

Executor Cheatsheet

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Basic Interaction Keys

SHIFT+WIN+Z

Show/Hide Executor (Default Hotkey - configurable)

Esc

Clear input field; if empty, hide Executor (if auto-hide enabled).

Shift+Esc

Force hide Executor.

Enter

Execute current input or selected list item.

Keyboard shortcuts and navigation

Ctrl+Space

Use Input Assist feature.

Up / Down

Scroll suggestions / history.

Tab / Shift+Tab

Cycle suggestions OR move between delimiters (behavior switchable in settings).

Ctrl+Tab /**Ctrl+Shift+Tab**

Cycle suggestions OR move between delimiters (opposite of Tab).

Ctrl+Left /**Ctrl+Right**

Move text cursor to next/previous delimiter.

Shift+Enter

Execute as Administrator.

Alt+Enter

Open in internal browser.

F1

Show online documentation / Open Start Page (if enabled).

F2

Toggle internal browser (if active).

Shift+F2	End internal browser (if active).
F3	Set focus in input field.
F4 / F10 / Ctrl+Enter	Expand input (multiline text editor).
F9	Show Windows context menu for item.
Ctrl+K	Open keywords editor.
Ctrl+S	Open settings.
Ctrl+N	Open built-in notes.
Ctrl+Alt+K	Add a keyword using current input.
Ctrl+O	Open the currently entered keyword in the keyword editor.
Shift+Del	Delete current input text from history.
Delete (in list)	Delete highlighted history item.
Left / Right (in list)	Select item without launching.
Ctrl / Alt (in list)	Hold and mouse click to select item instead of launching.
Ctrl+E	Explore/Expand current input item in list (show folder contents).
Ctrl+D	Open folder containing the current item.
F8	Copy full path to clipboard of current item in input.
Shift+F8	Expand path of current current item in input.
F11	Center Executor on current screen.
Shift+F11	Center Executor on the primary screen.
Ctrl+I	Open start menu importer.
Ctrl+U	Import keywords from a URL.
Ctrl+R	List "contains" matches on current input (can be toggled in settings to be always on).
Alt+Down /	Open suggestion list (if hidden).
F4 (if setting enabled)	
Shift+Down / F5	Open full history/keyword list (if hidden).
Ctrl+C / Ctrl+V /	Standard Copy / Paste / Cut.
Ctrl+X	

Ctrl+A	Select all text in input.
Ctrl+Space (keyword editor)	Open suggestions.

Internal Browser shortcuts

F1	Open start page.
F2	Toggle Internal Browser.
Shift+F2	End internal browser.
F3	Search.
F4	Open Expand input.
F5	Reload page.
F8	Send current URL to Executor.
Shift+F8	Open in default browser.
Shift+F9	Expand to external window.
F10	Open Expand Input in Executor.
Shift+F10	Expand to external Executor window.
F11	Expand to fullscreen external Executor window.
F12	Developer tools.

External WebView window shortcuts

F3	Search.
F5	Reload page.
F6	Open in Internal Browser and close.
Shift+F6	Open in Internal Browser.
F8	Send current URL to Executor.
Shift+F8	Open in default browser and close.
Shift+F9	Expand to external window.
F10	Open Expand Input in Executor.
Shift+F10	Expand to external Executor window.

F11	Expand to fullscreen external Executor window.
F12	Developer tools.
Escape	Close window.

Fixed input commands

# (prefix): Calculator (e.g., #5*10)	-if : Import from file
-s, -settings : Open Settings	-export : Open exporter
-k, -keywords : Open Keywords editor	-v : Show Executor version info
-a [name] [command], -add : Add a new keyword	-m : Open context menu
-x, -q, -quit : Close Executor	-ab : Show about screen
-? : Open documentation	-edit : Open executor.ini
-n [add-text], -notes : Open Notes	-f, -folder : Open Executor data folder
-i [url] : Import from URL	-ef : Open Executor program folder
-is : Import start-menu	-report : generate bug report

Default keywords

General

clipboard : List and search clipboard history	textclean : Strip clipboard text formatting
apps : List and search running applications	launchtext : Select any text and launch (via hotkey)
notes [txt] : Open built-in notes	pasteprev : Paste previous clipboard item (via hotkey)
recent : List and search recent documents	pin [on/off/change] : Pin an image to list
tags : List and search keyword tags	kw : Only list keywords in history
refreshindex : Force index rebuild	imports : Browse Executor imports
time : Show current time/date/week	

wintools : List and open Windows tools
etc.

Internet

define [txt] : Google search

wiki [txt] : Wikipedia search

g,google [txt] : Google search

y,youtube [txt] : YouTube search

imdb [txt] : IMDb search

translate [txt] : Google translate

email [email] : Open mailto: client

ie [url] : Open Internet Explorer

Windows common use

task : Open Windows task manager

settings : Windows Settings

mycomp : Open "This PC"

mydocs : Open documents folder

find [txt] : Windows explorer search

search : Open Windows search

volume : Open Windows volume mixer

sound : Open sound settings

recycle : Open recycle bin

Windows commands

?sleep : Enter sleep mode

?shutdown : Shut down computer

?restart : Restart computer

?lock : Lock computer

?standby : Enter standby mode

?logoff : Logoff current user

?hibernate : Enter hibernation

?monitor : Turn off monitor(s)

?emptyrecyclebin : Empty recycle bin

screensaver : Start screensaver

mute : Mute/Unmute sound

volup : Volume up

setvolume : Get, set or adjust volume

Windows system and config

settings : Windows settings

control : Legacy control panel

addremove : Open Add/remove programs

display : Display settings

updates : Windows updates

system : Open system properties

devices : Device manager

admin : Open admin tools

services : Windows services

printers : Printers and scanners

msconfig : System configuration

gaming1,gaming2,gaming3 : Adjust Win
key

Network

ip : Show local IP address(es)

remote : Remote desktop connection

network : Network connections

hood : Browse network

ipconfig : Open ipconfig via cmd

ping : Ping an IP address via cmd

tracert : Trace route via cmd

netstat : Open netstat via cmd

firewall : Windows firewall

Small internal tools

timer [m] : Set timer (minutes)

alarm [h:m] : Set alarm (time)

stopwatch [start,stop] : Stopwatch

reminder [text] : Text reminder

password : Generate password

dice : Roll a dice

flipcoin : Flip a coin

System media player commands

media : Open default media player

next : Play next

previous : Play previous

play,pause : Play/pause media

stop : Stop media

Note:

Besides these default keywords, Executor will index a lot of other apps and Windows items.

Special inserted commands (\$) ---

\$P\$

Parameter text.

\$P1\$, \$P2\$...

Individual parameters.

\$U\$

URL-encoded parameter text.

\$U1\$, \$U2\$...

URL-encoded individual parameters.

||

Separator for multiple commands.

\$W\$ / \$W5\$ / \$W500ms\$

Wait 1 second / Wait 5 seconds / Wait 500 milliseconds.

\$M\$

Minimize all windows.

`R`

Undo minimize all.

`DEF. . DEF`

Default if no parameters.

`{BR}`

Send a line break.

`D`

Drive letter Executor is on.

`H`

Full path to Executor folder.

`C`

Current clipboard text.

`CU`

Current clipboard text URL encoded.

`CLR`

Clear input after execution.

`B`

Open in internal browser.

`BN`

Like `B` but keep input focus.

`$BCONNECT$`

Allow internal browser webpage connecting with Executor.

`PS`

Write parameter as text in Windows.

`PSE`

Like `PS` but also press enter.

`$SOUND$. . $SOUND$`

Play a sound file.

`$ASYNC$`

Run multiple commands async

`$NOHIDE$`

Don't hide after doing multiple commands

`%VAR%`

Environment variables (e.g., `%windir%`).

Tool and tasks commands (\$) ---

Clipboard and text

`CE`

Launch text or get file/folder path.

`CX`

Like `CE` but if not URL/path, replaces `CX` with clipboard text.

`CI`

Text or file/folder to input field.

`CC`

For hotkey keywords. Triggers copy, then replaces `CC` with clipboard text.

`CCU`

Like `CC` but text is URL encoded.

`$TEXTCLEAN$`

Strips formatting from clipboard text.

\$TEXTCLEANPASTE\$

Like \$TEXTCLEAN\$ and will paste.

\$PASTE1\$, \$PASTE2\$, \$PASTE3\$. .

Paste older clipboard items.

\$COPY\$, \$CUT\$, \$PASTE\$

Trigger these actions.

\$SENDTEXT\$

Write text to active window.

\$KEYS\$

Press a combination of any keyboard keys.

Internal browser

\$BROWSER\$, \$B\$

Launch in internal browser.

\$BROWSERNOFOCUS\$, \$BN\$

Like \$B\$ but keep focus at input.

\$BCONNECT\$

Allow webpage connecting with Executor.

\$BROWSERFLUSHALL\$

Clear internal browser data.

\$BROWSETOGGLE\$

Show/Hide internal browser.

\$BROWSEREND\$

End internal browser session.

\$BROWSERCLEAR\$

Clear and hide current internal browser page.

\$BROWSERURL\$

Get URL of internal browser.

\$BROWSEREXPAND\$

\$CLEARCLIPBOARD\$

Clear Executor clipboard history.

\$CLIPBOARDTONOTES\$

Copy clipboard text to Notes.

\$ALLCLIPBOARDTONOTES\$

Copy all Executor clipboard history to Notes.

\$COPYTONOTES\$

Copy selected text to notes.

\$EDIT\$

Open expanded input edit.

Open current page in a full browser.

\$BROWSERWIN\$

Open current page in a popup window.

\$BROWSERWINEXE\$

Open current page in a Executor popup window.

\$BROWSERWINFULL\$

Open current page fullscreen.

\$BROWSERBACK\$, \$BROWSERFORWARD\$

Navigate back or forward.

\$BROWSERREFRESH\$

Refresh/reload the current web page.

\$BSETFOCUS\$

Move focus to internal browser.

\$BCLICK\$

Click a webpage (if allowed permission).

\$BNORELOAD\$

Don't reload if already active from same keyword.

`$BNEWWIN$`

Launch a URL in a window using a WebView.

Show raw content from a URL

`$URLTOINPUT$`

Show text from URL in input.

`$URLTOLIST$`

Show output from command line tools

`$GRABTOINPUT$`

Show text from cmd tool in input.

`$GRABTOLIST$`

System related

`$SETPOS$`

Set Executor's position

`$SETDEFBROWSER$`

Set Executor's default browser

`$SETDEFEXPLORER$`

Set Executor's default file explorer

`$WOPEN$` , `$WCLOSE$` , `$WMAXIMIZE$` ,
`$WMINIMIZE$` , `$WRESTORE$` , `$WRESIZE$` ,
`$WMAXWIDTH$` , `$WMAXHEIGHT$` ,
`$WCENTER$` , `$WADJUST$` , `$WARRANGE$` ,
`$WEXECUTOR$` , `$WLEFT$` , `$WRIGHT$` ,
`$WTOP$` , `$WBOTTOM$` , `$WINFO$`
`$WFINDACTIVE$` , `$WFINDCLOSE$`
`$WHANDLE$`

Note:

`$BNEWFULL$`

Launch a URL fullscreen using a WebView.

To import browser example keywords, use

`-i executor.dk/browser.exc`

Show text from URL in list.

`$URLTOLISTNOFOCUS$`

Like `$URLTOLIST$` but keep focus at input.

Show text from cmd tool in list.

`$GRABTOLISTNOFOCUS$`

Like `$GRABTOLIST$` but keep focus at input.

Manipulate the active window. Import from

`-i executor.dk/windowkeywords.exc`

`$GETMOUSEPOS$` , `$SETMOUSEPOS$` ,
`$MOUSECLICK$` , `$MOUSELEFTCLICK$` ,
`$MOUSERIGHTCLICK$` ,
`$GETMOUSEPOSCOLOR$`

Mouse manipulation commands. Import from

`-i executor.dk/extras.exc`

See docs for more info on these. Some of these only makes sense when used with a keyword that has a hotkey assigned.

Command line parameters

Example: `executor.exe -s` , another example: `executor.exe -r google best new series .`
 There's a shortcut using `runexe.cmd`, `runexe google best new series`

<code>"[filepath]"</code> : Add keyword	<code>-s</code> : Start hidden
<code>-exit</code> : Close Executor	<code>-safemode</code> : Start in safemode
<code>-r [input]</code> : Run Executor input	<code>-wizard</code> : Start setup wizard

Keyword and input formatting notes

Prefix keyword URLs

When using URLs in keyword commands you should prefix them with `https://` or similar. Else Executor could identify it as something else than a URL.

Double quoting file location when several things in input, or keyword command

Direct input example: `c:\program files\editor.exe`

Direct input example: `"c:\program files\editor.exe" c:\projects\secret`

Single keyword example: `keyword.command = c:\program files\editor.exe` ,
`keyword.parameter = c:\projects\secret`

Single keyword example: `keyword.command = "c:\program files\editor.exe" c:`
`\projects\secret` , `keyword.parameter = empty`

Multi keyword example: `keyword.command = "c:\program files\editor.exe" c:`
`\projects\secret||https://myprojects.com/secret` , `keyword.parameter = empty`

As for parameters and double quoting, thats up to the program you are running, if double quotes are required or not.

Examples of composing keywords

Keyword name: `vscode` Keyword command: `the-path-of-vscode-executable` ,
 keyword parameter `P`

This is handy for other keywords to then open VSCode with one or more parameters.

Keyword name: `project-letsgo` **Keyword command:**

```
$M$https://miro.com/board/uX6VI||vscode "C:\projects\letsgo"||C:\Users\projects\letsgo||vscode "C:\projects\websites\letsgo"||ps "C:\projects\letsgo\assets"||https://figma.com/projects/32432||https://letsgo.atlassian.net/jira/project/LG
```

A keyword to work on the project called "project-letsgo". Does the following:
 1 Minimize all,
 2 open project whiteboard in Miro,
 3 open VSCode with project,
 4 opens project folder in Windows,
 5 Open project website in VSCode
 6 Open Photoshop in projects assets folder
 7 Opens Figma project specifications.
 8 Open project KanBan board in Jira.
 The Miro, Figma and Jira URLs could also be wrapped in keywords, if you tend to open them a lot on their own (e.g. miro-letsgo, figma-letsgo, jira-letsgo-board).

Keyword name: `morning` **Keyword command:**

```
news|weather|stocks|traffic|todo|calendar|mail
```

Calls a bunch of other keywords. These could also all be the full URLs instead of other keywords.

Keyword name: `chatgpt` **Keyword command:** `https://chatgpt.com/?q=U`

Prompt ChatGPT (URL encode parameter with \$U\$)

Keyword name: `aicompare` **Keyword command:**

```
chatgpt $P$||claude $P$||grok $P$||copilot $P$||perplexity $P$
```

Calls a bunch of other keywords with a parameter to compare the results of each AI response..

Keyword name: `g` **Keyword command:**

```
$DEF$https://google.com$DEF$https://google.com/search?q=$U$
```

Google search, if no parameter is send \$DEF\$..\$DEF\$ will be used.

Inspiration for making keywords

Think of Executor having a set of building blocks (some supporting parameters, arguments, prompts and queries), that you can mix up and launch with one or more commands and hotkeys. These building blocks are: `applications` , `websites/webservices` , `files` , `folders` and `commands` . The following is a list of words to spark some inspiration for building keywords that can speed up your workflow. See tips section for more inspiration.

Work and projects

Work related apps , code editors , AI tools/services , UI/UX related apps/services , project management , source control , calendar , mail , messaging/chat , cloud management , scrum , team space , whiteboards/canvas , dashboards , analytics , test client , planning , research , backlog , build tools , ci/cd , localization tools , storage/file manager , system/project files and folders , virtualmachines/containers VPN , screen capture , human resources , backup

Daily

Mail , calendar , search , AI prompting and more , social media , todos/planning , finance , traffic , research , photos , messaging/chat , browsing work or private , news , weather , fitness/health , music/audio/podcasts , entertainment , sports , travel/maps , routines (morning, work, home, evening, research, gaming etc.) , leisure , food/drink , smart home/automation , study , communities , VPN

Gaming

Games , game hubs , community clients/services , streaming/recording/hud tools , online services , gaming software for hardware

Randomly mentioning apps and services to jog your mind for "building blocks":

vscode, google products (mail, calendar, drive, keep, docs, music etc.), slack, atlassian/jira, microsoft/teams, miro, figma, canva, trello, asana, monday, airtable, confluence, sharepoint, adobe products, google studio AI, firebase studio, gemini, chatgpt, claude code, google-antigravity, cursor, windsurf, copilot, midjourney, aws, google cloud, azure, github, bitbucket, docker, obsidian, notion, postman, fiddler, wireshark, charles, grafana, kibana, watkins, datadog, n8n, express vpn, virtualbox, wmware, sourcetree, chrome, tor, firefox, thunderbird, notepad++, youtube(music), sonos, spotify, steam, battlenet, obs, twitch, discord, stream deck, xbox, vlc, nvidia, logitech, razer, zoom, outlook, tiktok, dropbox, facebook, whatsapp, instagram, stackoverflow, visual studio, android studio, jetbrains products, translate, reddit, photos, maps, weather, news, ifttt, zapier, home-assistant, smartthings, davinci-resolve, affinity, gimp, photopea, photoshop, pdfgear, lokalize, crowdin, analytics, mixpanel, sentry.io, bitrise.io, teamcity, zendesk, bamboohr, powertoys, pageant, putty, (neo)vim, powershell, cmd, filezilla, file explorer, onecommander, duckduckgo, ifttt, zapier, picpick, sharex, plex, audacity, studio one, protools, cubase, live, flstudio, strava, garmin