

Windows 11 Keyboard Shortcuts Cheat Sheet

Hello!

Here are some handy **Windows 11 keyboard shortcuts** that can really boost your productivity. You can use **Alt + Tab** to quickly switch between open windows, and **Windows + Shift + S** to capture parts of my screen with the Snipping Tool — super useful!

Keep in mind that the Windows key might look a little different depending on your keyboard.

Whether you're multitasking, capturing a screenshot, or just trying to save a few clicks, these shortcuts can help. 

General Shortcuts

<u>Shortcut</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Alt + Tab</u>	Quickly switch between open windows and apps
<u>Windows + D</u>	Show the desktop (minimize all windows); press again to restore
<u>Windows + L</u>	Lock your PC instantly
<u>Windows + E</u>	Open File Explorer
<u>Windows + I</u>	Open Settings
<u>Windows + A</u>	Open the Quick Settings menu (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Brightness, etc.)
<u>Windows + S</u>	Open Search to find apps, files, or web content
<u>Windows + V</u>	Open Clipboard history (must be enabled in settings)
<u>Windows + Shift + S</u>	Launch Snipping Tool for screen capture
<u>Windows + . (period)</u>	Open the emoji picker
<u>Ctrl + Shift + Esc</u>	Open Task Manager directly
<u>Alt + F4</u>	Close the current window or app; on desktop, opens shutdown dialog
<u>Windows + M (Optional)</u>	Minimize all windows

Windows + Shift + M Restore all minimized windows
(Optional)

Windows + P (Optional) Open display/project options (e.g., duplicate, extend)

Virtual Desktops

Use these to organize different sets of windows by task or project.

Shortcut	Description
<u>Windows + Ctrl + D</u>	<u>Create a new virtual desktop</u>
<u>Windows + Ctrl + Left/Right</u>	<u>Switch between virtual desktops</u>
<u>Windows + Tab</u>	<u>Open Task View to manage desktops and apps</u>

Snap Window Shortcuts

Perfect for multitasking and organizing your screen.

Shortcut	Description
<u>Windows + Left Arrow</u>	<u>Snap the window to the left half of the screen</u>
<u>Windows + Right Arrow</u>	<u>Snap the window to the right half of the screen</u>
<u>Windows + Up Arrow</u>	<u>Maximize or snap to the top half (if already snapped left/right)</u>
<u>Windows + Down Arrow</u>	<u>Minimize or snap to bottom half (if already snapped)</u>
<u>Windows + Z</u>	<u>Open the Snap Layouts menu for advanced snapping options</u>

 **Pro Tip:** Learning just a few shortcuts can save you time every single day. Try practicing two or three at a time to make them second nature.

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