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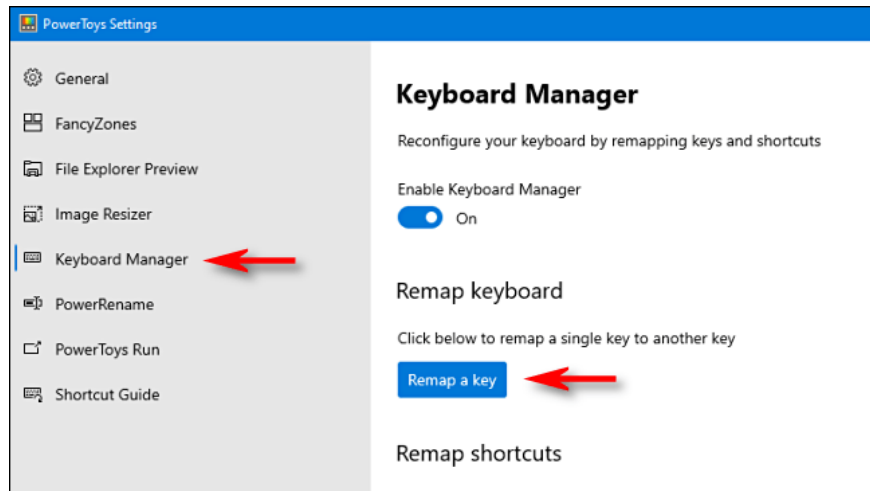
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Using Microsoft's free PowerToys utility for Windows 10, you can easily remap the Scroll Lock key into another key or system function. The remapping means that when you press Scroll Lock, instead of activating the original function of the Scroll Lock, this key does something else. This way, you can use the Scroll Lock key for a variety of tasks.

Here are some suggested functions that you can assign to the Scroll Lock key:

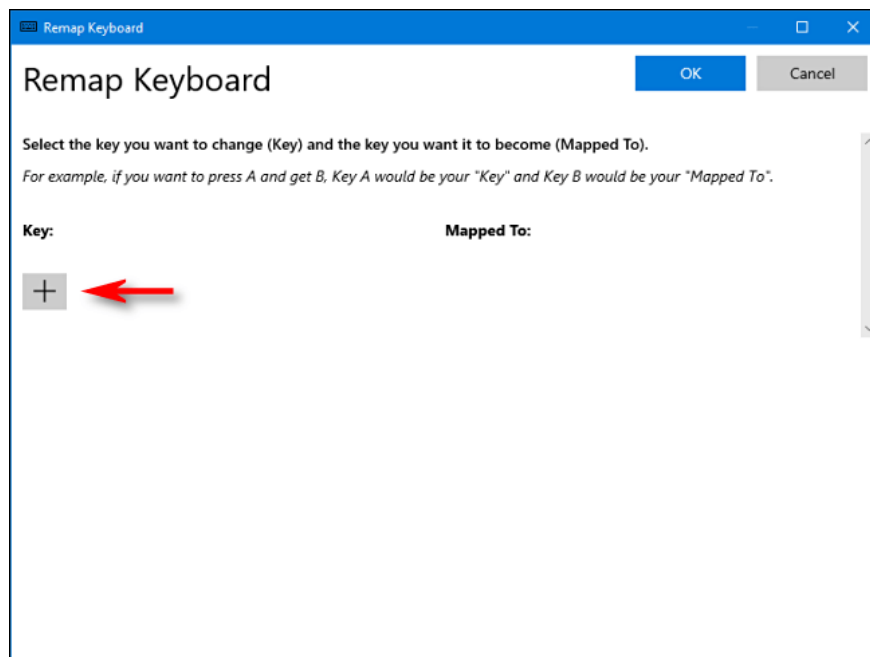
1. **Volume Off / Mute** : Quickly control the volume from any source. This feature is especially handy if you need to mute your computer to receive calls.
2. **Play / Pause media content** : This is convenient if you listen to music on your computer frequently. Just press Scroll Lock to pause a song, then press the button again to resume playback.
3. **Enter Sleep mode** : A single press will put your device in Sleep mode.
4. **Caps Lock** : If you accidentally pressed Caps Lock, you can assign it to the Scroll Lock key instead. You should also disable the Caps Lock key by assigning it another function.
5. **Refresh the browser** : One click will quickly reload the current web page.

If any of the above makes you interesting, here's how to remap the desired function to the Scroll Lock key. First, if not already available, download Microsoft PowerToys. Launch it, then, select **Keyboard Manager** in the sidebar. Next, click **Remap a key** .



Click Remap a key

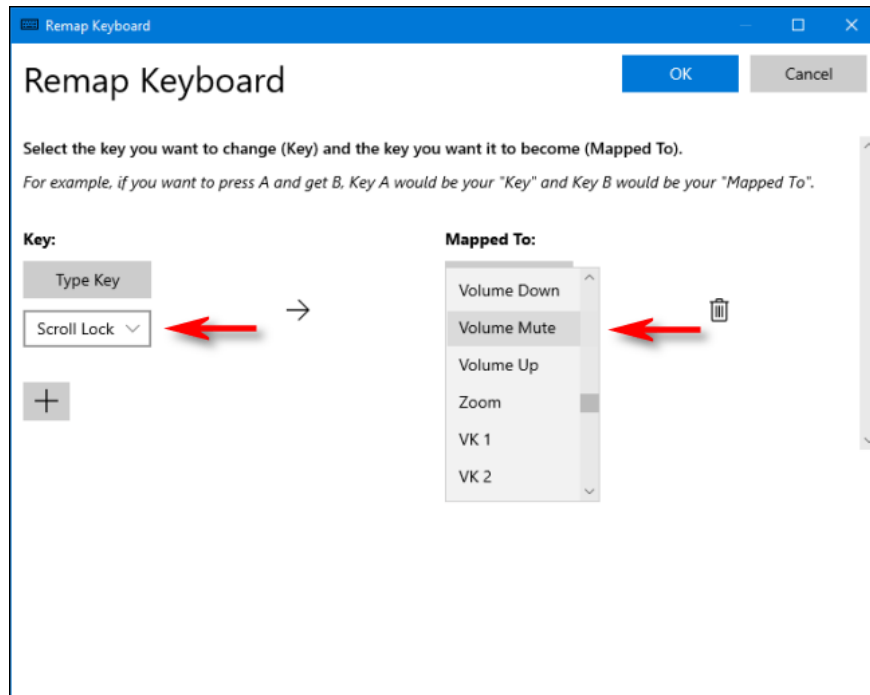
In the **Keyboard Manager** window that appears, click the plus sign (+) to add a shortcut.



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On the left, you must identify the key you are remapping. Click **Type Key** , then press **Scroll Lock** .

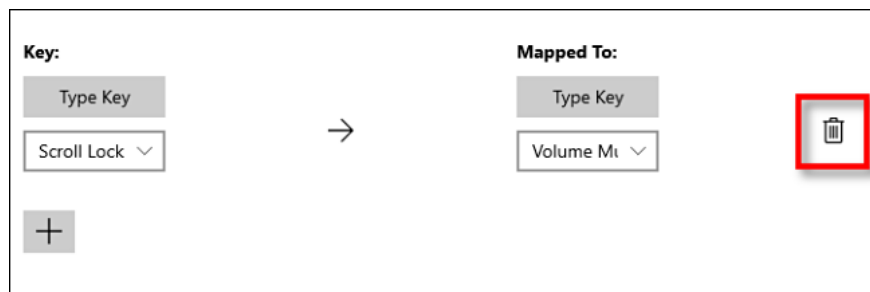
In the **Mapped To** section on the right, click the drop-down menu, then select the function or key you want to map to Scroll Lock. For example, from the list above, you can choose **Volume Mute**.



Select Volume Mute

Click **OK** to close the **Remap Keyboard** and Scroll Lock windows that have been successfully remapped.

You can experiment with different mappings to see which will be most useful. If at any time you don't like this mapping anymore, just revisit the Remap Keyboard window in PowerToys. Click the **Trash** icon next to the mapping item to delete it.



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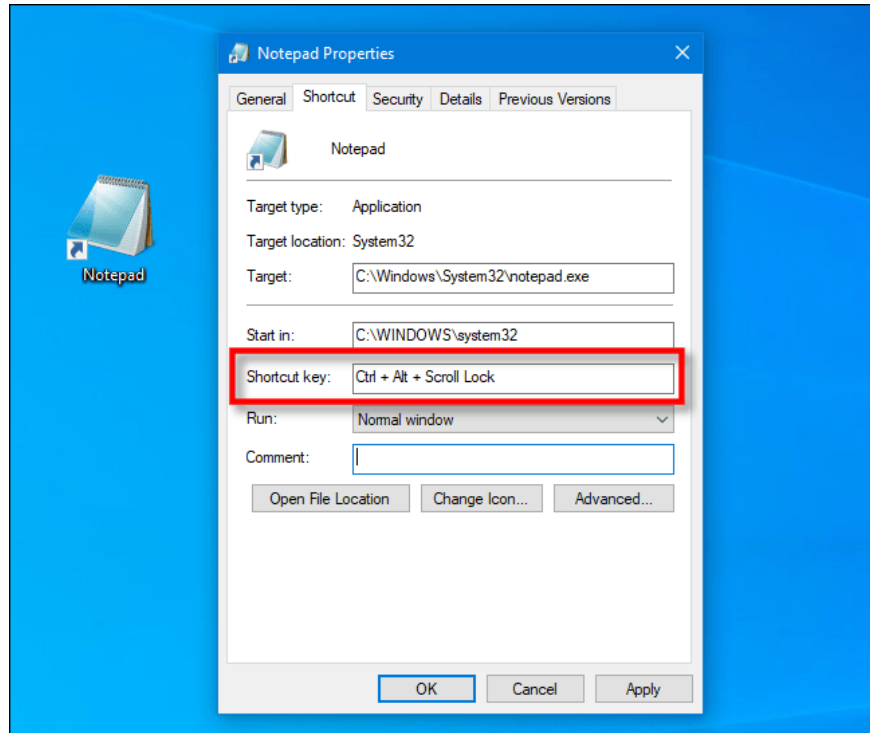
If you don't like PowerToys, you can also remap keys with SharpKey, although its interface isn't entirely user-friendly.

How to launch the program with the Scroll Lock key

You can also use Scroll Lock as part of a hotkey combination to launch any program you like and don't need to use a special utility.

First, create a shortcut to the program you want to run and place it on the Desktop. Then right-click the shortcut and select **Properties**.

In the **Shortcut** tab , click the **Shortcut Key** box , then select **Scroll Lock**. Windows will automatically insert **Ctrl + Alt + Scroll Lock** in the box.



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Click **OK** to close the window. From now on, whenever you press Ctrl+Alt+ Scroll Lock, the program is represented by a shortcut that will launch. Just make sure you haven't deleted the wrong shortcut. Some people hold application shortcuts that support hotkeys in a special folder for that reason.

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