25 Keyboard Shortcuts for VBA & the VB Editor

Running Macros & Code

1. **Alt+F11** – Jump between Excel and the VB Editor Window
   - Press Alt+F11 to quickly open the VB Editor Window from Excel.
   - You can also jump back to Excel from the VB Editor Window with Alt+F11.

2. **F5** – Run Macro/Procedure
   - Place the cursor anywhere in the macro (procedure) text and press F5 to run the macro.

3. **F8** – Step Through Each Line of Code
   - Place the cursor anywhere in the macro text and press F8 to step through the code. The line that is highlighted in yellow will be run when you press F8 again. You can continue pressing F8 to step through each line of code.

4. **Ctrl+F8** – Run to Cursor
   - Run the code to the line that the text cursor is currently in. This is the text cursor, NOT the mouse cursor.

5. **F9** – Add a Break Point
   - Add a stop point or break point in the line that the text cursor is currently in. The code will stop at every break point when you run the code (F5). This is great for debugging and evaluating code.

6. **Alt+R+R** – Reset/stop code
   - Stops or terminates the code when the code is paused. If you stepped through the code or added a break point, this will completely stop the code and not run anymore lines.

7. **Alt+D+L** – Compile VBA Project
   - Compiles the code in the active VBA project to check for any potential errors and variables that are not declared (if using Option Explicit). It’s best to compile code before you run it when testing and debugging.

Navigating Through Code Modules & Procedures

8. **Ctrl+Tab** – Flip through open code windows
   - Similar to Alt+Tab for windows, this is an easy way to flip between two code module windows.

9. **Ctrl+Shift+Tab** - Flip backwards through open code windows
   - If you have more than two modules open this is a way to flip back to the module you were just in.
10. **Shift+F2** – Jump to a procedure or function
   - If you are calling another procedure or function in your code, place the text cursor anywhere in the procedure name and press Shift+F2 to jump to that procedure.

11. **Ctrl+Shift+F2** – Jump to last position
    - This will jump your text cursor back to the last position you were at. Great when working between macro or doing a lot of vertical scrolling in long procedures.

12. **Ctrl+Page Up/Down** – Jump to previous/next procedure
    - Makes it easy to navigate through long code modules and a better alternative to vertical scrolling with the mouse.

13. **Ctrl+Shift+Page Down** – Select the entire procedure
    - Selects all the text of the procedure so you can copy/paste or delete it.

14. **Ctrl+F** – Find Window
    - Find text in the current procedure, module, or project. Great way to check if variables exist in different places in your code.

15. **Ctrl+H** - Replace Window
    - Find and Replace text in the current procedure, module, or project. Very useful when changing variable names or object references throughout your code. **Ctrl+A** performs a Replace All from the Replace Window.

**Writing Code**

16. **Ctrl+Space** – Complete Word
    - Automatically completes the object, variable, property, method, or constant you are typing. Great for quickly typing long variables. If multiple options are available, the intellisense (drop-down) menu appears. You can make a selection with the up/down arrows and tab key.

17. **Ctrl+Y** – Delete entire line
    - Deletes the entire line that the text cursor is currently in. Only deletes one line at a time, but is much easier than back spacing.

18. **Ctrl+Left/Right Arrow** – Jumps to the beginning or end of a word
    - Easy way to navigate through a long line of code.

19. **Ctrl+Shift+Left/Right Arrow** – Selects the entire word
    - Selects the entire word if the cursor is at the beginning or end of the word. Great for copying/pasting words.
20. **Ctrl+J** – List properties/methods – Intellisense drop-down list
   - Brings up the intellisense list with the properties and methods for the object. This is helpful when the list disappears after you move the cursor away from the dot (period).

21. **Ctrl+i** – Quick Info
   - Displays the parameter info for a property or method. This is the small yellow box that usually appears after you type an open parenthesis “(“ after a property or method. If that box disappears, press Ctrl+i

**VB Editor Windows**

22. **Ctrl+G** – Immediate Window
   - Opens the Immediate Window. If the Immediate Window is already open, then the cursor is placed in the Immediate Window. Checkout my article on [5 Ways to Use the Immediate Window](#).

23. **Ctrl+R** – Project Explorer Window
   - Open or close the Project Explorer Window. This window contains all the open workbooks & add-ins on the computer, and also shows all the objects within those files.

24. **F4** – Properties Window
   - Opens or sets focus on the properties window for the selected control or object. Properties for form controls and objects can be changed in this window.

25. **Alt+I+M** – Insert a new code module
   - Easy way to insert a new blank code module in the active project (workbook).
   - Bonus: **Press F4 twice** after inserting a code module to rename the module it in the properties window.