NVDA Screen Reader Guide

Non-Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) Commands for Navigating
and Checking Accessibility of Digital Content

The NVDA default key is <Insert>. It can be changed to <Caps>.

Starting & Stopping NVDA

- Start NVDA: Ctrl + Alt + N (or Run From Start Menu)
- Exit NVDA: NVDA + Q (Insert + Q), then Press Enter to Confirm
- Restart NVDA: NVDA + Control + R
- Start and Stop Speech Viewer Mode: NVDA + N, T, S

Reading Commands

- Say All (Read Everything): NVDA + Down Arrow (Insert + Down Arrow)
- Pause/Resume speech: Ctrl
- Stop Speech: Ctrl
- Read Current Line: NVDA + Up Arrow
- Read Next Line: Down Arrow
- Read Previous Line: Up Arrow
- Read Word: NVDA + Left or Right Arrow
- Spell Word: NVDA + K (Twice for Phonetic Spelling)
- Increase Reading Speed: NVDA Key + Ctrl + Up Arrow
- Decrease Reading Speed: NVDA Key + Ctrl + Down Arrow

Web Navigation Quick Keys

Element	Shortcut	Purpose
Headings	Shift + H	Move Through Headings
Links	K/Shift + K	Move Through Links
Buttons	B	Jump to Buttons
Form Fields	F	Cycle Through Form Fields
Landmarks	D	Jump Through Page Regions
Images	G	Navigate Images (Check for Alt Text)
Tables	T	Jump Between Tables
Lists	L	Move Through Lists
List Items	I	Move Through List Items

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General Navigation & Help

- Move to Top of Page/Document: Ctrl + Home
- Move to Bottom of Page/Document: Ctrl + End
- Open NVDA Menu: NVDA + N (Insert + N)
- Open Help: NVDA + 1 (Opens User Guide)
- NVDA Speech Viewer: NVDA + N > Tools > Speech Viewer
- Toggle Speech Mode: NVDA + S (Cycle Through Speech Modes)

Forms & Focus

- Enter Forms Mode: NVDA + Spacebar (Automatically Toggled)
- Tab/Shift+Tab: Move Between Focusable Elements
- NVDA + Tab: Report Current Focus
- NVDA + T: Read Active Window Title
- NVDA + B: Read All Buttons in Dialog Box