Logitech MX Master 4
Setup & Shortcuts Guide

A free companion guide from ZoxDeal — Logi Options+ setup, the Actions Ring, the haptic panel, and the shortcut recipes that make this $119.99 mouse worth it.

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1. What Is Different About the MX Master 4

The MX Master 4 (launched September 30, 2025; $119.99 list, street $119.99) is Logitech's flagship productivity mouse. The two headline upgrades over the 3S are the **Haptic Sense Panel** — a thumb-area surface that taps back when you snap a window, switch desktops, or drag a slider to its stop — and the **Actions Ring**, a customizable on-screen radial menu. Around those sit the familiar MX strengths: the MagSpeed wheel, an 8000 DPI any-surface sensor (tracks on glass), quieter clicks, up to 70 days of battery per charge (Logitech's claim), USB-C charging, and pairing with up to three devices over Bluetooth or the Logi Bolt receiver. The haptics, the Actions Ring, and per-app customization all run through **Logi Options+** — the free software from Logitech. Treat Options+ as mandatory, not optional.

2. First-Time Setup (10 Minutes)

Charge first

Plug in the included USB-C cable for a quick top-up. Logitech claims up to 70 days per charge; one minute of charging gives roughly three hours of use.

Pair the mouse

Use Bluetooth directly, or plug the Logi Bolt receiver into a USB port. Press the Easy-Switch button under the mouse to pick channel 1, 2, or 3 — each channel holds a different computer, and the button hops between them.

Install Logi Options+

Download Logi Options+ from Logitech's site, sign in if you want cloud backup of your settings, and let it detect the MX Master 4. On first run, accept the firmware update — haptics on Windows 11 (builds from late March 2026 onward) need current firmware plus the OS update.

- Pair all three channels NOW — laptop, desktop, tablet — even if you only use one today.
- If haptics feel dead on Windows, check the Windows update and rerun the Options+ firmware check.

3. The Haptic Sense Panel

The panel sits under your thumb. In Options+, open the MX Master 4, find the haptics section, and enable feedback for window snap, virtual-desktop switching, and slider stops. Set intensity to medium first — maximum buzzing gets distracting within an hour. Haptics also fire for custom shortcuts you assign, which is the real productivity hook: a confirmation tap means you never wonder whether the

gesture registered.

- Keep haptics ON for system actions and assign a tap to your two most-used shortcuts.
- Turn haptics off entirely if you share a quiet office — clicks are quiet, but haptics are felt, not heard.

4. The Actions Ring

The Actions Ring is a radial menu you summon with a click (assign it to the gesture button or a thumb button). In Options+, build one ring per app: four to eight actions per ring is the sweet spot. Start with these three rings —

Browser ring

New tab, reopen closed tab, switch tab left/right, mute tab, back/forward. If you live in browser tabs, this ring alone justifies the mouse.

Docs / spreadsheet ring

Copy, paste, undo, find, paste-without-formatting, insert-row. Pair each with a haptic tap so actions confirm without looking.

Code editor ring

Go to definition, find references, comment line, format document, terminal toggle, save-all. Developers on the Oct 2026 Developer Edition got the same hardware — these rings are identical.

5. MagSpeed, SmartShift & the Thumb Wheel

The main wheel scrolls 1,000 lines per second in free-spin mode; SmartShift auto-switches between ratchet and free-spin based on flick speed. Leave SmartShift ON — it is the default for a reason. The side thumb wheel scrolls horizontally by default; in spreadsheets and video timelines, remap it to zoom or timeline scrub in Options+ per-app settings.

- In Excel/Sheets, set the thumb wheel to horizontal scroll and the gesture button to F4 (repeat action).
- In Figma or Premiere, set the thumb wheel to zoom and a thumb button to hand-tool/pan.

6. Battery & Charging Habits

- Logitech claims up to 70 days per charge — real-world mileage varies with haptics and backlight-free use.
- Top up over USB-C while you work; the cable is in the box.
- Turn the mouse off with the underside switch before long travel — Bluetooth scanning in a bag is the silent battery killer.

7. Quick Troubleshooting

Haptics stopped working

Rerun Options+ and check for a firmware update, then confirm your Windows 11 build is from March 2026 or later. macOS haptics work through Options+ only.

Mouse feels too big

The MX Master line is a full-size, right-hand-only shape — that is by design for palm grip. Small hands should test the return window; the MX Anywhere 3S is the compact sibling.

Lag or stutter over Bluetooth

Switch to the Logi Bolt receiver on crowded 2.4 GHz networks; Bolt holds a dedicated link where Bluetooth shares spectrum.

Options+ does not see the mouse

Unplug/replug the Bolt receiver (or re-pair Bluetooth on channel 1), restart Options+, and confirm no corporate VPN or firewall is blocking the app's device scan.

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