


Mac OS X Keyboard Symbols - Explained

Understanding the Keyboard Symbols that appear in Mac menus, and the keys that they represent, is essential for accessing various OS X shortcuts. Not only do the Mac menus use the symbols (as seen in the Finder Menu to the right,) but many websites, as well as Manuals and Tutorials will use the symbol rather than the text printed on the keys (\backslash instead of Option, for example).

Here, The Mac Keyboard Symbols are translated to the keys they represent:

- \mathbb{C} = **Command** In Mac Tutorials, it is frequently displayed as  the Apple Logo and was formerly used on Mac OS Keyboards to *identify* the **Command Key**.
- \uparrow = **Shift**
- \backslash = **Backspace/Delete**
- ⇧ = **Caps lock**
- \backslash = **Option/Alt**
- \wedge = **Control**
- ⌫ = **Escape**
- $\leftarrow \uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ = **Arrow Keys**
- ↵ = **Return**

