

Keyboard Shortcuts

Refer to the LabVIEW Help to access this list of keyboard shortcuts.

Object/Movement

Shift-click ↑↓←→ (arrow keys) Shift-click (drag) Ctrl-click (drag) Ctrl-Shift-click (drag)	Selects multiple objects; adds object to current selection. Moves selected objects one pixel at a time. Moves selected objects several pixels at a time. Moves selected objects in one axis. Duplicates selected object. Duplicates selected object and moves it in one axis.
Shift-resize Ctrl-resize	Resizes selected object while maintaining aspect ratio. Resizes selected object while maintaining center point.
Ctrl-drag a rectangle	Inserts more working space on the front panel or block diagram.
Ctrl-A Ctrl-D	Performs last alignment operation on objects. Performs last distribution operation on objects.
Double-click open space	Places free label on the front panel or block diagram if automatic tool selection is enabled.
Ctrl-mouse wheel	Scrolls through subdiagrams of a Case, Event, and Stacked Sequence structure.

Navigating the LabVIEW Environment

Ctrl-E Ctrl-#	Displays block diagram or front panel. Enables or disables alignment grid. On French keyboards, press the <Ctrl-"> keys.
Ctrl-/ Ctrl-T	Maximizes and restores window. Tiles front panel and block diagram windows.
Ctrl-F Ctrl-G	Finds objects or text. Searches VIs for next instance of object or text.
Ctrl-Shift-G	Searches VIs for previous instance of object or text.
Ctrl-Shift-F	Displays Search Results window.
Ctrl-Tab Ctrl-Shift-Tab	Cycles through LabVIEW windows. Cycles backward through LabVIEW windows.
Ctrl-I	Displays VI Properties dialog box.
Ctrl-L	Displays Error list window.
Ctrl-Y	Displays History window.
Ctrl-D Ctrl-A Enter *	Redraws Hierarchy window. Shows all VIs in Hierarchy window. Finds next node that matches the search string.
Shift-Enter *	Finds previous node that matches the search string.

* After initiating a search by typing in **Hierarchy** window

Debugging

Ctrl-↓ Ctrl-→ Ctrl-↑	Steps into node. Steps over node. Steps out of node.
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File Operations


Ctrl-N Ctrl-O Ctrl-W Ctrl-S Ctrl-P Ctrl-Q	Creates new VI. Opens existing VI. Closes VI. Saves VI. Prints the window. Quits LabVIEW.
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Basic Editing

Ctrl-Z Ctrl-Shift-Z Ctrl-X Ctrl-C Ctrl-V	Undoes last action. Redoes last action. Cuts an object. Copies an object. Pastes an object.
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Help

Ctrl-H Ctrl-Shift-L Ctrl-? or F1	Displays Context Help window. Locks Context Help window. Displays <i>LabVIEW Help</i> .
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 **Note** The <Ctrl> key in these shortcuts corresponds to the (Mac OS) <Option> or <Command> key, (Sun) <Meta> key, or (Linux) <Alt> key.

Tools and Palettes

Ctrl Shift Ctrl-Shift over open space Spacebar *	Switches to next most useful tool. Switches to Positioning tool. Switches to Scrolling tool. Toggles between two most common tools.
Shift-Tab * Tab *	Enables automatic tool selection. Cycles through tools if you disabled automatic tool selection by clicking the Automatic Tool Selection button. Otherwise, enables automatic tool selection.
↑↓←→ Enter Esc	Navigates temporary Controls and Functions palettes. Navigates into temporary palette. Navigates out of temporary palette.

* If automatic tool selection is disabled

SubVIs

Double-click subVI Ctrl-double-click subVI	Displays subVI front panel. Displays subVI block diagram.
Drag VI icon to block diagram	Places that VI as a subVI on the block diagram.
Shift-drag VI icon to block diagram	Places that VI as a subVI on the block diagram with constants wired for controls that have non-default values.
Ctrl-right-click block diagram and select VI	Opens front panel of that VI from the Functions palette.

Execution

Ctrl-R Ctrl-. * Ctrl-M	Runs VI. Aborts VI. Changes to run or edit mode.
Ctrl-Run button Ctrl-Shift-Run button	Recompiles current VI. Recompiles all VIs in memory.
Ctrl-↓ * Ctrl-↑ *	Moves key focus inside an array or cluster. Moves key focus outside an array or cluster.
Tab * Shift-Tab *	Navigates the controls or indicators according to tabbing order. Navigates backward through the controls or indicators.

* While VI is running

Wiring

Ctrl-B Esc, right-click, or click terminal Single-click wire Double-click wire Triple-click wire A	Removes all broken wires. Cancels a wire you started. Selects one segment. Selects a branch. Selects entire wire. Disables automatic wire routing temporarily.
Double-click (while wiring) spacebar	Tacks down wire without connecting it.
Shift-click	Toggles automatic wiring while moving objects.
Ctrl-click input on function with two inputs spacebar	Undoes last point where you set a wire. Switches the two input wires. Switches the direction of a wire between horizontal and vertical.

Text

Double-click Triple-click Ctrl-→ Ctrl-← Home End Ctrl-Home Ctrl-End Shift-Enter	Selects single word in string. Selects entire string. Moves forward in string by one word. Moves backward in string by one word. Moves to beginning of current line in string. Moves to end of current line in string. Moves to beginning of entire string. Moves to end of entire string. Adds new items when entering items in enumerated type controls and constants, or Case structures.
Esc Ctrl-Enter Ctrl-= Ctrl-– Ctrl-0 Ctrl-1 * Ctrl-2 * Ctrl-3 * Ctrl-4 *	Cancels current edit in a string. Ends text entry. Increases current font size. Decreases current font size. Displays Font dialog box. Displays Application font. Displays System font. Displays Dialog font. Displays current font.

* In **Font** dialog box