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General Keys

New file	Ctrl + N
Open file	Ctrl + O
Save file	Ctrl + S
Move between open workbooks	Ctrl + F6
Close file	Ctrl + F4
Save as	F12

Display the print menu P	Ctrl +
Select whole spreadsheet A	Ctrl +
Select column	Ctrl + Space
Select row	Shift + Space
Undo last action	Ctrl + Z
Redo last action	Ctrl + Y
Start a formula (eg. SUM(A1+A2))	Equals Sign
Exit Excel 97 F4	Alt +
Move to next cell in row Tab	
Move to previous cell in row Shift + Tab	

Up one screen

Page

Up

Down one screen

Page Down

Move to next worksheet

Ctrl + Page Down

Move to previous worksheet

Ctrl + Page Up

Go to first cell in data
region

Ctrl + Home

Go to last cell in data region

Ctrl + End

Bold toggle for selection

Ctrl + B

Italic toggle for selection

Ctrl + I

Underline toggle for selection

Ctrl + U

Strikethrough for selection

Ctrl + 5

Change the font

Ctrl + Shift + F

Change the font size

Ctrl +

Shift + P

Apply outline borders

Ctrl +

Shift + 7

Remove all borders

Ctrl + Shift +

Underline

Wrap text in same cell

Alt +

Enter

Format cells

Ctrl + 1

Select font

Ctrl + Shift + F

Select point size

Ctrl + Shift + P

Format as currency	Ctrl + Shift + 4
Format as general (to remove any formatting)	Ctrl + Shift + #
Format as percentage	Ctrl + Shift + 5
Format as number	Ctrl + Shift + 1
Delete one character to the right	Right
Delete one character to the left	left
Delete	Backspace
Edit active cell	F2
Cancel cell entry	Escape Key
Select entire worksheet	Ctrl + A
Select entire row	Shift +

Insert the time (semi-colon) Ctrl + Shift + ;

Insert columns/rows	Ctrl +
Shift + + (plus sign)	
Insert a new worksheet	Shift +
F11	
Find text	Ctrl + F
Replace text dialog	Ctrl + H
Create a chart automatically on new sheet	F11
Edit a cell comment	Shift +
F2	
Say Version of Excel	Ctrl +
Shift + V	
Move to Next Sheet	Ctrl + Page
Down	
Move to Prior Sheet	Ctrl +
Page Up	

Go to a cell command Ctrl + G

Collapse Selection To Active Cell Shift + Backspace

Say Active Cell Coordinates
Insert + C

AutoSum Alt + Equals

Insert Date In Current Cell
Ctrl + ; (semicolon)

Insert Time In Current Cell
Ctrl + Shift + ; (semicolon)

Current Column First	Cell
From Top Alt + 1	

Current Column Second Cell From Top
Alt + 2

Current Column Third Cell From Top

Alt + 3

Current Column Fourth Cell From Top

Alt + 4

Data Region Left
Arrow

Ctrl + Left

Data Region Right
Arrow

Ctrl + Right

Data Region Down
Down Arrow

Ctrl +

Data Region Up
Arrow

Ctrl + Up

Select Whole Data Region
Shift + 8

Ctrl +

Say Formula

Ctrl + F2

Spell Check

F7

Report Gridline Status

Alt +

Shift + g

Read Row Total

Insert +

Delete

Read Column Total

Insert + Enter

Say Column Title

Alt + Shift +

C

Say Row Title

Alt + Shift +

R

Say Visible Range Coordinates

Alt + Shift + V

Cycle Through Controls in

Dialog

Box Tab

Tab Backwards

Shift + Tab

List Cells With Comments

Ctrl +

Shift + ' (apostrophe)

Row Second Cell From Left

Alt + Ctrl + 2

Row First Cell From Left Alt +
Ctrl + 1

Row Third Cell From Left Alt +
Ctrl + 3

Row Fourth Cell From Left
Alt + Ctrl + 4

Describe Cell Border Alt +
Shift + B

Read Cell Comment Alt + Shift +
' (apostrophe)

Auto Filter Ctrl + Shift + A

Read Cell Hyperlink Alt +
Shift + H

Close Office Assistant Ctrl +
Insert + F4

Set Monitor Cell One Ctrl + Shift + 1	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Two Ctrl + Shift + 2	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Three Ctrl + Shift + 3	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Four Ctrl + Shift + 4	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Five Ctrl + Shift + 5	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Six Ctrl + Shift + 6	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Seven Ctrl + Shift + 7	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell Eight Ctrl + Shift + 8	Alt +

Set Monitor Cell Nine Ctrl + Shift + 9	Alt +
Set Monitor Cell 10 Shift + 0	Alt + Ctrl +
Read Monitor Cell One Shift + 1	Alt +
Read Monitor Cell Two Shift + 2	Alt +
Read Monitor Cell Three Shift + 3	Alt +
Read Monitor Cell Four Shift + 4	Alt +
Read Monitor Cell Five Shift + 5	Alt +
Read Monitor Cell Six Shift + 6	Alt +

Read Monitor Cell Seven	Alt +
Shift + 7	

Read Monitor Cell Eight	Alt +
Shift + 8	

Read Monitor Cell Nine	Alt +
Shift + 9	

Read Monitor Cell Ten	Alt +
Shift + 0	

List Visible Cells With Data	
Ctrl + Shift + D	

Lists Data In Current Column	
Ctrl + Shift + C	

List Data In Current Row	Ctrl +
Shift + R	

Select Hyperlink	Ctrl + Shift +
H	

Move To Worksheet Listbox

Ctrl + Shift + S

Move To Monitor Cell

Ctrl +

Shift + M

Select Worksheet Objects

Ctrl +

Shift + O

List Cells At Page Breaks

Ctrl +

Shift + B

Options Listbox

Insert + V

Edit the selected cell.

F2

After a name has been created, F3 will
paste names.

F3

Repeat last action. For example, if you
changed the color of text in another cell,
pressing F4 will change the text in cell
to the same color.

Go to a specific cell. For example,
C6. F5

Spell check selected text or
document. F7

Create chart from selected
data. F11

Enter the current time. Ctrl +
Shift + ;

Enter the current date. Ctrl + ;

Insert New Worksheet. Alt +
Shift + F1

While typing text in a cell, pressing Alt
+ Enter will move to the next line,
allowing for multiple lines of text in one
cell.

Alt +

Enter

Open the Excel formula
window. Shift + F3

Bring up search box. Shift + F5

Open the Format Cells
window. Ctrl + 1

Select all contents of the
worksheet. Ctrl + A

Bold highlighted selection. Ctrl +
B

Italic highlighted
selection. Ctrl + I

Insert link. Ctrl + K

Save the open worksheet. Ctrl +
S

Underline highlighted

selection. Ctrl + U

Change the format of selected cells. Ctrl + 1

Strikethrough highlighted selection. Ctrl + 5

Bring up the print dialog box to begin the printing process. Ctrl + P

Undo last action. Ctrl + Z

Open Excel Name Manager. Ctrl + F3

Minimize current window. Ctrl + F9

Maximize currently selected window. Ctrl + F10

Switch between open workbooks or windows. Ctrl + F6

Move between work sheets in the same document. Ctrl + Page up

Move between work sheets in the same document. Ctrl + Page down

Move between Two or more open Excel files. Ctrl + Tab

Create a formula to sum all of the above cells. Alt + =

Insert the value of the above cell into the cell currently selected. Ctrl +
,

Format number in comma format. Ctrl + Shift + 1

Format number in currency format. Ctrl + Shift + 4

Format number in date

format. Ctrl + Shift + 3

Format number in percentage

format. Ctrl + Shift + 5

Format number in scientific

format. Ctrl + Shift + 6

Format number in time

format. Ctrl + Shift + 2

Move to next section of

text. Ctrl + Arrow key

Select entire column. Ctrl +
Space

Select entire row. Shift + Space

Delete the selected column or
row. Ctrl + -

Insert a new column or

row. Ctrl + Shift + =

Move to cell A1.	Ctrl + Home
Switch between showing Excel formulas or their values in cells.	Ctrl + ~
File menu options in current program.	Alt + F
Edit options in current program	Alt + E
Switch between open programs	Alt + Tab
Universal Help in almost every Windows program.	F1
Rename a selected file	F2
Refresh the current program window.	F5
Create a new, blank document in some software programs	Ctrl + N

Open a file in current software
program Ctrl + O

Select all text. Ctrl + A

Change selected text to be
Bold Ctrl + B

Change selected text to be in
Italics Ctrl + I

Change selected text to be
Underlined Ctrl + U

Open find window for current document
or window. Ctrl + F

Save current document
file. Ctrl + S

Cut selected item. Ctrl + X

Cut selected item. Shift + Del

Copy selected item. Ctrl + C

Copy selected item Ctrl + Ins

Paste Ctrl + V

Paste Shift + Ins

Insert hyperlink for selected
text Ctrl + K

Print the current page or
document. Ctrl + P

Goes to beginning of current
line. Home

Goes to beginning of
document. Ctrl + Home

Goes to end of current
line. End

Goes to end of document. Ctrl +
End

Highlights from current position to

beginning of line. Shift +

Home

Highlights from current position to end
of line. Shift + End

Moves one word to the left at a
time. Ctrl + Left arrow

Moves one word to the right at a
time. Ctrl + Right arrow

Opens the START menu Ctrl +
Esc

Opens Windows Task
Manager Ctrl + Shift + Esc

Close the currently active
program Alt + F4

Open the Properties for the selected item
(file, folder, shortcut, etc.) Alt + Enter

CTRL Combination shortcut keys

CTRL+SHIFT+ Unhides any hidden rows within the select on.

CTRL+SHIFT+ & Applies the outline border to the selected cells.

CTRL+SHIFT_ Removes the outline border from the selected cells.

CTRL+SHIFT+~ Applies the General number format.

CTRL+SHIFT+\$ Applies the Currency format with two

decimal places (nega(ve numbers in parentheses).

CTRL+SHIFT+% Applies the Percentage format with no decimal places.

CTRL+SHIFT+^ Applies the Scien(fic number format with two decimal places.

CTRL+SHIFT+# Applies the Date format with the day, month, and year.

CTRL+SHIFT+@ Applies the Time format with the hour and minute, and AM or PM.

CTRL+SHIFT+! Applies the Number format with two decimal places, thousands separator, and

minus sign (-) for negative values.

CTRL+SHIFT+* Selects the current region around the active cell (the data area enclosed by blank rows and blank columns).

In a PivotTable, it selects the entire PivotTable report.

CTRL+SHIFT+: Enters the current month.

CTRL+SHIFT+" Copies the value from the cell above the active cell into the cell or the Formula Bar.

CTRL+SHIFT++ Displays the Insert dialog box to insert blank cells.

CTRL+- Displays the Delete dialog box to delete the selected cells.

CTRL+; Enters the current

date.

CTRL+' Alternates between displaying cell values and displaying formulas in the worksheet.

CTRL+' Copies a formula from the cell above the active cell into the cell or the Formula Bar

CTRL+1 Displays the Format Cells dialog box.

CTRL+2 Applies or removes bold formatting.

CTRL+3 Applies or removes italic formatting.

CTRL+4 Applies or removes underlining.

CTRL+5 Applies or removes strikethrough.

CTRL+6 Alternates between hiding and displaying objects.

CTRL+8 Displays or hides the outline symbols.

CTRL+9 Hides the selected rows.

CTRL+0 Hides the selected columns.

CTRL+A Selects the entire worksheet. If the worksheet contains data, CTRL+A selects the current region.

Pressing CTRL+A a second time selects the entire worksheet. When the insert on

point is to the right of a function

name in a formula this displays the Function Arguments dialog box.

CTRL+B Applies or removes bold formatting.

CTRL+C Copies the selected cells.

CTRL+D Uses the Fill Down command to copy the contents and format of the topmost cell of a selected range into the cells below.

CTRL+F Displays the Find and Replace dialog box, with the Find tab selected.

SHIFT+F5 also displays this tab, while SHIFT+F4 repeats the last Find act on.

CTRL+SHIFT+F opens the Format Cells dialog box with the Font tab selected.

CTRL+G Displays the Go To dialog box.

F5 also displays this dialog box.

CTRL+H Displays the Find and Replace dialog box, with the Replace tab selected.

CTRL+I Applies or removes italic formating.

CTRL+K Displays the Insert Hyperlink dialog box for new hyperlinks or the Edit Hyperlink dialog box for selected existing hyperlinks.

CTRL+L Displays the Create Table dialog box.

CTRL+N Creates a new, blank workbook.

CTRL+O Displays the Open dialog box to open or find a file.

CTRL+SHIFT+O selects all cells that contain comments.

CTRL+P Displays the Print tab in MicrosoC Office

Backstage view.

CTRL+SHIFT+P opens the Format Cells dialog box with the Font tab selected.

CTRL+R Uses the Fill Right command to copy the contents and format of the leftmost cell of a selected range into the cells to the right.

CTRL+S Saves the file with its current file name, location, and file format.

CTRL+T Displays the Create Table dialog box.

CTRL+U Applies or removes underlining.

CTRL+SHIFT+U switches between expanding and collapsing of the formula bar.

CTRL+V Inserts the contents of the Clipboard at the insertion point and replaces any selection.

Available only after you have cut or copied an object, text, or cell contents.

CTRL+ALT+V displays the Paste Special dialog box. Available only after you have cut or copied an object, text, or cell contents on a worksheet or in another program.

CTRL+W Closes the selected workbook window.

CTRL+X Cuts the selected cells.

CTRL+Y Repeats the last command or action, if possible.

CTRL+Z Uses the Undo command to reverse the last command or to delete the last entry that you typed.