

Using the keypad (Tutorial A1)

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The TI-Nspire™ software has a unique interface and set of keyboard shortcuts that allow you to execute many functions very easily

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and quickly. Every document has three bars that provide you with different types of tools. The Menu bar provides you with ways

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to modify documents and system settings. The Tool bar provides you with one-click access to the most commonly used tools. The

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third bar is the Application Tool bar, and has functions specific to whichever application is currently active. This bar appears

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blank until you insert an application into a work area. Notice that when you first open a document, you have a blank work area

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into which you can insert an application by clicking on it. You can also insert a new application into a blank page by pressing

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the Insert button and choosing your application. I'll insert the Calculator application. Notice that the Application tool bar appears

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just above the work area, giving me access to functions that are only available in the Calculator. I'll click on Number, Fraction

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Tools to reveal the Fraction Tools available. If I wanted to access one of these features, I could choose it here. There are many

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keyboard and mouse shortcuts I can use to quickly perform actions in a document. The Enter key is often used to confirm a selection

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or execute a command. The arrow keys can be used to move a highlight, cursor, or object around the screen. You can click and drag some

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objects to move them, and you can often right-click to open a contextual menu. The Escape key can be used to cancel some actions

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in the entry line, or to exit top-level menus. I'll click in an empty area of the Calculator application to move back out of the

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menu. I want to change the Page Layout in my current work area, so I'll go up to the Tool bar and choose Page Layout, Layout 2.

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Now I can see another work area for a new application. You can tell which application is active by the black highlight. The Calculator

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application is currently active, but I can switch focus by clicking in the new work area. I'll insert the Graphs & Geometry application.

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Now I'll click on the Calculator application, and then I'll type "sin(" Notice that the closing parenthesis is automatically added. If

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you need to undo an action you've performed, you can press the undo arrow in the Tools bar. This will undo the parentheses that

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I just entered; if I press that once more, it removes the Sine function that I entered into the Calculator. You can also use

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the keyboard shortcut Ctrl-Z to undo. You can bring up a contextual menu in many places by right-clicking. Here, you can see that

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I could do a variety of functions, such as copy and paste or insert variables and symbols. As you can see, there are many more functions

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you can access using the interface and common keyboard shortcuts. You can learn about some of these features and commands within

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each application by watching additional tutorials.

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