

## Disable Alt + Arrow display flip keyboard shortcut

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Whenever I click `Alt` + `Arrow up` / `Arrow down` my screen will do an unwanted flip. I'd like to disable this shortcut behaviour. I've already looked at Super User question [How to stop my laptop's screen from rotating when I press Alt + Arrow?](#).

But `Ctrl` + `Alt` + `F12` doesn't start any menu for me. How can I fix this problem?

I have an Nvidia graphic card, 2100M, and Windows 7 on a Toshiba computer.

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edited Mar 20 '17 at 10:16



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asked Jan 2 '12 at 16:16



Warpzit

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### 8 Answers



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Neither of these answers helped me. What I did:

Right-click on Desktop and select Graphics options > hotkeys > Disable

As indicated in [Windows Forums](#) and [Microsoft Answers](#)

answered Dec 27 '13 at 19:37



Christian Vielma

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1 I needed to assign other hotkeys in the Intel Graphics options dialog. – remipod Jun 1 '15 at 8:52

1 Note to future readers: This does not seem to interfere with Windows shortcuts as I was fearing it might. – [emragins](#) Dec 8 '15 at 17:38

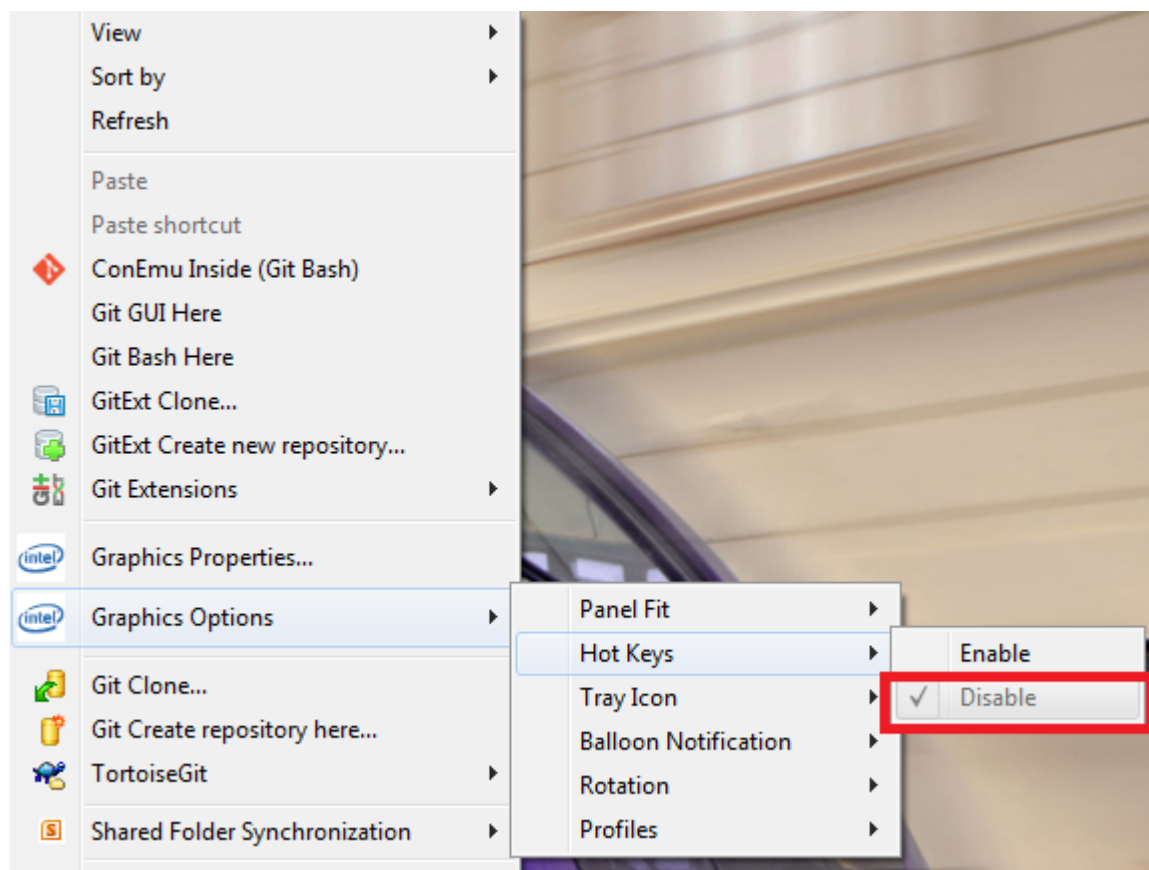
remipod is correct (see also Noxoreos's answer): You need to assign different shortcuts in the Intel thing, otherwise it still intercepts the keypresses and other programs can't use them. – [Timmmm](#) Apr 22 '16 at 7:22

2 Worked on Windows 8.1 🍷 – [Eido95](#) Oct 24 '16 at 8:02

6 still works in Windows 10 – [Chaim Elijah](#) Oct 25 '16 at 19:14

For these using Intel Graphic, to disable global hotkeys:

- Right click on your Desktop and select:



answered Jun 14 '14 at 14:29

 [dario](#)

Normally, I am able to access the Intel Graphics from the system tray, but it was disabled for some reason. I was trying to raise and lower the volume on WinAmp, but it kept flipping the screen! – [Sun Sep 22 '14 at 15:20](#)

thx @dario , upvoted for saving my day :) – [Ravi Vaniya May 1 at 7:05](#)

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I had the exact same issue on an Acer notebook with an Intel graphics driver. Simply disabling the feature was not enough, since the keys are still captured and not passed to the system afterwards, even if the rotation did not happen.

That means I was still not able to use this key combination in any other software, because it won't receive the shortcut.

To solve this I opened the Intel graphics properties page, enabled shortcuts, changed all available shortcuts from `Ctrl + Alt + (some key)` to `Ctrl + Shift + (some key)`, and finally deactivated it again. This way the `Ctrl + Alt` combination is captured only for the `F8` key, which can't be changed, and all other shortcuts are captured by the software I wanted to use (like Eclipse or PhpStorm) - I rarely use the other combination, so this was a valid solution for me.

edited Dec 12 '14 at 1:39



G-Man

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answered Dec 11 '14 at 23:55



Noxoreos

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Perfect. I needed to do this to enable the `ctrl + alt + <-` and `ctrl + alt + ->` shortcuts for changing tab in RStudio. – [jbaums Jan 19 '15 at 0:36](#)

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Have a look at the Control Panel for the Nvidia Desktop Software and launch it. It should bring up a configuration Menu (for screen resolution, etc.) and there should be a Menu Item to disable the Hotkeys. IIRC it is the last Item.

edited Aug 15 '12 at 0:59



Sirex

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answered Jan 3 '12 at 12:59



Crujach

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Will try to look at work tomorrow, I've looked before but couldn't find it. Its a mobile graphic card NVS 2100M. – [Warpzit Jan 3 '12 at 13:08](#)

1 I really can't find it. I've looked inside the nvidia control panel under display -> change resolution and display -> rotate display. – [Warpzit Jan 4 '12 at 8:41](#)



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In some obscure place off the internet I found a solution.

Run **msconfig** (  +  ), select **startup** and disable `Toshiba 180 Degrees Rotation Utility` ; then, click **Apply** and finally **OK**.

edited Oct 30 '13 at 15:07

answered Jan 9 '12 at 13:17



Warpzit

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1. Press Ctrl + Alt + F12

2. Click on "Options and Support"

3. You can now either disable the hotkeys or change the keys.

answered Jan 7 '17 at 20:39



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Ctrl + Alt + F12 does nothing. Maybe only for you? – [7h3w1z4rd](#) Jan 7 '17 at 20:49

Welcome to Super User. Please be aware you have posted an answer to a question that is very old. Although there is nothing wrong with doing so, just be aware you may not get a response. – [CharlieRB](#) Jan 9 '17 at 12:57






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If your processor is from Intel, one of these possibilities should work in your case:

1. Right-click on your desktop background and select **Graphics Options > Hot Keys > Disable** as illustrated in [dario's answer](#).

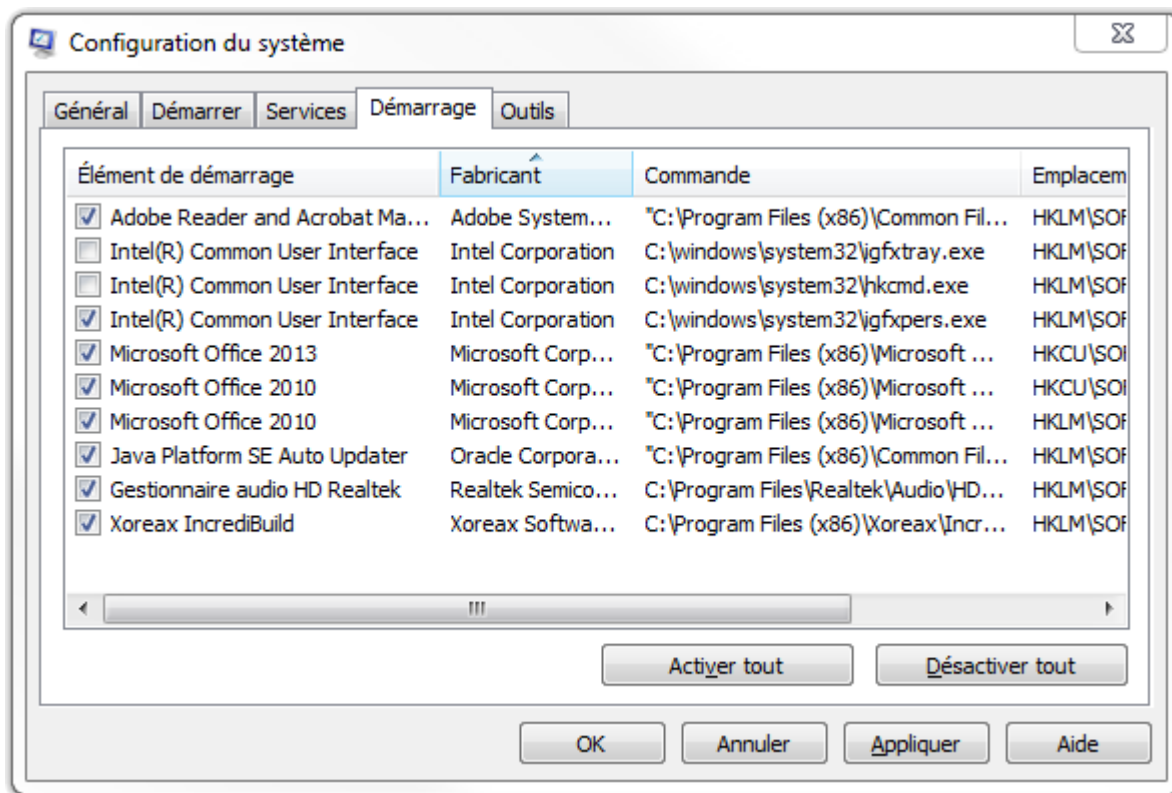
2. Press  +  +  to open an Intel dialog box and disable the **Hot Keys**. You may have to change the shortcuts before disabling them as explained in the [Noxoreos' answer](#).



3. Temporary stop process **hkcmd** using **Task manager** ( **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Esc** ) as proposed in the [gavenkoa's answer](#). You may also stop the process **igfxTray** as suggested by [gavenkoa](#). But on next reboot, this (these) process(es) will start again.

#### 4. Disable the starting of **hkcmd** (and **igfxTray**):

- WinKey + R
- enter **msconfig**
- go to tab **Startup**
- uncheck C:\windows\system32\hkcmd.exe
- (and also uncheck igfxtray.exe ).



edited Sep 21 '17 at 11:48

answered Sep 20 '17 at 12:10



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It is possible to disable hot key catching withing Intel applet (by `Ctrl+Alt+F12` or from *Graphic options* on Desktop right click).

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But I recommend to disable Intel applets!



`Ctrl+Shift+Esc` to start Task Manager and disable everything from Intel published in *Startup* tab ( `hkcmd` module is responsible for catching keys, also `igfxTray` module is useless).

answered Aug 2 '17 at 8:50



[gavenkoa](#)

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