

Navigating Google Earth with the keyboard

The following keystrokes control the Google Earth application:

Command	Windows/Linux Keystroke(s)	Mac Keystroke(s)	Result
File Menu	Alt + F (English/Japanese) Alt + F (French) Alt + F (Italian) Alt + D (German) Alt + A (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the File menu. You can use the down and up arrows to select items once the menu is open.
Edit Menu	Alt + E (English/Japanese) Alt + M (French) Alt + M (Italian) Alt + B (German) Alt + E (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the Edit menu. You can use the down and up arrows to select items once the menu is open.
View Menu	Alt + V (English/Japanese) Alt + C (French) Alt + V (Italian) Alt + A (German) Alt + V (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the View menu. You can use the down and up arrows to select items once the menu is open.
Add Menu	Alt + A (English/Japanese) Alt + J (French) Alt + A (Italian) Alt + Z (German) Alt + D (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the Add menu. Use the down and up arrows to select items once this menu is open.
Tool Menu	Alt + T (English/Japanese) Alt + O (French) Alt + F (Italian) Alt + T (German) Alt + H (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the Tool menu. Use the down and up arrows to select items once this menu is open.
Help Menu	Alt + H (English/Japanese) Alt + A (French) Alt + G (Italian) Alt + H (German) Alt + Y (Spanish)	(none)	Opens the Help menu. You can use the down and up arrows to select items once the menu is open.
Open File	CTRL + O	⌘ + O	Produces the file open dialog box, allowing you to open all supported Google Earth file types.
Save Image	CTRL + Alt + S	⌘ + Option + S	Saves the current view as an image to your computer.
View in Google Maps	CTRL + Alt + M	⌘ + Option + M	Displays the current view in Google Maps.
Print	CTRL + P	⌘ + P	Produces the print dialog box, allowing you to print the current view, placemark, folder contents or search results.

Email View	CTRL + Alt + E	⌘ + Option + E	E-mails the current view either as a placemark or image file.
Copy	CTRL + C	⌘ + C	Copies the current selection in the 'Places' listing.
Cut	CTRL + X	⌘ + X	Cuts a placemark or other item from the listing in the 'Places' panel. Cuts an icon from the 3D viewer. Both icon or listing item must first be selected. You can use this feature to organize your places data.
Paste	CTRL + V	⌘ + V	Pastes a placemark or other item into the selected folder in the 'Places' panel. You can use this feature to organize your places data.
Find	CTRL + F	⌘ + F	Opens a Find field in the Places panel. Use this to find places that exist in the Places panel. Note that this is different than search for places on the earth .
Delete	Del	Delete	Deletes an item selected in the 'Places' panel.
Rename	CTRL + Alt + R	⌘ + Option + R	Enters edit mode for a selected item in the 'Places' panel, so you can change the name without bringing up the 'Edit Placemark' dialog box.
Zoom to selected placemark/item	Enter	Enter	Zooms into a selected folder, placemark, or other item in the 'Places' panel.
Full screen mode	F11	(not supported)	Toggles between full screen and window view for the Google Earth application.
Show/Hide sidebar	CTRL + Alt + B	⌘ + Option + B	Displays or closes sidebar
Lat/Lon grid	CTRL + L	⌘ + L	Produces a latitude and longitude grid over the surface of the earth in the 3D viewer.
Play Tour	CTRL + Alt + P	⌘ + Option + P	Plays the tour mode for all selected items in the 'Places' panel.
New placemark	CTRL + Shift + P	⌘ + Shift + P	Adds a new placemark to the current view.
New folder	CTRL + Shift + N	⌘ + Shift + N	Produces the New Folder dialog box.
New image overlay	CTRL + Shift + O	⌘ + Shift + O	Produces the New Image Overlay dialog box.
New model	CTRL + Shift + M	⌘ + Shift + M	Produces the New Model dialog box
New path	CTRL + Shift + T	⌘ + Shift + T	Produces the New Path dialog box.
New polygon	CTRL + Shift + G	⌘ + Shift + G	Produces the New Polygon dialog box.
Change navigation mode to Trackball	CTRL + T	⌘ + T	Switches navigation in the 3D viewer to Trackball mode. This can also be done by selecting the Trackball option from Tools > Options > Navigation (Google Earth > Preferences > Navigation on the Mac).