Altium Designer cheatsheet

Main keyboard shortcuts

Z A	Zooms so that everything is visible This is very useful if you don't understand where your circuit is gone on the sheet
PgUp	Zooms in
PgDn	Zooms out
Home	Centers the view around the mouse cursor
⇧ C	Clears any currently active display filter (*e.g.*, highlight net)
G	On schematics, switches between 3 predefined grid settings (see status line)
G	On PCBs, opens the *Grid* menu where you can select the grid settings
P	Opens the *Place* menu allowing you to place new elements Some letters in the menu are underlined, and can be used as further keyboard shortcuts
P P	Places a *pin* on a schematic symbol
P P	Places a *part* (component) on a schematic
P P	Places a *pad* on a PCB or footprint
P T	Places a *track* on a PCB
P W	Places a *wire* on a schematic
K	Opens the *Panels* menu to quickly open a property panel
K F	Opens the *Filter* panel It allows you to quickly select groups of elements by their properties (*e.g.*, layer, footprint…)
2	Switches to the 2D view on a PCB
3	Switches to the 3D view on a PCB
L	Displays the *Layers* configuration panel in the PCB editor
L	While moving an element on a PCB, moves it to the other layer
*	Switches to the opposite layer while editing a PCB Only possible with layers that are defined as couples (*e.g.*, top/bottom, top overlay/bottom overlay)
S	Opens the *Select* menu (particularly useful on PCBs)
⇧ S	Enables or disables the single layer mode on the PCB editor
space	Rotates the component being moved (both on schematics and PCBs)
space	Switches between possible paths while placing a wire on a schematic
space	Switches between possible paths while routing a track on a PCB
⇧*space*	Switches between wiring modes (90°, 45°, direct, etc.) on a schematic
⇧*space*	Switches between routing modes (45°, 90°, rounded, direct, etc.) on a PCB
⇆ *(tab key)*	Pauses the active tool and displays the *Properties* panel This allows you *e.g.* to change the color of a text string or the thickness of the track being routed
⇧F1	With an active tool, displays a pop-up menu with the available shortcuts
ESC	Stops the current tool (*e.g. place wire*) – same as a right click with the mouse

Full list of shortcut keys with detailed explanations:
https://www.altium.com/documentation/altium-designer/altium-designer-shortcut-keys