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Windows keyboard shortcuts for accessibility

Accessibility shortcuts can help you use your PC with a keyboard or assistive device. The following is a list of keyboard shortcuts for assistive technologies in Windows 11 for the accessible learning workstation in the ETH Library InfoCentre.

1. Magnifier keyboard shortcuts

Press this key	To do this
Windows logo key + Plus	Turn Magnifier on
sign (+)	
Windows logo key + Esc	Turn Magnifier off
Windows logo key + Plus	When Magnifier is on, zoom
sign (+) or Minus sign (-)	in or out
Ctrl + Alt + mouse scroll	Zoom in and out using the
wheel	mouse scroll wheel
Windows logo key + Ctrl + M	Open Magnifier settings
Ctrl + Alt + arrow keys	Pan in the direction of the
	arrow keys
Ctrl + Alt + I	Invert colors
Ctrl + Alt + F	Switch to full screen view
Ctrl + Alt + L	Switch to lens view
Ctrl + Alt + D	Switch to docked view
Press this key	To do this
Ctrl + Alt + M	Cycle through views
Ctrl + Alt + R	Resize the lens with the
	mouse
Shift + Alt + arrow keys	Resize the lens with the
	keyboard

2. Magnifier reading commands

Press this key	To do this
Windows logo key +	Turn Magnifier on
Plus sign (+)	
Modifier key + Enter	Start, pause, and resume reading
Any key	Stop reading
Modifier key + Left	Read from mouse pointer
Mouse click	
Modifier key + H	Read previous sentence
Modifier key + K	Read next sentence

3. Adjust speech

Press this key	To do this
Windows logo key + Ctrl +	Start or stop Narrator
Enter	
Press this key	To do this
Narrator + Left arrow	Move to previous item
Narrator + F1	Show commands list
Narrator + F12	Read current time and date
Narrator + Ctrl + D	Describe image using an
	online service or get the
	webpage source of a link
Narrator + Alt + M	Toggle mouse mode
Ctrl + Narrator + the Plus sign	Increase voice volume
(+)	
Ctrl + Narrator + Add (numeric	
keypad)	

Ctrl + Narrator + the Minus sign	Decrease voice volume
(-)	
Ctrl + Narrator + Subtract	
(numeric keypad)	
Narrator + the Plus sign (+)	Increase voice speed
Narrator + the Minus sign (-)	Decrease voice speed
Ctrl	Stop reading
Narrator + R	Read from cursor
Ctrl + Narrator + R	Start reading document
Narrator + Down arrow	
Press this key	To do this
Narrator + J	Read previous word
Ctrl + Narrator + Left arrow	
Narrator + K	Read current word
Ctrl + Narrator + 5 (numeric	
keypad)	
Narrator + L	Read next word
Ctrl + Narrator + Right arrow	
Narrator + B	Move to beginning of text
Ctrl + Narrator + Home	
Narrator + E	Move to end of text
Ctrl + Narrator + End	
Narrator + F5	List of landmarks
Narrator + Esc	Exit Narrator
Narrator + 1	Toggle input learning
Narrator + Page up	Change view
Ctrl + Narrator + Up arrow	
Narrator + F2	Show commands for
	current item
Narrator + Enter	Do primary action
Narrator + Ctrl + Enter	Toggle search mode
Press this key	To do this
Narrator + S	Get a webpage summary
Narrator + V	Increase verbosity mode
Shift + Narrator + V	Decrease verbosity mode

Narrator + 2	Toggle character reading
Narrator + Tab	Read item spelled out
Narrator + 5 (numeric keypad)	·
Narrator + Tab twice quickly	Read item spelled out
Narrator + 5 twice quickly	·
(numeric keypad)	
Narrator + K twice quickly	
Narrator + Ctrl + 5 twice quickly	
(numeric keypad)	
Narrator + T	Read window title
Narrator + W	Read window
Narrator + X	Repeat phrase
Narrator + C	Read document
Shift + Narrator + J	Read text from start to
Narrator + Alt + Home	cursor
Ctrl + Narrator + U	Read previous page
Ctrl + Narrator + I	Read current page
Ctrl + Narrator + O	Read next page
Ctrl + Narrator + J	Read previous paragraph
Ctrl + Narrator + K	Read current paragraph
Press this key	To do this
Ctrl + Narrator + L	Read next paragraph
Narrator + Ctrl + M	Read previous sentence
Narrator + Ctrl + comma (,)	Read current sentence
Narrator + Ctrl + period (.)	Read next sentence
Narrator + U	Read previous line
Narrator + I	Read current line
Narrator + Up arrow	
Narrator + O	Read next line
Narrator + M	Read previous character
Narrator + Comma (,)	Read current character
5 (numeric keypad)	
Narrator + Period (.)	Read next character

4. Additional accessibility keyboard shortcuts

Press this key	To do this
Right Shift for eight seconds	Turn Filter Keys on and off
Left Alt + left Shift + Print	Turn High Contrast on or off
screen	
Left Alt + left Shift + Num	Turn Mouse Keys on or off
lock	
Shift five times	Turn Sticky Keys on or off
Num lock for five seconds	Turn Toggle Keys on or off
Droce this key	To do this
Press this key	To do this
Ctrl + E	Open Search (in most apps)
Windows logo key + A	Opens Quick Settings
Windows logo key + Ctrl + C	Turn color filters on or off
Windows logo key + H	Opens voice typing
Windows logo key + Alt + H	Move keyboard focus to the
	voice typing dialogue
Windows logo key + Ctrl + N	Open Narrator settings
Windows logo key + Ctrl + S	Turn on Windows Speech
	Recognition
Windows logo key + Ctrl + O	Turn on the On-Screen
	Keyboard
Windows logo key + U	Opens Accessibility Settings
Windows logo key + W	Opens Widgets