

Most of us have a friend or somebody we know who seems like a computer wizard. People like these use the mouse as less as possible and will do most things with a flick of their fingers on the keyboard. It's nothing magical though and is pretty easy. All it takes is a little practice and it does make things very convenient. All one has to do is to learn and use keyboard shortcuts. There are plenty of Chromebook keyboard shortcuts too, like any other desktop OS. You need a [Chromebook](#) to experience the OS. Windows and Linux users can give it a try by [running Chrome OS directly from a USB drive](#).

Below is a rather huge table of various Chrome OS or Chromebook keyboard shortcuts and what they do.

## 100+ Chromebook Shortcuts

There are a lot of Chromebook shortcuts and no one can possibly remember them all. Fortunately, nobody has to. Everyone uses their devices differently. Some people use their Chrome OS device to browse content on the web and maybe type a bit of email and messages. Some people will write long articles, and others probably use it just to consume media content.

Naturally, everyone has a different workflow along with different requirements. Your most used functions will be very different than mine. So just try to remember a couple of these Chromebook keyboard shortcuts and try to incorporate them in your workflow. Once you get used to them, you won't need to remember them or remember to use them. It becomes natural after a point. Then you can move onto the next couple of keyboard shortcuts that you think will make life easy.

Using these Chrome OS shortcuts, you can [take screenshots on Chromebook](#), open task manager, zoom in or out, control browser settings and manage URLs, create, open and save files, navigate a page, and do lots more.

### Basic Chromebook Function Keys

Ctrl + P	Open Print dialog
Ctrl + S	Save the current webpage
Ctrl + R	Refresh the page
Ctrl + Shift + R	Refresh the page without loading cache
Ctrl + O	Open a file
Ctrl + H	View History
Ctrl + J	Open Downloads
Ctrl + D	Bookmark current page
Ctrl + Shift + D	Bookmark all open tabs
Ctrl + Shift + B	Toggle bookmarks bar
Alt + E	Open Chrome's menu
Search + Esc	Open Task Manager
Ctrl + U	View page source

Ctrl + Shift + I                      Open the Developer Tools panel

## **Navigating Tabs and Windows**

Ctrl + N                                  Open new window  
Ctrl + Shift + N                      Open new incognito window  
Ctrl + T                                  Open new tab  
Ctrl + W                                  Close current tab  
Ctrl + Shift + W                      Close current window  
Ctrl + Shift + T                      Reopen last closed tab  
Ctrl + 1 — Ctrl + 8                  Switch to tab 1-8  
Ctrl + 9                                  Switch to the last tab  
Ctrl + Tab                                Move to next tab  
Ctrl + Shift + Tab                    Move to prior tab  
Ctrl + Click                            Open link in a new tab  
Ctrl + Shift + Click                  Open link in a new tab and switch to it immediately  
Shift + Click                            Open link in a new window

## **Apps and Shelf Shortcuts**

Alt + 1 — Alt + 8                    Open shelf apps 1-8  
Alt + 9                                  Open the last app on the shelf  
Alt + Tab                                Switch to the last-opened app; keep pressing to cycle through apps  
Alt + Shift + Tab                      Switch to least recently opened app; keep pressing to cycle through apps  
Alt + [                                  Pin the current app to the left side of the screen  
Alt + ]                                  Pin the current app to the right side of the screen  
Alt + Equals (=)                      Maximize current window  
Alt + Minus (-)                        Minimize current window  
Search + Alt + M                      Move window between screens (when using multiple monitors)

## **Webpage Navigation Shortcuts**

Ctrl + Plus (+)                        Zoom in  
Ctrl + Minus (-)                      Zoom out  
Ctrl + 0 (Zero)                        Reset zoom to 100%  
Ctrl + F                                Search the current page  
Alt + Left                                Go back one page  
Alt + Right                              Go forward one page  
Alt + Up                                 Scroll the page up. Equivalent to Page Up key in Windows  
Alt + Down                              Scroll the page down. Equivalent to Page Down key in Windows  
Ctrl + Alt + Up                        Jump to the top of the page. Equivalent to Home key in

	Windows
Ctrl + Alt + Down	Jump to the bottom of the page. Equivalent to End key in Windows

### **Chrome OS System Shortcuts**

Shift + Alt + N	Show notifications
Ctrl + Forward Slash (/)	Open Help
Ctrl + Alt + Forward Slash (/)	Show Chrome OS shortcuts reference window
Search + L	Lock screen
Ctrl + Shift + Q (twice)	Sign out of Google account
Ctrl + Shift + Plus (+)	Increase screen resolution
Ctrl + Shift + Minus (-)	Decrease screen resolution
Ctrl + Shift + Zero (0)	Reset screen resolution
Alt + Brightness Up/Down	Increase/decrease keyboard backlight (if applicable)
Ctrl + Window Switcher	Take a screenshot of the entire screen
Ctrl + Shift + Window Switcher	Take a screenshot of a selected region
Ctrl + Full Screen	Toggle external monitor modes (if applicable)

### **Text Editing Shortcuts**

Alt + Search	Toggle Caps Lock
Alt + Backspace	Delete next character. Equivalent to Delete key on Windows
Ctrl + Backspace	Delete the previous word
Ctrl + Alt + Backspace	Delete next word
Ctrl + A	Select all
Ctrl + L	Select all text in the address bar
Ctrl + Right/Left	Move the cursor to the next/previous word
Ctrl + Shift + Right/Left	Select next/previous word
Shift + Search + Right/Left	Select all text to the end/beginning of the current line
Ctrl + Search + Right/Left	Jump to the end/beginning of a text field/document
Ctrl + C	Copy
Ctrl + X	Cut
Ctrl + V	Paste
Ctrl + Shift + V	Paste without formatting
Ctrl + Z	Undo
Ctrl + Y	Redo

### **Trackpad Shortcuts and Swipe Gestures**

Alt + Click	Equivalent to a right-click
Click with three fingers	Equivalent to a middle-click
Swipe up or down with two	Scroll up or down on the page

fingers

Swipe right/left with two fingers      Go forward/back one page

Swipe down with three fingers      Equivalent to the Window Switcher key

Swipe right/left with three fingers      Move between open Chrome tabs

### **Accessibility/Advanced Navigation Shortcuts**

Shift + Alt + B      Highlight bookmarks bar; use arrows to navigate

Shift + Alt + T      Highlight the icons in the address bar row

Shift + Alt + S      Highlight the status area at the bottom-right

Shift + Alt + L      Highlight the first shelf icon

Ctrl + Back      Move to the previous keyboard-accessible area on the screen

Ctrl + Forward      Move to next keyboard-accessible area on the screen

Shift + Search + Volume Up      Opens the right-click menu for the highlighted element

Search + Ctrl + H      Toggle high contrast mode

Search + Ctrl + M      Magnify the entire screen

Search + Ctrl + D      Magnify part of the screen

Ctrl + Alt + Z      Toggle ChromeVox, the built-in screen reader

### **Miscellaneous Shortcuts**

Ctrl + Enter      Add "www." and ".com" to text in the address bar and open page

Ctrl + Period (.)      Show hidden files in Files app

Search + 1 — Search + Equals (=)      Use F keys (F1 through F12)

Ctrl + Alt + Period (.)      Switch to next user (if applicable)

Ctrl + Alt + Comma (,)      Switch to the previous user (if applicable)

Ctrl + Shift + Space      Cycle between keyboard languages (if applicable)

Alt + Shift + M      Open Files app

With a hope that these Chromebook shortcuts and function keys will help you perform a range of tasks quickly and easily, I wind up my list here. Should I find any other keyboard shortcuts, I'll update this list.

If you want to make more out of your Chromebook, you must not miss these [Chrome OS tips and tricks](#).