

Windows 7 Keyboard Shortcuts

Win7's Windows-key combinations speed up opening system tools, navigating between files and apps, and performing other common tasks. (Note that many of these shortcuts work in XP and Vista as well.)

- **Win+Pause:** Displays the System Control Panel applet.
- **Win+D:** Shows the desktop.
- **Win+Spacebar:** Shows the desktop without minimizing open windows (Aero Peek).
- **Win+E:** Opens Windows Explorer with Computer selected.
- **Win+F:** Opens a Search window for finding files or folders.
- **Win+Ctrl+F:** Opens a Search window for finding computers on a network.
- **Win+G:** Cycles through Gadgets (if any are installed).
- **Win+L:** Locks your computer or switches users.
- **Win+M:** Minimizes all windows.
- **Win+Shift+M:** Restores minimized windows.
- **Win+P:** Chooses a presentation display mode.
- **Win+R:** Opens the Run dialog box.
- **Win+T:** Cycles through and previews programs on the taskbar.
- **Win+U:** Opens the Ease of Access Center (Utility Manager in XP).
- **Win+X:** Opens the Windows Mobility Center (which isn't installed by default on desktop PCs).
- **Win+(numbers 1 to 5):** Starts the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number. If the program is already running, it switches to that program.
- **Win+Shift+(numbers 1 to 5):** Starts a new instance of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
- **Win+Ctrl+(numbers 1 to 5):** Switches to the last active window of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
- **Win+Alt+(numbers 1 to 5):** Opens the Jump List of recently accessed items for the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
- **Win+Tab:** Cycles through open programs by using Aero Flip 3-D. (You must have Aero working; Win7 Home Basic and Starter don't use Aero.)
- **Win+Ctrl+Tab and then Left or Right Arrow:** Opens Aero Flip 3-D to cycle through open programs.
- **Win+Ctrl+B:** Switches to the program that displayed a message in the notification area.
- **Ctrl+click:** Pressing **Ctrl** while clicking a taskbar icon will scroll through multiple windows of that icon's application.
- **Win+Up Arrow:** Maximizes the window.
- **Win+Left Arrow:** Docks the active window to the left half of the screen.
- **Win+Right Arrow:** Docks the active window to the right half of the screen.
- **Win+Down Arrow:** Minimizes the window.
- **Win+Shift+Up Arrow:** Stretches the window to the top and bottom of the screen.
- **Win+Shift+Left or Right Arrow:** Moves the window from one monitor to another.
- **Win+Home:** Minimizes all but the active window.