

OS X Keystrokes

⌘ is the Command key. Some call it the “snowflake” key or the “propeller” key.

General Purpose Keystrokes:

Option-⌘-D	Hide or reveal the Dock
⌘ & click on dock icon	Reveal that application icon in a Finder window
⌘-Tab	Switch to an active application on the Dock
⌘-?	Help
Shift-⌘-Q	Log out of user account
Shift-Option-⌘-Q	Log out immediately
Shift-⌘-3	Save a picture of the screen to the desktop (Early OS X-TIFF files; Jaguar-PDF files)
Shift-⌘-4 (drag)	Save a picture of a selected part of the screen
Shift-⌘-4 (option-drag)	Copy a selected part of the screen to clipboard
Shift-⌘-4 (spacebar)	Save a picture of the active window
Option-⌘-Esc	Force Quit Window
Control-eject	Dialog box of shutdown/sleep/restart options
Control-⌘-eject	Quit all applications and restart

Finder Keystrokes:

⌘-Delete	Move selection to the trash
Shift-⌘-Delete	Empty the trash
⌘-1, 2, 3	Display as icons (1), list (2), or columns (3)
Tab	Select items alphabetically (shift-tab is reverse)
⌘-N	Display New Finder Window (OS-9 was create new folder)
Shift-⌘-N	Create New Folder
Option-⌘-W	Close all windows
⌘-M	Minimize current window to the Dock
Option-⌘-M	Minimize all open windows to the Dock
⌘-I	Open information window about a selection
⌘-B	Hide or show the active window’s toolbar
⌘-K	Connect to a server
⌘-[⌘-]	Go backward and forward through window history
⌘-Z	Undo (new to OS X)
⌘-H	Hide the Finder
Option-⌘-H	Hide other running applications
⌘-J	Show view options for the active window
⌘-K	Connect to a server
Shift-⌘-G	Go to a Folder (supply a path in the dialog box)
Shift-⌘-H	Go to the Home Folder
Shift-⌘-I	Mount your iDisk on the desktop (http://www.mac.com)
Option (drag)	Copy file to new location
Option-⌘ (drag)	Copy alias to new location
⌘ (drag)	Move a file to a new location without copying
⌘ (click on title bar)	Click on the title of a window to see the path

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Handicapped access:

Press Option 5 times	Enable Universal Access
Option-⌘-8	Enable screen zooming
Option-⌘-+ (plus)	Zoom in
Option-⌘-- (minus)	Zoom out
Control-Option-⌘-*	Switch to white-on-black screen
Control-F1	Turn on full keyboard access (do mouse functions)
Control-F2	Navigate the dock with the keyboard
Control-F3	Navigate menus with the keyboard
Control-F4	Navigate windows with the keyboard
Control-F5	Navigate toolbar with the keyboard

Startup Options (Press and Hold Keys):

X	Force Mac OS X startup
Shift-Option-⌘-Delete	Start up from a different startup volume
C	Start up from the CD (if it has a System folder)
N	Attempt to start up from a network server (NetBoot)
R	Force PowerBook screen reset
T	Target Disk mode (use a Mac as a disk drive for another Mac connected at the firewire ports)
Shift	Safe Boot mode. Disable login items and non-essential kernel extension files (Jaguar and later)
⌘-V	Verbose start up
⌘-S	Single-User mode. Command-line terminal, no Finder

Safari Web Browsing:

⌘-down arrow	Go to the bottom of the page.
⌘-up arrow	Go to the top of the page.
Shift-⌘-H	Go to your Home page.
⌘-+ (plus)	Make text larger.
⌘-- (minus)	Make text smaller.
⌘-]	Go to the next page in history.
⌘-[Go to the previous page in history.
Option-⌘-B	Show or hide all bookmarks.
⌘-D	Create a bookmark for the current page.
Option-⌘-E	Empty the Cache.

(You can enable tabbed browsing from the Safari menu -> Preferences...)

⌘ & click on bookmark	Opens a link in a new tab
Shift-⌘-click	Opens a link in a new tab and selects it.
Option-⌘-click	Opens a link in a new window behind the current one.
Shift-Option-⌘-click	Opens a link in a new window and selects it.
Shift-⌘-right arrow	Select the next tab.
Shift-⌘-left arrow	Select the previous tab.
⌘-T	Create a new tab.