

WordStar Interface for TextMaker 2024

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The WordStar commands used here are those found in the **WordStar for DOS 7.0**, the final version released. (If you'd like to use the original MS-DOS WordStar program under Windows, Mac, or Linux operating systems, you'll find it and everything else you need in my [WordStar for DOS 7.0](#) archive.)

In the table below, **Cyan** highlights WordStar commands that will be added to TextMaker. In some cases, a WordStar command that has no precise TextMaker equivalent has been mapped to a similar function; for instance, Ctrl-Q,G, which is the WordStar command for "temporary indent," has been mapped to "increase indent."

Yellow highlights other shortcuts I've added (for example, since WordStar uses the standard Windows Ctrl-C, Ctrl-X, and Ctrl-V cut-copy-paste keys for its own purposes, Alt+C, Alt+X, and Alt+V have been added to replace those functions).

Regrettably, TextMaker does not support numbers or punctuation marks as the second character in a two-character keyboard shortcut, so there's no way to map, for instance, Ctrl-K,1 (WordStar's command to set placemaker 1) onto TextMaker's bookmark feature.

Installation instructions:

TextMaker's keyboard shortcuts are stored in your **Documents** folder in the file **\SoftMaker\settings\tm24keys.dat**. **Make a backup copy of that file**, just to be on the safe side, and then copy the provided **tm24keys.dat** into this folder, overwriting the original **tm24keys.dat**.

If you want to change any of the keyboard shortcuts, that's easy. Just use TextMaker's usual **Customize** screen found on the **Tools** menu to add, delete, or reassign shortcuts.

If you wish to **uninstall** the WordStar keyboard shortcuts, you can (1) copy your backed up **tm24keys.dat** file (created above) over the one that has the WordStar keyboard shortcuts; or (2) just delete **tm24keys.dat**, and TextMaker will create a new one next time it runs with the default keyboard shortcuts; or (3) select "Reset all shortcut keys" from the bottom of TextMaker's **Customize** dialog box.

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Ctrl	Alt	Ctrl
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Characters	Em dash	Alt+Ctrl+- (Num)
Characters	En dash	Ctrl+- (Num)
Characters	Non-breaking hyphen	Ctrl+Shift+-
Characters	Non-breaking space	Ctrl+P,O
Characters	Non-breaking space	Ctrl+Shift+Space
Characters	Soft hyphen	Ctrl+-
Characters	Soft hyphen	Ctrl+O,E
Database	Append record	Ctrl+N
Database	Close database	Ctrl+W
Database	Close database	Ctrl+F4
Database	Copy	Ctrl+C
Database	Copy record and close database	Ctrl+K
Database	Cut	Ctrl+X
Database	Delete record	Ctrl+Y
Database	Duplicate record	Ctrl+D
Database	First field	Ctrl+Home
Database	First record	Ctrl+PageUp
Database	Form/List view	F2
Database	Go to the next selected record	Alt+Ctrl+PageDown
Database	Go to the previous selected record	Alt+Ctrl+PageUp
Database	Go to the record number	F5
Database	Go to the record number	Ctrl+G
Database	Help	F1
Database	Insert record and close database	Ctrl+E
Database	Last field	Ctrl+End
Database	Last record	Ctrl+PageDown
Database	Next field	Alt+Ctrl+Right
Database	Next window	Ctrl+F6
Database	Paste	Ctrl+V
Database	Previous field	Alt+Ctrl+Left
Database	Previous window	Ctrl+Shift+F6
Database	Search	Ctrl+F
Database	Search again	F3

Database	Select records	Ctrl+S
Database	Select records by conditions	Ctrl+U
Database	Select records by number	Ctrl+B
Database	Update	F9
Edit	Copy	Alt+C
Edit	Copy	Ctrl+Insert
Edit	Cut	Alt+X
Edit	Cut	Shift+Delete
Edit	Delete	Ctrl+K,Y
Edit	Don't expand SmartText	Alt+.
Edit	Evaluate	F8
Edit	Go to	F5
Edit	Go to	Ctrl+Q,G
Edit	Go to	Ctrl+Q,I
Edit	Paste	Alt+V
Edit	Paste	Shift+Insert
Edit	Paste special	Alt+Ctrl+V
Edit	Redo	Alt+Y
Edit	Redo	Alt+Return
Edit	Replace	Ctrl+Q,A
Edit	Search	Ctrl+Q,F
Edit	Search again	F3
Edit	Search again backward	Ctrl+Q,V
Edit	Search again backward	Ctrl+PageUp
Edit	Search again forward	Ctrl+L
Edit	Search again forward	Ctrl+PageDown
Edit	Select all	Alt+A
Edit	Sort text/table	Ctrl+K,Z
Edit	Undo	Alt+Z
Edit	Undo	Alt+Back
Edit	Undo	Ctrl+U
Edit	Undo	Ctrl+Z
File	Close	Ctrl+K,Q
File	Close	Ctrl+F4
File	Exit	Alt+F4

File	Exit	Ctrl+K,X
File	File manager	F12
File	File manager	Ctrl+K,E
File	File manager	Ctrl+K,J
File	Open	Ctrl+O,K
File	Page setup	Ctrl+O,Y
File	Print preview	Ctrl+O,P
File	Print...	Ctrl+K,P
File	Save	F2
File	Save	Ctrl+K,S
File	Save as	Ctrl+K,T
Format	Bold	Ctrl+B
Format	Bold	Ctrl+P,B
Format	Bold	Ctrl+Shift+F
Format	Bullets	F4
Format	Centre	Ctrl+O,C
Format	Copy formatting	Ctrl+Shift+C
Format	Decrease font size	Ctrl+8
Format	Decrease hanging indent	Ctrl+Shift+T
Format	Decrease indent	Ctrl+Shift+M
Format	Double line spacing	Ctrl+2
Format	Highlight text	Ctrl+P,H
Format	Hyphenation	Ctrl+O,H
Format	Increase font size	Ctrl+9
Format	Increase indent	Ctrl+O,G
Format	Italic	Ctrl+P,Y
Format	Italic	Ctrl+Shift+K
Format	Justify	Ctrl+O,J
Format	Line spacing	Ctrl+O,S
Format	Normal	Ctrl+Shift+*(Num)
Format	One and a half line spacing	Ctrl+5
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 1"	Alt+1
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 2"	Alt+2
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 3"	Alt+3
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 4"	Alt+4

Format	Paragraph style "Heading 5"	Alt+5
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 6"	Alt+6
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 7"	Alt+7
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 8"	Alt+8
Format	Paragraph style "Heading 9"	Alt+9
Format	Paragraph style "Normal"	Ctrl+P,N
Format	Paragraph style (toolbar)	Ctrl+O,F
Format	Paste formatting	Ctrl+Shift+V
Format	Set the paragraph's writing direction to "left to right"	Ctrl+Shift+A
Format	Set the paragraph's writing direction to "right to left"	Ctrl+Shift+D
Format	Single line spacing	Ctrl+1
Format	Standard	Ctrl+Space
Format	Strike out	Ctrl+P,X
Format	Subscript	Ctrl+P,V
Format	Subscript	Ctrl+Shift+- (Num)
Format	Superscript	Ctrl+P,T
Format	Superscript	Ctrl+Shift++ (Num)
Format	Tabs	Ctrl+O,I
Format	Underline	Ctrl+P,S
Format	Underline	Ctrl+Shift+U
Help	Help	F1
Hidden	Main menu	F10
Hidden	Minimise	Ctrl+F1
Insert	Bookmark	Ctrl+K,B
Insert	Bookmark	Ctrl+K,K
Insert	Calculation	Ctrl+Q,M
Insert	Column break	Ctrl+Shift+Return
Insert	Footnote	Alt+Ctrl+F
Insert	Footnote	Ctrl+O,N
Insert	Insert date	Ctrl+.
Insert	Insert time	Ctrl+Shift+.
Insert	New line	Shift+Return
Insert	Page break	Ctrl+P,L
Insert	Page break	Ctrl+Return

Keyboard	Backspace word	Ctrl+Back
Keyboard	Bottom of screen	Ctrl+Q,X
Keyboard	Character left	Ctrl+S
Keyboard	Character right	Ctrl+D
Keyboard	Delete character	Ctrl+G
Keyboard	Delete line	Ctrl+Y
Keyboard	Delete to left	Ctrl+H
Keyboard	Delete word	Ctrl+T
Keyboard	Delete word	Ctrl+Delete
Keyboard	End of document	Ctrl+Q,C
Keyboard	End of line	Ctrl+Q,D
Keyboard	Insert/Overwrite	Ctrl+V
Keyboard	Jump to footnote or comment	Alt+Ctrl+Down
Keyboard	Leave footnote or comment	Alt+Ctrl+Up
Keyboard	Line down	Ctrl+X
Keyboard	Line up	Ctrl+E
Keyboard	New paragraph	Ctrl+N
Keyboard	Next paragraph	Ctrl+Q,Z
Keyboard	Next Ribon tab	Ctrl+F12
Keyboard	Page down	Ctrl+C
Keyboard	Page up	Ctrl+R
Keyboard	Previous paragraph	Ctrl+Q,W
Keyboard	Previous ribbon tab	Ctrl+Shift+F12
Keyboard	Select current word	Alt+W
Keyboard	Select current word	Ctrl+J
Keyboard	Select line	Alt+L
Keyboard	Select paragraph	Alt+P
Keyboard	Select to end of document	Alt+Ctrl+End
Keyboard	Select to end of line	Ctrl+Q,Y
Keyboard	Select to start of document	Alt+B
Keyboard	Select to start of document	Alt+Ctrl+Home
Keyboard	Start of line	Ctrl+Q,S
Keyboard	Tab	Ctrl+P,I
Keyboard	Top of document	Ctrl+Q,R
Keyboard	Top of screen	Ctrl+Q,E

Keyboard	Word left	Ctrl+A
Keyboard	Word right	Ctrl+F
Object editing	Next object	Ctrl+F11
Object editing	Previous object	Ctrl+Shift+F11
Outline	Collapse level	Alt+Shift+- (Num)
Outline	Demote level	Alt+Shift+Right
Outline	Expand all levels	Alt+Shift+A
Outline	Expand level	Alt+Shift++ (Num)
Outline	Move paragraphs down	Alt+Shift+Down
Outline	Move paragraphs up	Alt+Shift+Up
Outline	Promote level	Alt+Shift+Left
Outline	Set to body text	Ctrl+Shift+N
Outline	Show level 1	Alt+Shift+1
Outline	Show levels 1-2	Alt+Shift+2
Outline	Show levels 1-3	Alt+Shift+3
Outline	Show levels 1-4	Alt+Shift+4
Outline	Show levels 1-5	Alt+Shift+5
Outline	Show levels 1-6	Alt+Shift+6
Outline	Show levels 1-7	Alt+Shift+7
Outline	Show levels 1-8	Alt+Shift+8
Outline	Show levels 1-9	Alt+Shift+9
Table	Justify vertically	Ctrl+O,V
Tools	Change case	Shift+F3
Tools	Check spelling as you type	Ctrl+Q,N
Tools	Duden	Alt+F7
Tools	Go to last position	Ctrl+Q,P
Tools	Go to last position	Shift+F5
Tools	Next change	Alt+Ctrl+N
Tools	Options	Ctrl+O,O
Tools	Previous change	Alt+Ctrl+P
Tools	Spell check	F7
Tools	Spell check	Ctrl+Q,L
Tools	Thesaurus	Ctrl+Q,J
Tools	Thesaurus	Shift+F7
Tools	Track changes	Ctrl+Shift+E

Tools	Translation	Ctrl+F7
Tools	Unicode to hex value	Alt+Ctrl+Shift+X
Tools	Unicode to hex value	Alt+Ctrl+Shift+F12
Tools	Update fields	F9
User	Calculator	Ctrl+K,M
View	Field names	Alt+F9
View	Full screen	F6
View	Full screen	F11
View	Horiz. ruler	Ctrl+O,T
View	Paragraph marks	Ctrl+O,D
View	Toggle bookmarks	Ctrl+K,H
View	Zoom level	Alt+0
Window	Maximise application	Alt+F10
Window	Next window	Ctrl+F6
Window	Previous window	Ctrl+Shift+F6
Window	Restore application	Alt+F5