

New in Windows 7

The → symbol stands for the right arrow key, ← for the left arrow key, etc.

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Win+↓	If the current window is maximized, restore it; if the current window is restored, minimize it
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Win+Shift+←	Move current window to the left monitor (with dual monitors)
Win+Shift+→	Move current window to the right monitor (with dual monitors)
Win+Home	Minimize all but the current window
Win+Space	Peek at the desktop
Win+[Plus sign]	Zoom in
Win+[Minus sign]	Zoom out
Win+P	Open the projection menu (generally used for laptops connected to projectors)
Alt+P	In Explorer, show/hide the preview pane

Taskbar Modifiers (New in Windows 7)

Shift+Click	Open a new instance of the program
Ctrl+Click	Cycle between windows in a group
Middle Click	Open a new instance of the program
Ctrl+Shift+Click	Open a new instance of the program as Administrator
Shift+Right-Click	Show window menu

Managing Windows

Alt+F4	Close the active window
Alt+Tab	Switch to previous active window
Alt+Esc	Cycle through all open windows
Win+Tab	Flip 3D [more info]
Ctrl+Win+Tab	Persistent Flip 3D
Win+T	Cycle through applications on taskbar (showing its live preview)
Win+M	Minimize all open windows
Win+Shift+M	Undo all window minimization
Win+D	Toggle showing the desktop
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Starting Programs

Win+1	Open the first program on your Quick Launch bar
Win+2	Open the second program on your Quick Launch bar
Win+n	Open the <i>n</i> th program on your Quick Launch bar
Win+U	Open the ease of access center
Win+F	Open the search window
Win+X	Open the Mobility Center
Win+E	Open Explorer
Win+R	Open the Run window [more info]
Win+B	Move focus to notification tray (the right-most portion of the taskbar)
Win+P	Open the projection menu (generally used for laptops connected to projectors)
Win+Pause	Open the System Properties portion from the Control Panel
Ctrl+Shift+Esc	Open Windows Task Manager

Logging In And Out

While the below shortcuts seem unwieldy because of their length, they're quite easy to remember once you try them out a few times.

Win, →, Enter	Shutdown
Win, →, →, R	Restart
Win, →, →, S	Sleep
Win, →, →, W	Switch Users
Win+L	Locks computer

Viewing Folders With Explorer

Alt+←	Go back
Alt+→	Go forward
Alt+↑	Go up a directory
Alt+D	Move focus to address bar
Alt+D, Tab	Move focus to search bar
Alt+Enter	Open the Properties window of the current selection
Ctrl+Mousewheel	Change the view type (extra large, small, list view, detail, etc.)
Alt+P	Show/hide the preview pane