

# SendKeys method

Sends keystrokes to the active application.

Write a text: ABCDEF

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[System.Windows.Forms.SendKeys]::SendWait("ABCDEF")
```

Ctrl-C

```
[System.Windows.Forms.SendKeys]::SendWait("^{c}")
```

Ctrl-V

```
[System.Windows.Forms.SendKeys]::SendWait("^{v}")
```

To specify keys combined with any combination of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys, precede the key code with one or more of the following codes:

| Key   | Code |
|-------|------|
| SHIFT | +    |
| CTRL  | ^    |
| ALT   | %    |

You can send «special keys» (like the function keys) to an application. Here’s a list of those special keys and their SendKeys equivalents:

| Key           | Code                         |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| BACKSPACE     | {BACKSPACE}, {BS}, or {BKSP} |
| BREAK         | {BREAK}                      |
| CAPS LOCK     | {CAPSLOCK}                   |
| DEL or DELETE | {DELETE} or {DEL}            |
| DOWN ARROW    | {DOWN}                       |
| END           | {END}                        |
| ENTER         | {ENTER} or ~                 |

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| ESC           | {ESC}             |
| HELP          | {HELP}            |
| HOME          | {HOME}            |
| INS or INSERT | {INSERT} or {INS} |
| LEFT ARROW    | {LEFT}            |
| NUM LOCK      | {NUMLOCK}         |
| PAGE DOWN     | {PGDN}            |
| PAGE UP       | {PGUP}            |
| RIGHT ARROW   | {RIGHT}           |
| SCROLL LOCK   | {SCROLLLOCK}      |
| TAB           | {TAB}             |
| UP ARROW      | {UP}              |
| F1            | {F1}              |
| F2            | {F2}              |
| F3            | {F3}              |
| F4            | {F4}              |
| F5            | {F5}              |
| F6            | {F6}              |
| F7            | {F7}              |
| F8            | {F8}              |
| F9            | {F9}              |
| F10           | {F10}             |
| F11           | {F11}             |
| F12           | {F12}             |
| F13           | {F13}             |
| F14           | {F14}             |
| F15           | {F15}             |
| F16           | {F16}             |
| Keypad add    | {ADD}             |

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Keypad subtract | {SUBTRACT} |
| Keypad multiply | {MULTIPLY} |
| Keypad divide   | {DIVIDE}   |