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# Microsoft Windows Vista Quick Reference Guide (Cheat Sheet Of Instructions, Tips & Shortcuts - Laminated Card)

## Windows Vista Introduction

**Starting a Program**  
The Start menu provides access to pinned programs, recently used programs, and all programs.

- (Click) the Start button or press **Windows**.
- In the menu that appears, choose
  - a recently pinned program.
  - a recently used program.
  - a program from ALL PROGRAMS.If necessary, choose a column, and then the program name.



**Pinning a Program to the Start Menu**  
Pinned programs have been selected by Windows or by you to always show at the top of the Start menu.

- (Click) pinned Start.
- (Right Click) a recently used program or a program from ALL PROGRAMS.
- Select **PIN TO START MENU**.

**Unpinning a Program**

- (Click) pinned Start.
- (Right Click) a pinned program.
- Select **UNPIN FROM START MENU** or for the designated icon and web browser, select **REMOVE FROM THIS LIST**.

**Removing a Recently Used Program**

- (Click) pinned Start.
- (Right Click) a recently used program.
- Select **REMOVE FROM THIS LIST**.

**Using Accessories (e.g. Calculator, Notepad, Games)**

- (Click) pinned Start.
- Choose **ALL PROGRAMS** > **ACCESSORIES**.
- Choose the accessory from the menu.

**Exiting a Program**

- Choose **FILE, EXIT**, or
- Close the application window.

**Closing a Window**

- (Click) the Close button .
- Press **ALT+F4** to close the active window.

**Moving a Window**  
(Drag) the window by its title bar (avoiding the buttons at either end).

### Making a Window as Large as Possible

(Click) the Maximize button or (Double Click) the title bar. When a window is maximized, the Maximize button changes into a Restore Down button.

### Restoring a Window to Its Previous Size

(Click) the Restore Down button or (Double Click) the title bar.

### Making a Window Its Minimum Size

- (Click) the Minimize button . The window collapses into an item in the Taskbar at the bottom of the screen.
- (Click) the window's Taskbar item.

### Restoring a Minimized Window/Switching Among Open Windows

(Click) the icon in the Taskbar.

(Click) the window's Taskbar item.

- To see a thumbnail of the window, hover over the Taskbar button.
- Press **ALT+Tab** to cycle through choices.
- Hold down **ALT** while pressing **Tab** repeatedly to choose among several open programs.

### Switching Among Open Windows with Flip 3D

For any enabled Flip 3D on the Taskbar, then use the mouse scroll button to cycle through choices or hold down **CTRL** while pressing **Alt** repeatedly.

### Using Grouped Taskbar Buttons

If the Taskbar becomes too cluttered with buttons, Windows groups similar buttons together (e.g. all open Word documents will be grouped under one button). To see (Click) on the button, then select from the list. Hover over items on the list to see a thumbnail of the window.

### Resizing a Window

- (Point) to the edge or corner of the window. The mouse pointer changes to a double-headed arrow.
- (Drag) the edge of the window toward the center of the window to make it smaller, or away from the center to make it larger.

### Showing the Desktop

(Click) in the Taskbar, or press **Windows+D**. To show all open windows again, (Click) or press **Windows+D** again.

### Displaying the Shortcut Menu

(Right Click) on an item. A menu displays choices relevant to the item you have selected.

### Getting Help or Support

- (Click) pinned Start.
- Choose **HELP AND SUPPORT**, then follow the instructions.

### Saving Documents: Save vs. Save As

- Choose **FILE, SAVE AS** when saving a document for the first time, or when creating a new version of the file. Specify a name and a location for the file in the dialog box that appears. Files may not be up to 248 characters in length (including the location information for the file, e.g. c:\documents) and can contain spaces. Do not use /, \, \*, ? or < >.
- Choose **FILE, SAVE** to update a file that has been saved previously. This replaces the earlier version of the file without any confirmation.

### Saving a Document for the First Time

- Choose **FILE, SAVE AS**.
- Enter a name for the file in the FILE NAME box.
- To choose a location for the file:
  - (Click) a folder in the list (or type, or (Click) to add a subfolder).
  - (Click) to display the Navigation Pane and contents of the current folder.
  - (Click) on an item in the list (or type).
  - (Click) to create a new folder.
- Once both the name and location have been specified, (Click) **SAVE**.

### Viewing the Status of Print Jobs

Any printers with print jobs waiting to be delivered from Windows (to the printer or network print server) will appear in the Notification Area of the Taskbar (next to the clock). (Double Click) the printer icon to view the print job.

- To delete or cancel a print job, select the print job and press **Ctrl+Q**, or (Click) **DISCONNECT** then **CANCEL**, then **OK** to confirm.

### Creating a Shortcut to a Document, Folder, or Other Item

- Point to the item for which you need a shortcut, then (Right Click).
- Choose **CREATE SHORTCUT** from the menu that appears. The new shortcut icon can be (Dragged) to a new location.

Or

- (Right Drag) the item to a new location, and choose **CREATE SHORTCUT HERE** from the menu.
- To move items from the Start menu to the Desktop, (Right Click) on the item, then (Drag) to copy.

- To quickly create a shortcut on the Desktop, (Right Click) the icon and choose **SEND TO > DESKTOP (CREATE SHORTCUT)**.

### Customize the Start Menu and Taskbar

To change the settings of the Start menu or Taskbar, (Right Click) on the Start button and choose **PERSONALIZE**, select the appropriate tab.

### Moving Items in the Start Menu

- (Click) pinned Start, and locate the item you wish to reposition.
- (Drag) the item to the new position in the menu.

- If available, provide administrative permission, (Click) **CONTINUE**, then **CONTINUE** again.

### What to Try if a Program Freezes

- Press **Ctrl+Shift+Esc**.
- If necessary, (Click) the **APPLICATIONS** tab.

A list of programs that are running is displayed. If Windows detects a frozen program, it will indicate that it is not responding (under the program name). Select the frozen program and (Click) **END TASK**.

### Showing the Properties or Attributes of an Item

(Right Click) on the item and choose **PROPERTIES**. For example, close properties to:

- Change options for the Taskbar.
- Change options for the Navigation Pane.
- Find out the size of a document or folder.

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## Synopsis

Laminated quick reference guide showing step-by-step instructions and shortcuts for how to use Microsoft Windows Vista. The following topics are covered: Starting a Program, Pinning a Program to the Start Menu, Unpinning a Program, Removing a Recently Used Program, Using Accessories (e.g. Calculator, Note Pad), Exiting a Program, Closing a Window, Manipulating Windows: Moving, Enlarging, Restoring, Minimizing, Restoring a Minimized Window/Switching among Open Items, Using Grouped Taskbar Buttons, Showing the Desktop, Displaying the Shortcut Menu, Getting Help or Support Saving Documents: Save vs. Save As, Viewing the Status of Print Jobs, Creating a Shortcut to a Document, Folder, or Other Item, Customize the Start Menu & Taskbar, Moving Items in the Start Menu, What to Try if a Program Freezes, Showing the Properties or Attributes of an Item, File Management, Changing Views, Show/Hide Menu Bar, Show Files in Groups, Show/Hide the Folders List, Selecting Items, Moving or Copying Files and Folders, Renaming Folders or Files, Creating a Folder, Deleting Folders or Files, Retrieving Items from the Recycle Bin, Emptying the Recycle Bin, Searching for a File, Folder, Program, or Web Page, Burning to a CD/DVD, Zipping files/folders, Using the Control Panel, Ending your Windows Sessions, and Changing Login Password. This guide is suitable as a training handout, or simply an easy to use reference guide, for any type of user.

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