

The OS X Keyboard Cheat Sheet

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Shortcuts to menu items are always on the right side of that on the menu.

Key Combo	Action
CTRL-Mouse Button	Context Menu for one button mice
Cmd-`	Flip through windows of application
Cmd-Tab	Flip through applications
Cmd-q	Quit an application
Cmd-w	Close window of an application
F9	Expose – Show all windows

Key Combo	Action	Key Combo	Action
F10	Expose – Show all current application windows	Cmd-Up Arrow	Top of box with cursor movement
		Cmd-Down Arrow	Bottom of box with cursor movement
F11	Expose – Desktop		
Cmd-o	Open		
Cmd-a	Select All		
Cmd-x	Cut		
Cmd-c	Copy		
Cmd-v	Paste		
Cmd-h	Hide current apps windows		
Cmd-m	Minimize window		
Cursor Movements In A Text Box			
Key Combo	Action	Key Combo	Action
Home	Top of box (no cursor movement)	CTRL-F1	Turn keyboard access on/off
End	Bottom of box (no cursor movement)	CTRL-F2	Access Menu Bar
		CTRL-F3	Highlight the Dock
Cmd-Left Arrow	Start of line	CTRL-F4	Highlight active window or next window behind it
		CTRL-F5	Highlight the toolbar
Cmd-Right Arrow	End of line	CTRL-F6	Highlight Tool Palette

Remember – you can actually set the shortcuts to your own key combinations both for a given app and globally! See Apple Help for how!

Full Keyboard Access

Key Combo	Action	Universal Access	Key Combo	Action
CTRL-F7	Access all controls in the current dialog		Cmd-Option-A	Toggle Full Screen (When Preference Set)
Space	Select highlighted item			
Return	Default button or action			
Esc	Cancel button			
Esc	Close menu without choosing an item			
SHFT-Tab	Reverse order of moving the highlight	Mouse keys to control the pointer (Apple Menu > System Preferences > Universal Access > Mouse > Mouse Keys on)		
Tab	Highlight the next control		Key	Action
CTRL-Tab	Highlight next control when text box is selected		5	Click
Arrow Keys	Move highlight in list tab group or menu		0	Click and hold
Arrow Keys	Move sliders or spin buttons	Coolest of all, you can create spoken words for keyboard shortcuts – see your Help off your Apple Menu	X-11	
CTRL-Arrow	Highlight control adjacent to text box	X-11 Keys are often dependent on the X-11 Window Manager used		Start Ups From the computer in “off”

Key	Action	Key	Action
Power Listen for beep Press SHIFT and release when you see progress bar	Safe Mode	SHIFT during progress bar	Prevent Startup Items from opening
T	Firewire Target Mode	Hold Left SHIFT and Mouse Button at progress bar	Prevent Automatic Login (if set so – Automatic Login is a BIG SECURITY NO NO!)
Option	Select other start-up disk	International Characters (Often one can use Option-letter to access it.)	
C	Startup from CD	International Characters (Often one can use Option-letter to access it.)	
N	Start up from default Netboot	International Characters (Often one can use Option-letter to access it.)	
Cmd-S	Single User Mode	Key	Action
Cmd-V	Console messages	Option-e (letter)	éá etc. (actute)
Cmd-.	Open CD tray when selecting start up disk	Option- ` (letter)	èà etc (grave)
		Option-Shift-/	¿
		Option-1	í
		Option-u (letter)	ü (umlaut)
Hold Mouse Button	Eject Removeable Disks	Option-n n	ñ (enyay)
		Option-	Play around – and remember
SHIFT	Close open finder windows		