Opens Ease of Access Center (or Utility Manager in Windows XP/2000)

Win+V: Focuses on the Metro style toast notifications and cycles through them

Win+W: Opens the search pane with Settings selected

Win+X: Opens the [Power Users menu on Windows 8](#) and later. On Windows 7/Vista, it opens Mobility Center

Win+Y: *Does nothing*

Win+Z: Shows the App Bar in a Modern app, same as right clicking inside a Modern app

Win+1/2/3....0: Opens or switches to the correspondingly numbered Taskbar button

Win+'': Opens Magnifier and zooms in

Win+'-': Zooms out in Magnifier

Win+Esc: Exits Magnifier if it's running

Win+F1: Opens Help and Support

Win+Pause/Break: Opens System Properties

Win+Print screen: Takes a screenshot in Windows 8 and saves it to the Screenshots folder

Win+Home: Same as Aero Shake (minimizes all windows except the foreground window)

Win+Left arrow key: Snaps a desktop app's window to the left. In Windows 8.1, it also snaps a Modern app's window to the left.

Win+Right arrow key: Snaps a desktop app's window to the right. In Windows 8.1, it also snaps a Modern app's window to the right.

Win+Up arrow key: Maximizes a window. In Windows 8.1, it also makes a snapped Modern app full screen.

Win+Down arrow key: Minimizes a window. In Windows 8.1, it suspends a Metro app and takes you to either the Desktop or the Start screen depending on your Start screen settings

Win+Page Down: In Windows 8.0, it moves a Modern app's window to the next display if multiple monitors are connected. In Windows 8.1, this shortcut is moved to Win+Shift+Right arrow key to be consistent with desktop apps

Win+Page Up: moves a Modern app's window to the previous display if multiple monitors are connected. In Windows 8.1, this shortcut is moved to Win+Shift+Left arrow key to be consistent with desktop apps

Win+Enter: Starts Narrator (on Windows 8 and later)

Win+Alt+Enter: Starts Media Center

Win+Space: In Windows 7, it does an Aero Peek. In Windows 8, it switches the input language

Win+Comma (,): In Windows 8, this is the new key for Aero Peek

Win+Period (.): Shows you which is the active window (useful when two Modern apps are snapped).

Win+Tab: In Windows 8 and later, when you press Win+Tab and release it, you can switch between Modern apps, the Start screen and the Desktop. If you continue to hold the Win key, it will show you the Switcher UI and when you let go of the Win key, it will switch. In Windows 7/Vista, Win+Tab shows Flip 3D which operates similarly.

Ctrl+Win+Tab: Shows the Switcher UI in sticky mode so you can use keyboard arrow keys or mouse to switch. Ctrl+Win+Tab also opens Flip 3D in sticky mode in Windows 7/Vista

Let us know if we missed any Win key shortcuts and tell us if you discovered any new ones from this article. :)

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Now in Russian please =) This article is desirable on your Russian site =) Thanks =)

Sergey Tkachenko

My russian site has a lot of such articles :)

shnk

win+shift+S

clip the desktop to save it in onenote or copy to clipboard

Executor

It should be noted that on Windows 10, Win+Tab opens the Task View UI, rendering its enabled-by-default taskbar button completely superfluous.

Jim

Win+Shift+Up arrow maximizes the current window's height only – I use this one *a lot* – especially in Firefox and Word!

HRH

Ctrl+Win+D Creates new desktop in Win 10. Ctrl+Win+(Left or Right arrow key) moves between desktops

Julie

Win + left arrow or win + right arrow allows the file to snap left or right (so you can see both files in front of you)

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