

keyboard and mouse shortcuts SkyTools 3 Pro

preamble

This reference document lists shortcuts specific to Skyhound's SkyTools 3.2 Professional edition. Subject to change without notice. Please note that these software keyboard shortcuts are case-sensitive.

There are five chart views that these shortcuts work in: the Overhead chart, the Naked Eye chart, the Interactive Atlas, its Context Viewer, and the telescope/binoculars (multi-panel) chart.

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| function or action | key/mouse shortcut | notes |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>general</i> | | |
| retrieve on-board help | F1 | |
| close a box (most of the time) | Esc | |
| | | |
| <i>Nightly Planner and Real Time lists</i> | | |
| position at first or last list entry | Home or End | |
| move to next or previous list entry below | Down or Up arrow | |
| scroll down or up many list entries | PgDn or PgUp | |
| scroll right or left to view other columns | Right or Left arrow | |
| display object info box | i | |
| toggle checkmark | Enter | |
| delete list entry | Del | |
| refresh or update list | F5 | |
| display interactive atlas chart | a | will update if open |
| display overhead sky chart | o | will update if open |
| display naked eye chart | n | will update if open |
| display (preselected) telescope/binoculars chart | t | will update if open |
| centre in current chart | c | |
| print chart | p | |
| slew telescope to | F3 | |
| slew telescope to and centre in chart | F4 | |
| sync telescope | Spacebar | |
| create quick log entry (and view existing) | l | lower-case letter L |
| create log entries | m | new log defaults |
| get digital sky survey image | d | |
| mark as observed | Alt-F5 | |
| mark to re-observe | Alt-F6 | |
| mark as not yet observed | Alt-F7 | |
| clear marked status | Alt-F8 | mark as no value |
| mark as high priority | 1 | digit one |
| mark as normal priority | 2 | |
| mark as low priority | 3 | |
| clear marked priority | 4 | mark as no value |
| show imaging exposure calculator | e | Pro version |

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| <i>all charts</i> | | |
| display keyboard shortcuts page from help | k | ah ha! |
| toggle star labels | s | |
| toggle all labels | l | lower-case letter L |
| toggle target cross hairs | t | |
| disable identification of object at mouse location | Shift | |
| display object info for mouse pointer location | double-click | |
| turn equatorial coordinate grid lines on | F5 | |
| turn horizon coordinate grid lines on | F6 | |
| turn ecliptic coordinate grid lines on | F7 | |
| turn coordinate grid lines off | F8 | |
| get digital sky survey image at mouse location | d | |
| get supplemental starfield data at chart target | S | for very low mag |
| show the View Controls dialog | Ctrl-v | |
| print chart | Ctrl-p | |
| copy chart to clipboard | Ctrl-c | |
| adjust motion trails | Ctrl-t | |
| adjust motion trace | Ctrl-a | |
| <i>all charts except Context Viewer</i> | | |
| step ahead a time unit | = | |
| step back a time unit | - | in QWERTY area |
| copy J2000 coords for mouse pointer location | C | to clipboard |
| <i>all charts except Interactive Atlas</i> | | |
| decrease light pollution (show more stars) | + | in numeric keypad |
| increase light pollution (show fewer stars) | - | in numeric keypad |
| <i>all charts except Overhead</i> | | |
| pan - a large jump | arrow | |
| pan - a small jump | Ctrl-arrow | |
| centre view on current mouse pointer location | Home | |
| zoom out or in - a large jump | PgDn or PgUp | |
| zoom out - a small jump | Ctrl-PgDn or Ctrl-PgUp | |
| zoom centred object to "best" magnification | b | |
| toggle double star companion labels | c | |
| display object info for mouse pointer location | Insert | |
| slew to chart target | F2 | |
| slew to mouse pointer location | F3 | |
| slew to and centre at mouse pointer location | F4 | |
| sync telescope | Spacebar | |
| abort telescope slew | Esc | |
| centre chart at telescope location | Bksp | |

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| <i>all charts except Overhead and Context Viewer</i> | | |
| zoom out or in - a large jump | roller wheel | |
| zoom out or in - a small jump | Ctrl-roller wheel | |
| zoom in to a particular area | drag | |
| zoom out of a particular area | Ctrl-drag | |
| zoom to 180° field (hor.) * | 1 | digit one |
| zoom to 90° field (hor.) * | 2 | |
| zoom to 60° field (hor.) * | 3 | |
| zoom to 30° field (hor.) * | 4 | |
| zoom to 10° field (hor.) * | 5 | |
| zoom to 5° field (hor.) * | 6 | |
| zoom to 1° field (hor.) * | 7 | except in Naked Eye |
| zoom to 30" field (hor.) * | 8 | except in Naked Eye |
| zoom to 10" field (hor.) * | 9 | except in Naked Eye |
| zoom to 1" field (hor.) * | 0 | except in Naked Eye |
| set field of view | Ctrl-f | |
| <i>Interactive Atlas</i> | | |
| flip view horizontally (invert) | End | |
| flip view vertically (mirror) | Del | |
| show fainter stars (as per Magnitude Limits) | . or > | period |
| show brighter stars (as per Magnitude Limits) | , or < | comma |
| set stellar magnitude limit to default | / | |
| measure angular distance | a | |
| create a skymark (X) at mouse location | x | |
| set magnitude limits | Ctrl-m | |
| change plottable images display | i | none, outline, image |
| star fields currently displayed | Ctrl-s | Standard Edition only |
| <i>Naked Eye chart</i> | | |
| look to the north | Alt-n | |
| look to the east | Alt-e | |
| look to the south | Alt-s | |
| look to the west | Alt-w | |
| <i>telescope/binoculars chart</i> | | |
| eyepiece view only | F9 | |
| finder view only | F10 | |
| naked eye view only | F11 | |
| all views on | F12 | |
| move a panel in the layout | Shift-drag | |
| resize a panel or panels | drag the divider line | |

* The zoom level values shown are the default settings.

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