

Testing publications with **NVDA**

# NVDA KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS



These shortcut keys are for NVDA's desktop keyboard layout. Some key combinations might be different when using NVDA's laptop keyboard layout. More NVDA's keyboard commands can be found in the official [NVDA User Guide](#).

## The NVDA Modifier Key

Some keyboard shortcuts require using the NVDA modifier key. The default NVDA modifier key is either the **INSERT** key, **Numpad 0** (with NumLock off) or the **CAPSLOCK** key. When we mention the INSERT key in the following overview, one could use any of the modifier keys.

### Base commands

Quit NVDA	Insert + Q
Toggle speech mode (on, off, beep)	Insert + S
Show element list	Insert + F7
Mouse tracking on/off	Insert + M

### Navigating a document

#### Go to next...

Landmark	D
Heading	H
Heading of level 1 to 3	1 - 3
Graphic	G
Table	T
Table cell navigation	Ctrl + Alt + ↓ or ↑ or ← or →

List	L
List item	I
Link	K
Unvisited link	U
Visited link	V
Form field	F
Button	B
Checkbox	X
Combo box	C
Radio button	R
Focusable item	Tab

#### Go to previous...

Use the above keys with the SHIFT key to move to the previous item.

## Reading

Read continuously from current position	Insert + ↓
Read next item	↓
Read next paragraph	Ctrl + ↓
Stop reading	Ctrl
Pause or restart reading	Shift
Read prior character	Numpad 1 or ←
Read current character	Numpad 2
Read next character	Numpad 3 or →
Read prior word	Numpad 4 or Ctrl + ←
Read current word	Numpad 5
Read next word	Numpad 6 or Ctrl + →
Read prior line	Numpad 7 or ↑
Read current line	Numpad 8 or Insert + ↑
Read next line	Numpad 9 or ↓

## Forms

Activate link or button	Enter
Select and deselect checkboxes or buttons	Space
Toggle between radio buttons, list items, tabs, tree view items, menu items (ARIA widgets)	↓ or ↑ or ← or →
Open combo box	Alt + ↓

## Speech viewer

View speech output as text in a separate window.

Enable it in the Tools section of the NVDA configuration menu.

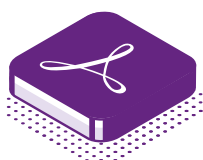
Open NVDA's menu	Insert + N
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## Navigation modes

Browse mode allows to read a document element by element, defined by the tags panel of a PDF or the DOM tree of an HTML page.

Focus mode allows to edit content in forms.

Enter focus mode on an editable element	Enter
Leave focus mode.	Esc
Toggle browse and focus mode	Insert + Space



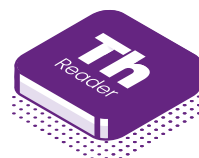
## Acrobat Pro or Acrobat Reader

[Full list of keyboard shortcuts for Acrobat Reader.](#)

### Navigating a document

#### Go to ...

Page	Shift + Ctrl + N
Top of document	Ctrl + Home
End of document	Ctrl + End
Previous page	Ctrl + Page Up or Alt + ←
Next page	Ctrl + Page Down or Alt + →
Next function block	F6



## Thorium Reader

[Full list of keyboard shortcuts for Thorium Reader.](#)

### Navigating a document

#### Go to ...

Toolbar	Ctrl + T
Book content view	Ctrl + F10
Navigation menu	Ctrl + N
Table of contents	Shift + Ctrl + N
Top of document	Ctrl + Home
End of document	Ctrl + End
Page	Shift + Ctrl + P
Previous page	Ctrl + ,
Next page	Ctrl + .
Previous chapter	Ctrl + Page Up or Ctrl + Shift + Alt + ←
Next chapter	Ctrl + Page Down or Ctrl + Shift + Alt + →



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