

Go to a Specific Tabular Column
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Q: I was recently asked by a co-worker to find a shortcut to jump from the column the cursor is in to a specific column. For example, if I'm working in a 10-column document, is there a quick way to get from column one to column seven? Right now I have to press GoTo (Ctrl-Home), (Right Arrow) six times, which is a total of 18 keystrokes. I'm sure there's a better way. – Jackie Mullen, Veradale, WA

A: The ability to jump to a specific column is easily accomplished with the included COLUMN.WPM macro. It prompts you for the column that you want to go to, and then places the cursor in that column.

To use the macro when you want to go to a different column, press (Alt-10) and type "column." The prompt "Enter column to go to:" displays. Simply type the column you want your cursor to be in and press (Enter). The cursor will now be in the same row but in your desired column.

Note: This macro works only for tabular columns, not for newspaper or parallel columns.