

# Photoshop Useful Keyboard Shortcuts: Windows

## TOOLS

V	Move and Art board tools
M	Marquee tools
L	Lasso tools
W	Quick Selection, Magic Wand
C	Crop and Slice tools
I	Eyedropper, 3D Material Eyedropper, Color Sampler, Ruler, Note, Count
J	Spot Healing Brush, Healing Brush, Patch, Content-Aware Move, Red Eye
B	Brush, Pencil, Color Replacement, Mixer Brush
S	Clone Stamp, Pattern Stamp
Y	History Brush, Art History Brush
E	Eraser tools
G	Gradient, Paint Bucket, 3D Material Drop
O	Dodge, Burn, Sponge
P	Pen tools
T	Type tools
A	Path Selection, Direct Selection
U	Rectangle, Rounded Rectangle, Ellipse, Polygon, Line, Custom Shape
H	Hand
R	Rotate View
Z	Zoom
D	Default colors
X	Switch Foreground and Background colors
Q	Quick Mask Mode

## SWITCHING TOOLS

To switch between all tools within groups, add the Shift key to the letters above.  
For example, to switch between Rectangular and Elliptical Marquee..... Shift-M

## SELECTING

Draw marquee selection from center	Alt-drag selection
Add to a selection	Shift
Subtract from a selection	Alt
Intersect with a selection	Shift-Alt
Make copy of selection w/Move tool	Alt-drag selection
Make copy of selection when not in Move tool	Ctrl-Alt-drag selection
Move selection (in 1-pixel increments)	Arrow keys
Move selection (in 10-pixel increments)	Shift-Arrow keys
Select all opaque pixels on layer	Ctrl-click on layer thumbnail (in Layers panel)
Reselect last selection	Ctrl-Shift-D
Feather selection	Shift-F6
Move marquee while drawing selection	Hold Spacebar while drawing marquee

## VIEWING

Fit on Screen	Double-click on Hand tool or Ctrl-0
100% View Level (Actual Pixels)	Double-click on Zoom tool or Ctrl-1
zoom in	Ctrl-Spacebar-click or Ctrl-Plus (+)
Zoom out	Alt-Spacebar-click or Ctrl-Minus (-)
Hide/Show all tools and panels	Tab
Hide/Show all panels except Tools panel and Options bar	Shift-Tab
Cycle through full screen modes	F
Scroll image left or right in window	Ctrl-Shift-Page Up/Down
Jump/Zoom to part of image	Ctrl-drag in Navigator panel
Toggle layer mask on/off as rubylith	\

## LAYERS

Create new layer	Ctrl-Shift-N
Select non-contiguous layers	Ctrl-click layers
Select contiguous layers	Click one layer, then Shift-click another layer
Delete layer	Delete key (while in the Move tool)
View contents of layer mask	Alt-click layer mask icon
Temporarily turn off layer mask	Shift-click layer mask icon
Clone layer as you move it	Alt-drag
Find/Select layer containing object	Right-click on the object w/Move tool
Change layer opacity	Number pad keys (w/Move tool selected)
Cycle down or up through blending modes	Shift-Plus (+) or Minus (-)
Change to a specific blending mode	(W/Move tool) Shift-Alt-letter (N=Normal, M=multiply, etc.)
Switch to layer below/above current layer	Alt-[or Alt-]

Move layer below/above current layer	Ctrl-[or Ctrl-]
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## TYPE

Select all text on layer	Double-click on T thumbnail in Layers panel
Increase/Decrease size of selected text by 1 pt.	Ctrl-Shift-> or <
Increase/Decrease size of selected text by 5 pts.	Ctrl-Shift-Alt-> or <
Increase/Decrease kerning/tracking	Alt-Right/Left arrow
Align text left/center/right	Ctrl-Shift-L/C/R

## PAINTING

Fill selection with Background color	Ctrl-Backspace
Fill selection with Foreground color	Alt-Backspace
Fill selection with Foreground color using Lock Transparent Pixels	Shift-Alt-Backspace
Fill selection with source state in History panel	Ctrl-Alt-Backspace
Display Fill dialog box	Shift-Backspace
Sample as background color	Alt-click w/Eyedropper tool to get Move tool
While in any painting/editing tool, hold Ctrl to get Eyedropper with painting tools	Alt
Change paint opacity (with Airbrush OFF)	Number keys
Change paint opacity (with Airbrush ON)	Shift-Number keys
Change Airbrush flow (with Airbrush ON)	Number keys
Change Airbrush flow (with Airbrush OFF)	Shift-Number keys
to get Crosshair cursor	While in any painting/editing tool, turn Caps Lock on
Decrease/Increase brush size	Decrease/Increase hardness of brush
Shift-[or Shift-]	Switch between preset brushes
< or >	Open Brushes pop-up panel
Right-click in image window	Erase to History panel's source state
Alt-Eraser	Cycle down or up through blending modes
Shift-Plus (+) or Minus (-)	Change to a specific blending mode
Shift-Alt-letter (N=Normal, M=multiply, etc.)	Create fixed color target from within a dialog box
Shift-click in image window	Delete fixed color target
Alt-click on target with Color Sampler tool	Create new Spot Color channel from current selection
Ctrl-click on new channel button in Channels panel	

## PEN TOOL & PATHS

To get Direct Selection tool while using Pen tool	Ctrl
Switch between Add Anchor and Delete Anchor Point tools	Alt
Switch from Path Selection tool to Convert Point tool when pointer is over anchor point	Ctrl-Alt

To select a whole path w/Direct Selection tool	Alt-click
Convert path to a selection	Ctrl-click on path name (in Paths panel)

## PANELS

Show/Hide Brush panel	F5
Show/Hide Color panel	F6
Show/Hide Layers panel	F7
Show/Hide Info panel	F8
Show/Hide Actions panel	Alt-F9
Open Adobe Bridge	Ctrl-Alt-O

## MISCELLANEOUS GOOD STUFF

Switch between open documents	Ctrl-Tab
Undo or Redo operations beyond last one	Ctrl-Alt-Z/Ctrl-Shift-Z
Reapply last filter used	Ctrl-Alt-F
Temporarily switch to Hand tool	Hold Spacebar
Reset dialog box	Hold Alt, Cancel turns into Reset button, click it
Increase/Decrease value (in any option field) by 1 unit	Up/Down arrow
Increase/Decrease value (in any option field) by 10 units	Shift-Up/Down arrow
Reapply last transformation	Ctrl-Shift-T
Measure angle between lines (Protractor function)	
After ruler is drawn, Alt-drag end of line with Ruler tool	
Move Crop/Selection marquee while creating	Hold Spacebar while drawing
Snap Guide to Ruler ticks	Hold Shift while dragging
Highlight fields in Options bar (N/A for all tools)	Enter
Don't snap object edge while moving	Hold Ctrl while dragging
Open App-Wide Find (to find features, tools, files, help, stock photos, etc.)	Ctrl-F

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