

Windows 7 Cheat Sheet

From Desktop

1. **Windows Key + Tab** : Aero [press Tab to cycle between Windows]
2. **Windows Key + E** : Windows Explorer is launched.
3. **Windows Key + R** : **Run** Command is launched.
4. **Windows Key + F** : Search (which is there in previous Windows versions too)
5. **Windows Key + X** : Mobility Center
6. **Windows Key + L** : Lock Computer (It is there from the earlier versions as well)
7. **Windows Key + U** : Launches Ease of Access
8. **Windows Key + P** : Projector
9. **Windows Key + T** : Cycle Super Taskbar Items
10. **Windows Key + S** : OneNote Screen Clipping Tool [requires OneNote]
11. **Windows Key + M** : Minimize All Windows
12. **Windows Key + D** : Show/Hide Desktop
13. **Windows Key + Up** : Maximize Current Window
14. **Windows Key + Down** : Restore Down / Minimize Current Windows
15. **Windows Key + Left** : Tile Current Window to the Left
16. **Windows Key + Right** : Tile Current Windows to the Right
[Continue pressing the Left and Right keys to rotate the window as well]
17. **Windows Key + #** (# is any number) : Quickly Launch a new instance of the application in the Nth slot on the taskbar. **Example** Win+1 launches first pinned app, Win+2 launches second, etc.
18. **Windows Key + =** : Launches the Magnifier
19. **Windows Key + Plus** : Zoom in
20. **Windows Key + Minus** : Zooms out
21. **Windows Key + Space** : Peek at the desktop

From Windows Explorer

22. **Alt + Up** : Go up one level
23. **Alt + Left/ Right** : Back/ Forward
24. **Alt + P** : Show/hide Preview Pane

Taskbar modifiers

25. **Shift + Click** on icon : Open a new instance
26. **Middle click** on icon : Open a new instance
27. **Ctrl + Shift + Click** on icon : Open a new instance with Admin privileges
28. **Shift + Right-click** on icon : Show window menu (Restore / Minimize / **Move** / etc).
Note: Normally you can just right-click on the window thumbnail to get this menu.
29. **Shift + Right-click** on grouped icon : Menu with Restore All / Minimize All / Close All, etc.
30. **Ctrl + Click** on grouped icon : Cycle between the windows (or tabs) in the group

Though some of them are there in previous versions of Windows, Windows 7 has incorporated many of them and have **started** many afresh.

