

# GIMP Quickreference



## File

- N** New image
- 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
- S** Save the XCF image
- Shift Ctrl S** Save as... : Save image with a different name
- E** Export
- Shift Ctrl E** Export As...: export image to various file formats
- 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

This places a copy of the selection to the GIMP clipboard.

- Shift Ctrl C** Copy visible

- Ctrl X** Cut selection

This works the same as "Copy", the selection followed by "Clear" the selection.

- Ctrl V** Paste clipboard

This places the clipboard objects as a floating 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 quickmask
- 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
- ⇧** Revert zoom
- Ctrl J** Shrink wrap

This fits the window to the image size.

- Ctrl ↑** Zoom

### Flip and Rotate (0°)

- !** Reset Flip and Rotate

### Scrolling (panning)

- H** Scroll canvas

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

- I** Scroll canvas

- ↑** Scroll canvas vertically

- Shift ↑** Scroll canvas horizontally

### Rulers and Guides

- I** 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 I** 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 layer
- PgUp** Select the layer above
- PgDn** Select the layer 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** Intelligent Scissors
- 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/Bum
- 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 return focus to canvas.

- Space** , **Enter** Activate current button or list

### Within a multi-tab dialog

- Ctrl Alt PgUp** Switch tabs up
- Ctrl Alt PgDn** Switch tabs down

### Within a File Dialog

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

## Help

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

## Zoom tool

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