

Windows 8 Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcut	Description
Windows Key + D	Show Desktop
Windows Key + C	Open Charms Menu
Windows Key + F	Charms Menu – Search
Windows Key + H	Charms Menu – Share
Windows Key + K	Charms Menu – Devices
Windows Key + I	Charms Menu – Settings
Windows Key + Q	Search For Installed Apps
Windows Key + W	Search Settings
Windows Key + Tab	Cycle through open Modern UI Apps
Windows Key + Shift + Tab	Cycle through open Modern UI Apps in reverse order
Windows Key + .	Snaps app to the right (split screen multitasking)
Windows Key + Shift + .	Snaps app to the left (split screen multitasking)
Windows Key + ,	Temporarily view desktop
Alt + F4	Quit Modern UI Apps
Windows Key + E	Launch Windows Explorer Window
Windows Key + L	Lock PC and go to lock screen
Windows Key + T	Cycle through icons on taskbar (press Enter to launch app)
Windows Key + X	Show Advanced Windows Settings Menu
Windows Key + E	Launch Windows Explorer Window
Windows Key + Page Down	Moves Start screen and apps to secondary monitor on the right
Windows Key + M	Minimize all Windows
Windows Key + Shift + M	Restore all minimized Windows
Windows Key + R	Open Run dialog box
Windows Key + Up Arrow	Maximize current window
Windows Key + Down Arrow	Minimize current window
Windows Key + Left Arrow	Maximize current window to left side of the screen

Shortcut	Description
Windows Key + Right Arrow	Maximize current window to right side of the screen
Ctrl + Shift + Escape	Open Task Manager
Windows Key + Print Screen	Takes a Print Screen and saves it to your Pictures folder
Windows Key + Page Up	Moves Start screen and apps to secondary monitor on the left
Windows Key + Pause Break	Display System Properties
Shift + Delete	Permanently delete files without sending it to Recycle Bin
Windows Key + F1	Open Windows Help and Support
Windows Key + V	Cycle through notifications
Windows Key + Shift + V	Cycle through notifications in reverse order
Windows Key + 0 to 9	Launch/show app pinned to taskbar at indicated number
Windows Key + Shift + 0 to 9	Launch new instance of app pinned to taskbar at indicated number
Alt + Enter	Display Properties of selected item in File Explorer
Alt + Up Arrow	View upper level folder of current folder in File Explorer
Alt + Right Arrow	View next folder in File Explorer
Alt + Left Arrow	View previous folder in File Explorer
Windows Key + P	Choose secondary display modes
Windows Key + U	Open Ease of Access Center
Alt + Print Screen	Print Screen focused Window only
Windows Key + Spacebar	Switch input language and keyboard layout
Windows Key + Shift + Spacebar	Switch to previous input language and keyboard layout
Windows Key + Enter	Open Narrator
Windows Key + +	Zoom in using Magnifier
Windows Key + -	Zoom out using Magnifier
Windows Key + Escape	Exit Magnifier