

Start Screen Shortcut Keys

You can use the following shortcut keys in the Windows 8 **Start** screen.

Shortcut	Description
Windows Key 	Toggle between the Start screen and the last-opened Windows Store app or the desktop.
 +1,  +2, etc.	Switch to the desktop and launch the “nth” application in the taskbar. For example,  +1 launches whichever application is first in the list, from left to right.
 +B	Switch to the desktop and set the focus to the tray notification area.
 +C	Display the charms and time/date/notification/battery overlay.
 +D	Switch to the desktop and toggle Show Desktop (hides/shows any applications and other windows).
 +E	Switch to the desktop and launch Windows Explorer with the Computer tab displayed.
 +F	Search using the Files search scope.
 +H	Open the Share  charm.
 +I	Open the Settings  charm.
 +J	Swap the foreground between the snapped and filled apps. Snapped and filled views are only available on displays with a horizontal resolution of 1366 touch-independent pixels or more.
 +K	Open the Devices  charm.
 +L	Lock the PC and go to the Lock screen.
 +M	Switch to the desktop and minimize all open windows.
 +SHIFT+M	Switch to the desktop and restore all minimized windows.
 +O	Switch between landscape and portrait orientation on slate and tablet PCs.
 +P	Display the Second screen pane to choose between available projection options.
 +Q	Search using the Apps search scope.

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⊞+R	Switch to the desktop and display the Run dialog box.
⊞+U	Switch to the desktop and launch the Ease of Access Center.
⊞+V	Cycle through toast notifications (transient messages).
⊞+W	Search using the Settings search scope.
⊞+SHIFT+V	Cycle through toast notifications in reverse order.
⊞+X	Open the advanced context menu in the lower-left corner of the screen.
⊞+Z	Open the app-specific bar of commands at the bottom of the screen.
⊞+ENTER	Launch Narrator.
⊞+SPACEBAR	Switch input language and keyboard layout.
⊞+TAB	Display app thumbnails of open Windows Store apps and cycle through apps.
⊞+SHIFT+TAB	Display app thumbnails of open Windows Store apps and cycle through apps in reverse order.
⊞+CTRL+TAB	Cycle through apps, snapping them as you go. Snapped and filled views are only available on displays with a horizontal resolution of 1366 touch-independent pixels or more.
⊞+,	Peek at the desktop.
⊞+.	Snap application to the left. Snapped and filled views are only available on displays with a horizontal resolution of 1366 touch-independent pixels or more.
⊞+SHIFT+.	Snap application to the right. Snapped and filled views are only available on displays with a horizontal resolution of 1366 touch-independent pixels or more.
⊞+PGUP	If you have multiple monitors, move the Start screen to the left monitor.
⊞+PGDN	If you have multiple monitors, move the Start screen to the right monitor.
⊞+Plus Sign	Zoom in.
⊞+Minus Sign	Zoom out.
⊞+ESCAPE	Close the Magnifier.
⊞+PRNT SCR	Takes a picture of the screen and places it in the Pictures folder.

HOME	Selects the first tile in the Start screen.
END	Selects the last tile in the Start screen.
PAGE UP	Moves the tile selection up by a page in the view.
PAGE DOWN	Moves the tile selection down by a page in the view.
SPACEBAR	Selects the first tile in the Start screen and displays options at the bottom of the screen.

Desktop Shortcut Keys

You can use the following shortcut keys in the desktop. Many of these shortcuts also work in Windows 7.

Shortcut	Description
Windows Key 	Toggle between the desktop and the Start screen.
 +1,  +2, etc.	Launch the “nth” application on the taskbar. For example,  +1 launches whichever application is first in the list, from left to right.
 +SHIFT+1,  +SHIFT+2, etc.	Launch a new instance of the application located at the “nth” position on the taskbar.
 +B	Set the focus to the tray notification area.
 +C	Display the charms and the time/date/notification/battery overlay.
 +D	Toggle Show Desktop (hides/shows any applications and other windows).
 +E	Launch Windows Explorer with the Computer tab displayed.
 +F	Search using the Files search scope.
 +I	Open the Desktop settings pane (provides access to Networks, Volume, Screen Brightness, Notifications, Power, and Language).
 +L	Lock the PC and go to the Lock screen.
 +M	Minimize all open windows.
 +SHIFT+M	Restore minimized windows.
 +O	Switch between landscape and portrait orientation on slate and tablet PCs.

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⌘+P	Open the Second screen pane to choose between available projection options.
⌘+Q	Search using the Apps search scope.
⌘+R	Open the Run dialog box.
⌘+T	Set the focus to the taskbar and cycle through programs.
⌘+U	Open the Ease of Access Center.
⌘+W	Search using the Settings search scope.
⌘+X	Open the advanced context menu in the lower-left corner of the screen.
⌘+Plus Sign	Zoom in.
⌘+Minus Sign	Zoom out.
⌘+ESCAPE	Close the Magnifier.
⌘+LEFT ARROW	Dock the active window to the left half of the screen.
⌘+RIGHT ARROW	Dock the active window to the right half of the screen.
⌘+UP ARROW	Maximize the active window.
⌘+DOWN ARROW	Restore/minimize the active window.
⌘+SHIFT+UP ARROW	Maximize the active window vertically, maintaining the width.
⌘+SHIFT+DOWN ARROW	Restore/minimize the active window vertically, maintaining the width.
⌘+SHIFT+LEFT ARROW	For multiple monitors, move the active window to the monitor on the left.
⌘+SHIFT+RIGHT ARROW	For multiple monitors, move the active window to the monitor on the right.
⌘+HOME	Minimize all non-active windows; restore on second keystroke.
⌘+BREAK	Display the System dialog box.
⌘+PRNT SCR	Takes a picture of the screen and places it in the Pictures folder.

Note

To print this Work Smart Guide, press **CTRL+P**.

For More Information

- **Windows 8**
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/get-started>