

NVDA Screen Reader cheat sheet

Basics

Ctrl + Alt + N	Turn NVDA on
Insert + Q	Turn NVDA off

Basics: Reading

Ctrl	Stop reading
Insert + Down arrow	Start reading continuously from this point
+	(numpad) Start reading continuously from this point
Down arrow	Read next item
Tab	Read next focusable item (button, link, etc.)

Basics: Activate

Enter	Activate link
Enter or Space	Activate button

Basics: Headings

H	Go to next heading
1	...to6: Go to next heading of level [1-6]
Insert + F7	List all headings

Basics: Landmarks

D	Go to next landmark/region
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Basics: Elements list

Insert + F7	Show list of all links, headings and landmarks
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Basics: Tables

T	Go to next table
Ctrl + Alt + Arrow keys	Navigate table cells

Basics: Lists

L	Go to next list
I	Go to next list item

Basics: Graphics

G	Go to next graphic
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Basics: Links

Insert + F7	List all links
K	Go to next link
U	Go to next unvisited link
V	Go to next visited link

Basics: Navigate

Arrow keys	Toggle between radio buttons, "select" tag list items, tabs (ARIA widget), menu items (ARIA widget), tree view items (ARIA widget)
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Basics: Go backward

Shift + H	or D or T or Tab etc.: Go to previous heading, landmark, table, focusable item, etc.
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Reading text: Line

Up arrow	Say prior line
7	(numpad) Say prior line
Down arrow	Say next line
9	(numpad) Say next line
Insert + Up arrow	Say current line
8	(numpad) Say current line
Shift + 1	(numpad) Start of line
Shift + 3	(numpad) End of line
Shift + 7	(numpad) Top line
Shift + 9	(numpad) Bottom line

Reading text: Character

Left arrow	Say prior character
1	(numpad) Say next character
Right arrow	Say next character
3	(numpad) Say next character
2	(numpad) Say current character
5 + 5	(press twice quickly) Say

character phonetically

Reading text: Word

Ctrl + Left arrow	Say prior word
4	(numpad) Say prior word
Ctrl + Right arrow	Say next word
6	(numpad) Say next word
5	(numpad) Say current word

Reading text: Sentence

Alt + Up arrow	Say prior sentence
Alt + Down arrow	Say next sentence
Alt + 5	(numpad) Say current sentence

Reading text: Paragraph

Ctrl + Up arrow or Q	Next paragraph
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Reading text: Spelling

5 + 5	(on numpad. Press twice quickly) Say current sentence
Insert + Up arrow + Up arrow	(press up arrow twice quickly) Spell current line

Tables

T	Go to next table
Shift + T	Go to previous table
Ctrl + Alt + Right arrow	Cell to right
Ctrl + Alt + Left arrow	Cell to left
Ctrl + Alt + Down arrow	Cell below
Ctrl + Alt + Up arrow	Cell above

Forms

F	Next form
Tab	Next focusable item
B	Next button

Space	Select and deselect checkboxes
X	Next checkbox
Alt + Down arrow	Open combo box
Down arrow	(or the first letter) Browse / select options in combo box
Shift + Up arrow / Down arrow	Select multiple options in combo box
C	Next combo box

Radio buttons

Up arrow / Down arrow	Toggle selection
R	Next radio button

Forms mode

“Forms mode” allows you to enter data into form fields. Browse mode allows you to navigate the page using standard screen reader shortcuts (e.g. to navigate headings, landmarks, links, etc.)

Insert + Space	Toggle between forms mode and browse mode
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Other commands

NVDA + Ctrl + F	Search for a word or a phrase
Insert + 1	Keyboard help
Q	Next blockquote
Insert + F2	Next key you hit ignores NVDA and is a normal keystroke
Insert + 2	Speak characters typed
Insert + 3	Speak words typed
Read	entire foreground window (e.g. for dialogs)
Insert + T	Announce title of the current foreground window

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More information: defkey.com/nvda-screen-reader-shortcuts

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