GNOME Linux desktop shell

START HERE

Super
Overview: type to search

Print
Screenshot tool

Super + **A**
Show all apps

Super + **L**
Lock the screen

Alt + **Tab**
Switch apps

Super + **Left** / **Super** + **Right**
Tile to a half

Super + **Up**
Maximize

Super + **PageUp** / **Super** + **PageDown**
Change workspace

Desktop your windows — **Super** → **Overview** windows, workspaces, search — **Super+A** → **App grid** every installed app

CONCEPTS

Super is the Windows (or logo) key. In the overview just start typing: apps, files and settings are searched, Enter opens the first hit.

Workspaces are dynamic: there is always one empty workspace at the end, and empty ones in between disappear.

Every default can be changed in Settings > Keyboard > View and Customize Shortcuts; Backspace in the dialog resets a shortcut.

OVERVIEW AND APPS

Super
Toggle the Activities overview

Super + **A**
Show the app grid

Super + **1-9**
Open or focus the nth dash app

Super + **Ctrl** + **1-9**
New window of the nth dash app

Alt + **F2** Run a command
Up and Down recall earlier commands

SWITCH WINDOWS

Alt + **Tab** / **Super** + **Tab**
Switch application
Add Shift to go backwards

Alt + **`** / **Super** + **`**
Switch windows of the same app
` means the key above Tab on any layout

Alt + **Esc**
Cycle windows directly, no popup

Alt + **F6**
Cycle this app's windows directly

Alt+Tab groups windows by app. To switch individual windows instead, bind Switch windows to Alt+Tab (see Recipes).

WINDOW MANAGEMENT

Alt + **F4** Close the window

Super + **Left** / **Super** + **Right**
Tile to the left / right half
Press again to untile

Super + **Up** Maximize

Super + **Down**
Restore a maximized window

Super + **H**
Hide (minimize) the window

WINDOW MANAGEMENT (cont.)

Alt + **F10**
Toggle maximization

Alt + **Space**
Open the window menu

Alt + **F7**
Move the window with the keyboard

Alt + **F8**
Resize the window with the keyboard

WORKSPACES AND MONITORS

Super + **PageUp** / **Super** + **PageDown**
Previous / next workspace

Super + **Shift** + **PageUp** / **Super** + **Shift** + **PageDown**
Move window one workspace over

Ctrl + **Alt** + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **Right**
Previous / next workspace (alt keys)

Super + **Home** / **Super** + **End**
First / last workspace

Super + **Shift** + **Arrows**
Move window to another monitor

WORKSPACES AND MONITORS (cont.)

Super + **P**
Cycle display configuration

SYSTEM AND NOTIFICATIONS

Super + **L** Lock the screen

Super + **V**
Notifications and calendar
Super+V again or Esc closes it

Super + **S**
Open quick settings (system menu)

Super + **N**
Focus the active notification

Ctrl + **Alt** + **Delete**
Show the Power Off dialog

Super + **Space** / **Super** + **Shift** + **Space**
Next / previous input source

SCREENSHOTS AND SCREENCASTS

Print
Open the screenshot / recording UI

Shift + **Print**
Capture the whole screen

Alt + **Print**
Capture the focused window

SCREENSHOTS AND SCREENCASTS (cont.)

Ctrl + **Alt** + **Shift** + **R**
Start / stop a screencast

Inside the screenshot UI

Key	Does
`S / C / W`	selection, screen, window
`V`	photo or video mode
`P`	show or hide the pointer
`Enter`	capture

Screenshots land in ~/Pictures/Screenshots and on the clipboard; screencasts in ~/Videos/Screencasts. Stop a recording via the red top-bar indicator.

ACCESSIBILITY

Alt + **Super** + **S**
Toggle the screen reader

Alt + **Super** + **8**
Toggle zoom

SHORTCUTS WITH GSETTINGS

`gsettings list-recursively` *`<schema>`*
Show every binding in a schema

`gsettings set` *`<schema> <key>`* **`"['<Super>q']"`**
Rebind (value is a list of accels)
"[]" disables the shortcut

SHORTCUTS WITH GSETTINGS (cont.)

Custom shortcut in the GUI: Keyboard > View and Customize Shortcuts > Custom Shortcuts > Add Shortcut, then give a name, a command and the keys.

RECIPES

Custom shortcut from a script

```
K=org.gnome.settings-
daemon.plugins.media-keys
P=/org/gnome/settings-daemon/
plugins/media-keys/custom-
keybindings/custom0/
# replaces the whole list:
append if you already have some
gsettings set $K custom-
keybindings "['$P']"
gsettings set $K.custom-
keybinding:$P name 'Files'
gsettings set $K.custom-
keybinding:$P command
'nautilus'
gsettings set $K.custom-
keybinding:$P binding
'<Super>e'
```

Alt+Tab switches windows, not apps

```
S=org.gnome.desktop.wm.
keybindings
gsettings set $S switch-
applications "['<Super>Tab']"
gsettings set $S switch-windows
"['<Alt>Tab']"
gsettings set $S switch-
windows-backward
"['<Shift><Alt>Tab']"
```