ChessBase 12 Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts for commentary symbols

When you type in text commentary, key names or game data you can use chess figurines and the special symbols used to annotate games. This assumes that the ChessBase fonts have been correctly installed and selected for that purpose.

Here are the symbols you can use and the keyboard shortcuts to input them:

Shortcut	Symbol	Description
Ctrl-K	¢	King
Ctrl-Q	£	Queen
Ctrl-N	¤	Knight
Ctrl-B	¥	Bishop
Ctrl-R	¦	Rook
Ctrl-P	§	Pawn
Ctrl-A	,	Attack
Ctrl-I	ƒ	Initiative
Ctrl-Shift-C	,,	Counterplay
Ctrl-Alt-I	…	With the idea
Ctrl-S	†	Space
Ctrl-Shift-Z	"	Zeitnot (time trouble)
Ctrl-Alt-D	†	Development
Ctrl-L	'	File (line)
Shift-Ctrl-D	'	Diagonal
Ctrl-Alt-Z	‡	Zugzwang
Ctrl-Alt-C	"	Centre
Ctrl-Shift-W	×	Weak point.
Ctrl-O	™	Only move
Ctrl-W	a	with
Ctrl-Alt-W	o	without
Ctrl-Alt-Q	«	Queenside
Ctrl-Alt-K	»	Kingside
Ctrl-E	v	Endgame
Ctrl-Alt-P		Pair of bishops
Ctrl-Alt-O	®	Bishops of opposite colour
Ctrl-Alt-E	¯	Bishops of same colour
Ctrl-M	°	With compensation for material
Ctrl-1	±	White has the upper hand
Ctrl-2	^{2}	White stands somewhat better
Ctrl-3	÷	Unclear
Ctrl-4	^{3}	Black stands somewhat better
Ctrl-5	µ	Black has the upper hand
Ctrl-Alt-B	^{1}	Better is
Ctrl-Alt-R	½	Draw
Ctrl-Shift-P	þ	Passed pawn.

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Keyboard shortcuts in games lists

Home/End	Jump to beginning/end of list
Shift-Cursor down / Ctrl-click	Mark games
Shift-Page down	Mark page-full of games
Shift-End	Mark all games to end of list
Ctrl-A	Mark all games
Return	Load/merge marked game(s)
F10 / Ctrl F10	Load next/previous game in list
Ctrl-Cursor left/right	Automatic scrolling
Page up/down	Scroll page up/down
Cursor up/down	Move highlight bar and scroll
Ctrl-G	Go to game number
Alt-Q	Toggle list format, e.g. show notation/game data
Ctrl-J	Set start move
S	Show statistics for marked/all games
Shift-S	Show piece probability for marked/all games
F5	Copy marked games into clip database
O	Game overview in many diagrams
T	Generate tournament table
Ctrl-F	Call up search mask to define search
Tab	Switch search mask on/off. If no search mask is defined, next game index
+ (plus key)	Set user medal for game.
Delete	Mark selected games as deleted
Ctrl-C	Mark selected games for copying
Ctrl-V	Paste games marked for copying

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Keyboard shortcuts in the board window

Ctrl-F	Flip board
Cursor keys	Play moves forwards and backwards.
*	Replay games automatically
Ctrl-G	Go to move number x.
Ctrl + move (mouse)	Make the move a variation without query
Shift + move (mouse)	Overwrite next move without query
T	Take back move, make next move a variation ("T-Note")
Ctrl-Alt-0	Enter null move
Ctrl-Y	Delete variation
Ctrl-Alt-C	Classify game according to opening in reference database
Ctrl-Alt-Shift-C	Classify game according to themes
Shift-F6	Find novelty/compare in reference database
Shift-F7	Show Opening Reference for board position
Tab	Switch notation
M	Close variation
+ / −	With the analysis engine on: increase/decrease the number of lines calculated.
Page up/down	Scroll one page up/down in the notation
Home / End	Go to beginning/end of notation
]	Cut remaining moves
[	Cut previous moves
Ctrl-Shift-Y	Remove all variations and commentary
Ctrl-A	Enter text commentary after move
Ctrl-Shift-A	Enter text commentary before move
Shift-1 or "!"	Annotate with !, ? etc.
Ctrl-Alt-Y	Delete all graphic commentary
Ctrl-Alt-M	Enter training commentary
Ctrl-Alt-W	Enter correspondence chess header
Ctrl-W	Annotate correspondence chess move
Ctrl-S	Save game
Ctrl-R	Replace game
F10	Load next game in list
Ctrl-F10	Load previous game in list
Alt-F2	Start/stop the default analysis engine
Space	Insert best engine move into notation
Ctrl-Space	Insert best variation of all engines into notation
x	Show threat

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y	Calculate next best move(only Fritz engine).
Ctrl-Alt-B	Open/close photos window
Ctrl-Alt-N	Open/close notation window
Esc	Close window
Ctrl-Z	After deleting or reordering variations: Undo

Keyboard shortcuts in the database window

Tab	Switches between window "panes"
F3	Next higher directory level
Ctrl-F12	Go to My databases
Enter	Open selected database/start training.
Ctrl-F	Search for games in selected database.
Ctrl-Alt-L	Switch database preview pane on/off.
Ctrl-O	Open database and add it to My databases.
Ctrl-X	Create a new database in the current directory.
Ctrl-Z	Archive current database.
Ctrl-L	Show games list of the selected database.
Ctrl-P	Show players index of the selected database.
Ctrl-T	Show tournament index of the selected database.
Ctrl-A	Show annotator index of the selected database.
Ctrl-S	Show source index of the selected database.
Ctrl-K	Show openings key of the selected database.
Ctrl-C	Mark all games for copying.
Ctrl-V	Paste all games marked for copying in the selected database.
Ctrl-D	Display databases as detailed list.
Ctrl-I	Display databases as large icons.