

macOS Keyboard Shortcuts

Modifier symbols:  Command,  Option,  Control,  Shift,  Delete,  Return,  Esc. Most system shortcuts are  -based; the exceptions are noted.

Essentials

Keys	Action
 C /  V /  X	copy / paste / cut
 Z /   Z	undo / redo
 A	select all
 F	find in the current app
 Space	Spotlight search
 Tab	switch between apps
 `	cycle windows of the current app
  Space	emoji & symbol picker

Windows & Apps

Keys	Action
 N /  T	new window / new tab
 W /  Q	close window / quit app
 M	minimize window
 H /   H	hide app / hide all others
  	Force Quit dialog
 	Mission Control
  /  	move one Space right / left
  F	toggle full screen

Editing Text

Keys	Action
 ← /  →	jump to start / end of line
 ← /  →	move one word left / right
 ↑ /  ↓	jump to start / end of document
 ⌫	delete the previous word
 ⌫	delete to the start of the line
fn 	forward delete
^ K	delete to end of line (Emacs-style)

Screenshots & Screen

Keys	Captures
  3	the entire screen
  4	a selection you drag
  4 then Space	a specific window
  5	the capture & screen-record toolbar
^  Q	lock the screen

Hold ^ to copy instead of save. Add  (Control) to any screenshot shortcut — e.g.    4 — and the capture goes to the clipboard instead of a file on the Desktop.

Finder

Keys	Action
 ⌘ N	new folder
⌘ ⌘	move selection to Trash
⌘ I	Get Info
⌘ D	duplicate
Space	Quick Look preview
 ⌘ .	show / hide hidden files
 ⌘ G	go to a folder path