Start Screen Shortcut Keys

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

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| 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. |
| +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 SCRN | 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.

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| 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. |
| +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 SCRN | 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>