

i3 (window manager) cheat sheet

Basic shortcuts

Alt + Enter	Open new terminal
Alt + J	Focus left
Alt + K	Focus down
Alt + L	Focus up
Alt + ;	Focus right
Alt + A	Focus parent
Alt + Space	Toggle focus mode

Moving windows

Alt + Shift + J	Move window left
Alt + Shift + K	Move window down
Alt + Shift + L	Move window up
Alt + Shift + ;	Move window right

Modifying windows

Alt + F	Toggle fullscreen
Alt + V	Split a window vertically
Alt + H	Split a window horizontally
Alt + R	Resize mode

For more information, take a look at the “Resizing containers / windows” section of the user guide.

Changing the container layout

Alt + E	Default
Alt + S	Stacking
Alt + W	Tabbed

Floating

Alt + Shift + Space	Toggle floating
Alt + Left click	Drag floating

Using workspaces

Alt + [0 - 9]	Switch to another workspace
Alt + Shift + [0 - 9]	Move a window to another workspace

Opening applications / Closing

windows

Alt + D	Open application launcher (dmenu)
Alt + Shift + Q	Kill a window

Restart / Exit

Alt + Shift + C	Reload the configuration file
Alt + Shift + R	Restart i3 in place
Alt + Shift + E	Exit i3

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More information: defkey.com/i3-window-manager-shortcuts

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