Keyboard Shortcuts

The most common keyboard shortcuts used in accessibility testing.

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| **Interaction** | **Keystrokes** | **Notes** |
| Navigate to interactive elements | **Tab** - navigate forward  **Shift** + **Tab** - navigate backward | * Keyboard focus indicators must be present. * Navigation order should be logical and intuitive. |
| Link | **Enter** - activate the link |  |
| Button | **Enter** or **Spacebar** - activate the button | Ensure elements with ARIA role="button" can be activated with both key commands. |
| Checkbox | **Spacebar** - check/uncheck a checkbox | Users can typically select zero, one, or multiple options from group of checkboxes. |
| Radio buttons | **Spacebar** - select the focused option (if not selected)  **↑**/**↓** or **←**/**→** - navigate between options  **Tab** - leave the group of radio buttons | Users can select only one option from a group of radio buttons. |
| Select (dropdown) menu | **↑**/**↓** - navigate between options  **Spacebar** - expand  **Enter**/**Esc** - select option and collapse | You can also filter or jump to options in the menu as you type letters. |
| Autocomplete | Type to begin filtering  **↑**/**↓** - navigate to an option  **Enter** - select an option |  |
| Dialog | **Esc** - close | * Modal dialogs should maintain keyboard focus. * Non-modal dialogs should close automatically when they lose focus. * When a dialog closes, focus should usually return to the element that opened the dialog. |

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