Windows 8 Cheat Sheet

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Keyboard Shortcuts

New Commands

Action	Shortcut
Return to the home screen;	⊞
Universal Search (works at Home screen);	Type anything
Open the Charms menu;	⊞ + C
Open the Search Charm;	⊞ + Q
Open the Settings Charm;	⊞ + I
Access the Settings Search screen;	⊞ + W
Open the Share Charm;	⊞ + H
Snapping Apps (to the left side of the screen);	⊞ + .
Snapping Apps (to the right side of the screen);	⊞ + ⇧shift + .
"Peek" at the Desktop (minimizes all apps while you hold the keys);	⊞ + ,
Display the app-specific commands bar at the bottom;	⊞ + Z
Cycle through Notification toasts;	⊞ + V
Change screen orientation on slate and tablet PCs;	⊞ + O
Take a screenshot (automatically saves in Pictures folder);	⊞ + Print Scrn
Access the Windows Tools Menu;	⊞ + X
Display all connected devices;	⊞ + K
Switch input language and keyboard layout;	⊞ + space

Frequently Used Commands

Action	Shortcut
Close current window/app;	alt + F4
Display Properties of a selected item;	alt + ↵
Copy;	ctrl + C
Cut;	ctrl + X
Paste;	ctrl + V
Redo;	ctrl + Y
Undo;	ctrl + Z
Show/Hide Desktop, minimize/restore open apps;	⊞ + D
Lock the Screen;	⊞ + L
Cycle through open apps;	⊞ + tab
Cycle through open apps in Switcher in reverse order;	⊞ + ⇧shift + tab
Cycle through open apps, snapping them as you go;	⊞ + ctrl + tab
Minimize all active Desktop applications;	⊞ + M
Maximize all active Desktop applications;	⊞ + ⇧shift + M
Minimize current application;	⊞ + ↓
Maximize current application;	⊞ + ↑