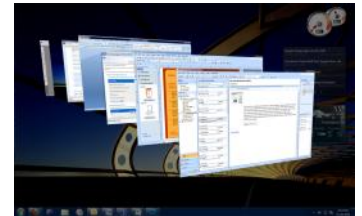# Webjawns.com

Windows Flip and Flip 3D

Windows Flip 3D, accessed via *Windows key + TAB*, beautifully renders all open windows three-dimensionally with the added bonus of previewing each window in real-time. The real-time preview allows users to monitor the progress of videos, music, and other applications. While Windows Flip 3D does not *replace* Windows Flip (accessed via ALT+TAB), it does present a viable alternative, which many will find themselves using in place of the old-style application switcher.

While accessing Windows Flip 3D, users may use the scroll wheel on the mouse or arrow keys to quickly switch between open windows. *Ctrl + Windows +*

Tab will also bring up Windows Flip 3D, but requires the user to click on a window in order to switch, instead of merely releasing the keys.

Windows Flip 3D uses cutting-edge Windows Aero technology which provides the user with a much better desktop experience, especially when compared with past versions of Windows, and even Linux and Mac.

For optimal performance when using Windows Aero, a decent graphics card should be used. Windows Aero is included with Windows 7 Home Premium, Professional, and Ultimate.

Windows Flip 3D (Windows + TAB or

Windows Flip (ALT + TAB)

Windows Snap and Peek

Windows 7 includes two new features destined to make life a little easier—Snap and Peek.

The "splash"

Windows Snap allows users to easily size and arrange windows by dragging the border of a window to the edge of the screen. Snap lets the user know it will be used by displaying a "splash" when the window border hits the edge of the screen (see image to the left).

Microsoft put it best when they said, "Peek gives you the power of X-ray vision." Windows Peek lets users see thru all open windows to the desktop. To use Peek, hover over the transparent rectangle in the lower-right corner, or over a thumbnail in the taskbar.

Press this key	To do this
Windows	Open or close the Start menu.
Windows + Pause	Display the System Properties dialog box.
Windows + D ♥	Switch between desktop and applications.
Windows + M	Minimize all windows.
Windows + Shift + M	Restore minimized windows to the desktop.
Windows + E	Open Computer (formerly My Computer).
Windows + F ♥	Search for a file or folder.
Ctrl + Windows + F	Search for computers (if you're on a network).
Windows + L	Lock your computer or switch users.
Windows + R	Open the Run dialog box.
Windows + T	Cycle through programs on the taskbar.
Windows + number	Start the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number. If the program is already running, switch to that program.
Shift + Windows + number ♥	Start a new instance of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
Ctrl + Windows + number	Switch to the last active window of the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
Alt + Windows + number	Open the Jump List for the program pinned to the taskbar in the position indicated by the number.
Windows + Tab ♥	Cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D.
Ctrl + Windows + Tab ♥	Use the arrow keys to cycle through programs on the taskbar by using Aero Flip 3-D.
Ctrl + Windows + B ♥	Switch to the program that displayed a message in the notification area.
Windows + Spacebar ♥	Preview the desktop.
Windows + Up Arrow ♥	Maximize the window.
Windows + Left Arrow	Maximize the window to the left side of the screen.
Windows + Right Arrow	Maximize the window to the right side of the screen.
Windows + Down Arrow ♥	Minimize the window.
Windows + Home	Minimize all but the active window.
Windows + Shift + Up	Stretch the window to the top and bottom of the screen.
Windows + Shift + Left Arrow or Right Arrow ♥	Move a window from one monitor to another.
Windows + P ♥	Choose a presentation display mode.
Windows + G	Cycle through gadgets.
Windows + U	Open Ease of Access Center.
Windows + X	Open Windows Mobility Center.

Taskbar hotkeys

Press this key	To do this
Shift + Click on a taskbar button	Open a program or quickly open another instance of a program.
Ctrl + Shift + Click on a taskbar button ♥	Open a program as an administrator.
Shift + Right-click on a taskbar button	Show the window menu for the program.
Shift + Right-click on a grouped taskbar button	Show the window menu for the group.
Ctrl + Click on a grouped taskbar button	Cycle through the windows of the group.

Windows Explorer hotkeys

Press this key	To do this
Ctrl + N	Open a new window.
Ctrl + W	Close the current window.
Ctrl + Shift + N	Create a new folder.
End	Display the bottom of the active window.
Home	Display the top of the active window.
F11	Maximize or minimize the active window.
Ctrl + Period (.)	Rotate a picture clockwise.
Ctrl + Comma (,)	Rotate a picture counter-clockwise.
Num Lock + Asterisk (*) on numeric keypad	Display all subfolders under the selected folder.
Num Lock + Plus Sign (+) on numeric keypad	Display the contents of the selected folder.
Num Lock + Minus Sign (-) on numeric keypad	Collapse the selected folder.

What does the heart mean? ♥
The heart or favorite icon indicates Windows 7 features and shortcuts we love.

To view a complete list of Windows 7 keyboard shortcuts, visit the official Microsoft Windows 7 web site.
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