

# GIMP Quickreference



## File

- Ctrl** **N** New image
- Ctrl** **O** Open image
- Shift** **Ctrl** **V** Create From Clipboard
- Ctrl** **Alt** **O** Open image as layers
- Ctrl** **1** Open recent image 01
- Ctrl** **2** Open recent image 02
- Ctrl** **3** Open recent image 03
- Ctrl** **4** Open recent image 04
- Ctrl** **5** Open recent image 05
- Ctrl** **6** Open recent image 06
- Ctrl** **7** Open recent image 07
- Ctrl** **8** Open recent image 08
- Ctrl** **9** Open recent image 09
- Ctrl** **0** Open recent image 10
- Ctrl** **S** Save the XCF image
- Shift** **Ctrl** **S** Save as...: Save image with a different name
- Ctrl** **E** Export
- Shift** **Ctrl** **E** Export As...: export image to various file formats
- Ctrl** **P** Print...
- Ctrl** **Alt** **F** Show the image in file manager
- Ctrl** **W** Close Window
- Shift** **Ctrl** **W** Close All
- Ctrl** **Q** Quit

## Edit

### Undo/redo

- Ctrl** **Z** Undo
- Ctrl** **Y** Redo

### Clipboard

- Ctrl** **C** Copy selection
- Shift** **Ctrl** **C** Copy visible
- Ctrl** **X** Cut selection
- Ctrl** **V** Paste clipboard

This places a copy of the selection to the GIMP clipboard.  
This works the same as "Copy" the selection followed by "Clear" the selection.

- Ctrl** **Alt** **V** Paste in place
- Shift** **Ctrl** **V** Paste as new image

### Fill

- Del** Clear
- Ctrl** **.** Fill with FG Color
- Ctrl** **,** Fill with BG Color
- Ctrl** **;** Fill with Pattern

## Select

- Ctrl** **T** Toggle selections
- Ctrl** **A** Select all
- Shift** **Ctrl** **A** Select none
- Ctrl** **I** Invert selection
- Shift** **Ctrl** **L** Float selection
- Shift** **V** Path to selection

## View

### Window

Menus can also be activated by Alt with the letter underscored in the menu name.

- F10** Main Menu
- Shift** **F10** Drop-down Menu
- F11** Toggle fullscreen
- Tab** Toggle the visibility of toolbox and dialogs docks
- Shift** **Q** Toggle quick mask
- Ctrl** **W** Close document window
- Shift** **J** Center image in window
- Shift** **Ctrl** **J** Fit image in window

### Zoom

- +** Zoom In
- Zoom Out
- 1** Zoom 1:1
- 0** Revert zoom
- Ctrl** **J** Shrink wrap
- Ctrl** **I** Zoom

This fits the window to the image size.

### Flip and Rotate (0°)

- I** Reset Flip and Rotate

### Scrolling (panning)

- Space** Scroll canvas
- ↑** Scroll canvas
- ↓** Scroll canvas vertically
- Shift** **↓** Scroll canvas horizontally

Scrolling by keys is accelerated, i.e. it speeds up when you press Shift+arrows.

### Rulers and Guides

- Ctrl** **H** Drag off a ruler to create guide

Drag off the horizontal or vertical ruler to create a new guide line. Drag a guide line onto the ruler to delete it.

- Ctrl** **H** Drag a sample point out of the rulers

- Shift** **Ctrl** **R** Toggle rulers
- Shift** **Ctrl** **T** Toggle guides

## Image

- Ctrl** **D** Duplicate image
- Alt** **Return** Image properties

## Layers

- Shift** **Ctrl** **N** New layer
- Shift** **Ctrl** **D** Duplicate layers
- Ctrl** **Up** Select the layers above
- Ctrl** **Down** Select the layers below
- Ctrl** **M** Merge visible layers
- Ctrl** **H** Anchor layer

## Toolbox

### Tools

- R** Rectangle Select
- E** Ellipse Select
- F** Free Select
- Z** Fuzzy Select
- Shift** **O** Select By Color
- I** Scissors Select
- Shift** **B** Bucket Fill
- G** Gradient
- N** Pencil
- P** Paintbrush
- Shift** **E** Eraser
- A** Airbrush
- K** Ink
- Y** MyPaint Brush
- C** Clone
- H** Heal
- Shift** **U** Blur/Sharpen
- S** Smudge
- Shift** **D** Dodge/Burn
- Q** Alignment
- M** Move
- Shift** **C** Crop
- Shift** **R** Rotate
- Shift** **S** Scale
- Shift** **H** Shear
- Shift** **P** Perspective
- Shift** **T** Unified Transform
- Shift** **L** Handle Transform
- Shift** **F** Flip
- Shift** **G** Cage Transform
- W** Warp Transform
- B** Paths
- T** Text
- O** Color Picker
- Shift** **M** Measure
- Z** Zoom

Double click on the tool buttons opens the Tool Options dialog.

### Context

- B** Toolbox
- D** Default Colors
- X** Swap Colors

Click on the colors to change the colors.

## Filters

- Ctrl** **F** Repeat last filter
- Shift** **Ctrl** **F** Reshow last filter

## Windows

- Ctrl** **L** Layers
- Shift** **Ctrl** **B** Brushes
- Shift** **Ctrl** **P** Patterns
- Ctrl** **G** Gradients

These open a new dialog window if it wasn't open yet, otherwise the corresponding dialog gets focus.

### Within a Dialog

- Enter** Set the new value
- This accepts the new value you typed in a text field and returns focus to canvas.
- Space** **Enter** Activate current button or list

### Within a multi-tab dialog

- Ctrl** **Alt** **Up** Switch tabs up
- Ctrl** **Alt** **Down** Switch tabs down

### Within a File Dialog

- Alt** **Up** Up-Folder
- Alt** **Down** Down-Folder
- Alt** **Home** Home-Folder
- Esc** Close Dialog

## Help

- F1** Help
- Shift** **F1** Context Help
- /** Search and run a command

## Zoom tool

- Ctrl** **Alt** **+** Zoom in
- Ctrl** **Alt** **-** Zoom out
- Ctrl** **Alt** **+** Zoom in inside the area
- Ctrl** **Alt** **-** Zoom out inside the area