

Windows Audit Mode Ctrl + Shift + F3

To enter Windows 11 Audit Mode, press **Ctrl + Shift + F3** at the first Out-Of-Box Experience (OOBE) screen (where you select country/region), which reboots the PC into the built-in Administrator account, opening the Sysprep tool to allow driver/app installation before final user setup. This shortcut bypasses the user creation process to enable system customization before deployment.

This video demonstrates how to use the Ctrl+Shift+F3 shortcut to enter Audit Mode:



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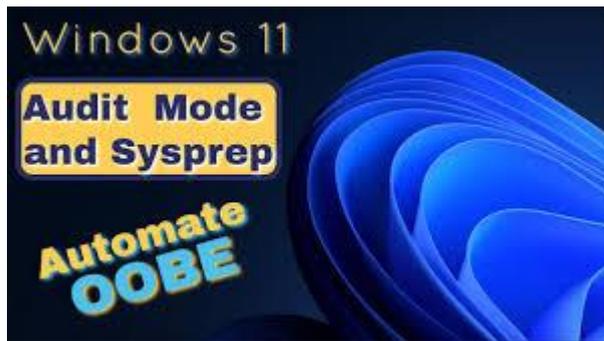
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How to Use the Shortcut

1. **Start Windows Setup:** Proceed through the initial installation steps until you reach the first OOBE screen (e.g., "Let's start with region").
2. **Press the Keys:** Immediately press and hold **Ctrl + Shift + F3**.
3. **Automatic Reboot:** The computer will automatically restart and log into Audit Mode as the built-in Administrator.
4. **Sysprep Tool:** The System Preparation (Sysprep) tool will appear by default; you can use it to finalize settings or just close it to begin customizations.

You can watch this video to see how the Sysprep tool is used after entering Audit Mode:



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What to Do in Audit Mode

- Install updates, drivers, and applications.
- Make system-wide configurations.

How to Exit Audit Mode

- Use the Sysprep tool (select "Enter System Out-of-Box Experience") or simply restart the computer, and it will resume the OOBEE to create user accounts.

This video shows how to use the Sysprep tool to exit Audit Mode:



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