

Adobe After Effects Cheat Sheet: Most Commonly Needed Keyboard Shortcuts

Windows:

Composition Window Tools

Select Toolv
Temporarily invoke Hand tool..... hold SPACEBAR
Zoom Tool.....z
Zoom out..... ALT + click zoom tool

Timeline, Footage, Layers

Zoom In.....=
Zoom Out..... - (hyphen)
Snap.....hold SHIFT
Composition Start.....HOME
Composition End.....END
Replace selected footage.....CTRL + h
Replace source footage in layer.....ALT + drag from Project window onto selected layer
Add or remove expressionALT + click stopwatch
Hide property.....ALT + SHIFT + click property name
Expand child properties.....CTRL + click triangle to left of name
Go to layer in point..... i
Go to layer out point (not after the end of the layer, but BEFORE the LAST FRAME).....o

Preview (playback/transport controls)

Play / Stop.....tap SPACEBAR
RAM Preview.....0 (numpad zero)
Previous frame..... PAGE UP
Next frame.....PAGE DOWN

General

Duplicate selected item.....CTRL + d
Rename selected item..... ENTER
Open selected item numpad ENTER
Add to Render Queue.....CTRL + m
Purge all.....CTRL + ALT + / (num pad slash)
Interrupt script.....ESC
Increment and save..... CTRL + ALT + SHIFT + s

Mac OS X:

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temporarily invoke Hand tool..... Hold **SPACEBAR**
Zoom Tool.....**z**
Zoom out.....**OPTION + click zoom tool**

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Zoom Out..... - (hyphen)
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Composition End.....**END**
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