

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## Windows Flip and Flip 3D

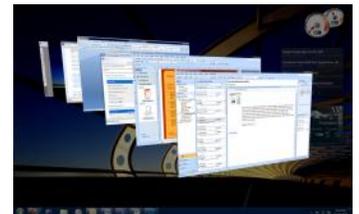
Windows Flip 3D, accessed via *Windows key + TAB*, beautifully renders all open windows three-dimensionally with the added bonus of previewing each window in real-time. The real-time preview allows users to monitor the progress of videos, music, and other applications. While Windows Flip 3D does not 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.



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

## Taskbar hotkeys

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

## Windows Explorer hotkeys

Press this key	To do this
<i>Ctrl + N</i>	Open a new window.
<i>Ctrl + W</i>	Close the current window.
<i>Ctrl + Shift + N</i>	Create a new folder.
<i>End</i>	Display the bottom of the active window.
<i>Home</i>	Display the top of the active window.
<i>F11</i>	Maximize or minimize the active window.
<i>Ctrl + Period (.)</i>	Rotate a picture clockwise.
<i>Ctrl + Comma (,)</i>	Rotate a picture counter-clockwise.
<i>Num Lock + Asterisk (*) on numeric keypad</i>	Display all subfolders under the selected folder.
<i>Num Lock + Plus Sign (+) on numeric keypad</i>	Display the contents of the selected folder.
<i>Num Lock + Minus Sign (-) on numeric keypad</i>	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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### Two sites for testing your Internet connection quality and speed

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Today, I found two great sites for testing your Internet connection. [Speedtest.net](#) will test your download and upload speeds, while [Fast.com](#) measures the quality of your Internet connection. The download speed for my connection ended up being 15.07 Mbps which is equal to 1.884 MB/sec. To convert Mbps to MB/s per second, you may use [Media Road's conversion tool](#). According to the tests, we have a good connection. Post your results:

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