

Mac OS Hotkeys & Shortcuts

This section is all about non-listed or non-obvious hotkeys for software. These keys lean Mac OS, but many work on Windows if you substitute Command for Alt.

In creative applications “shift” is generally used as a modifier key to increase the units of an action. In After Effects, for example, shift is a modifier x10 – so if you use the hotkey to advance one frame, and hold shift, it advances 10 frames.

Symbols can be found in file→emoji and symbols work within most applications.

The command graphic is called “Place of Interest Sign” (and not “Command”) lol.

[PlaceOfInterest.png](#)

Point being, if you're looking to write out a bunch of hotkeys, you gotta type "Place of Interest Sign" in the character viewer.

Mac OS System Wide

⌘+,	This triggers preferences or settings in many applications
⌘+C / ⌘+V	Copy / Paste
⌘+Shift+V	Often used as “paste values” rather than paste items.
⌘+S	Save
⌘+Shift-S	Save As
⌘+A	Select All
⌘+I	Get Info
⌘+Option+I	Combined Info of all selected files (allows you to quickly tally up file sizes without manual entry!)

Mac OS Finder & System Preferences

Cntrl+⌘+Spacebar	Will open character viewer (on full keyboards, FN does this)
⌘+fn+F1	This will mirror your displays. This is very helpful when you have a dead display and need to access your files on an external monitor and it's stuck on “extend.”
⌘+F1	Toggles mirroring on and off.

⌘+Shift-	Show hidden files (system wide, not just the active directory)
Opt+*	(Brighten or dim keys, usually F1/F2) will take you to Display system preferences
Opt+(any audio key)	(Usually F10/F11/F12) will take you to Sound system preferences
Opt+Right Click+Click File	Gives you more contextual options, copy file path is a big one that I can't believe I'm just learning in 2024. I've been dragging files into terminal to get the string for years.

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