

The Adobe applications allow us to customize keyboard shortcuts. Use **Edit > Keyboard Shortcuts...**, create a new **Set** based on the defaults, and you can tweak or invent shortcuts for the commands you use most. What follows are many of Illustrator's default shortcuts. I'm using this convention, as I have throughout the book: Mac version/ PC (Windows) version.



Illustrator Keyboard Shortcuts

Tools

Selection	V
Direct Selection	A
Magic Wand	Y
Lasso	Q
Artboard	Shift+O
Pen	P
Add Anchor Point	=
Delete Anchor Point	-
Anchor Point	Shift+C
Curvature Tool	Shift+`
Line Segment	\
Rectangle	M
Ellipse	L
Paintbrush	B
Blob Brush	Shift+B
Pencil	N
Shaper Tool	Shift+N
Symbol Sprayer	Shift+S
Column Graph	J
Slice	Shift+K
Perspective Grid	Shift+P
Perspective Selection	Shift+V
Type	T
Touch Type	Shift+T
Gradient	G
Mesh	U

Shape Builder	Shift+M
Live Paint Bucket	K
Live Paint Selection	Shift+L
Rotate	R
Reflect	O
Scale	S
Width	Shift+W
Warp	Shift+R
Free Transform	E
Eyedropper	I
Blend	W
Eraser	Shift+E
Scissors	C
Hand	H
Zoom	Z
Toggle Fill/Stroke	X
Default	D
Swap Fill/Stroke	Shift+X
Color	,
Gradient	.
None	/
Toggle Screen Mode	F
Show/Hide All Palettes	Tab
Show/Hide All But Toolbox	Shift+Tab
Increase Diameter	]
Decrease Diameter	[
Symbolism Tools—Increase Intensity	Shift+}
Symbolism Tools—Decrease Intensity	Shift+{
Toggle Drawing Mode	Shift+D
Presentation Mode	Shift+F

Menu Commands

Preferences	
General	Cmd+K (Mac) / Ctrl+K (PC)
Units	Cmd+, (Mac) / Ctrl+, (PC)
Hide Others	Opt+Cmd+H (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+H (PC)
Quit Illustrator	Cmd+Q
File	
New	Cmd+N (Mac) / Ctrl+N (PC)
New from Template	Shift+Cmd+N (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+N (PC)
Open	Cmd+O (Mac) / Ctrl+O (PC)
Browse in Bridge	Opt+Cmd+O (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+O (PC)
Close	Cmd+W (Mac) / Ctrl+W (PC)
Save	Cmd+S (Mac) / Ctrl+s (PC)
Save As	Shift+Cmd+S (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+S (PC)
Save a Copy	Opt+Cmd+S (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+S (PC)
Revert	Opt+Cmd+Z (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+Z (PC)
Place	Shift+Cmd+P (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+P (PC)
Export for Screens	Opt+Cmd+E (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+E (PC)
Save for Web (Legacy)	Opt+Shift+Cmd+S (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+S (PC)
Package	Opt+Shift+Cmd+P (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+P (PC)
Other Script	Cmd+F12 (Mac) / Ctrl+F12 (PC)
Document Setup	Opt+Cmd+P (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+P (PC)
File Info	Opt+Shift+Cmd+I (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+I (PC)
Print	Cmd+P (Mac) / Ctrl+P (PC)

Edit	
Undo	Cmd+Z (Mac) / Ctrl+Z (PC)
Redo	Shift+Cmd+Z (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+Z (PC)
Cut	Cmd+X (Mac) / Ctrl+X (PC)
Copy	Cmd+C (Mac) / Ctrl+C (PC)
Paste	Cmd+V (Mac) / Ctrl+V (PC)
Paste in Front	Cmd+F (Mac) / Ctrl+F (PC)
Paste in Back	Cmd+B (Mac) / Ctrl+B (PC)
Paste in Place	Shift+Cmd+V (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+V (PC)
Paste on All Artboards	Opt+Shift+Cmd+V (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+K (PC)
Check Spelling	Cmd+I (Mac) / Ctrl+I (PC)
Color Settings	Shift+Cmd+K (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+K (PC)
Keyboard Shortcuts	Opt+Shift+Cmd+K (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+K (PC)
Object	
Transform Again	Cmd+D (Mac) / Ctrl+D (PC)
Move	Shift+Cmd+M (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+M (PC)
Bring to Front	Shift+Cmd+] (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+] (PC)
Bring Forward	Cmd+] (Mac) / Ctrl+] (PC)
Send Backward	Cmd+[(Mac) / Ctrl+[(PC)
Send to Back	Shift+Cmd+[(Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+[(PC)
Group	Cmd+G (Mac) / Ctrl+G (PC)
Ungroup	Shift+Cmd+G (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+G (PC)
Selection	Cmd+2 (Mac) / Ctrl+2 (PC)
Unlock All	Opt+Cmd+2 (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+2 (PC)
Selection	Cmd+3 (Mac) / Ctrl+3 (PC)
Show All	Opt+Cmd+3 (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+3 (PC)
Join	Cmd+J (Mac) / Ctrl+J (PC)

Average	Opt+Cmd+J (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+J (PC)
Edit Pattern	Shift+Cmd+F8 (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+F8 (PC)
Make	Opt+Cmd+B (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+B (PC)
Release	Opt+Shift+Cmd+B (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+B (PC)
Make with Warp	Opt+Shift+Cmd+W (Mac) / Alt+Shift +Ctrl+W (PC)
Make with Mesh	Opt+Cmd+M (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+M (PC)
Make with Top Object	Opt+Cmd+C (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+C (PC)
Live Paint Make	Opt+Cmd+X (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+X (PC)
Clipping Mask Make	Cmd+7 (Mac) / Ctrl+7 (PC)
Clipping Mask Release	Opt+Cmd+7 (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+7 (PC)
Compound Path Make	Cmd+8 (Mac) / Ctrl+8 (PC)
Compound Path Release	Opt+Shift+Cmd+8 (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+K (PC)
Type	
Create Outlines	Shift+Cmd+O (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+O (PC)
Discretionary Hyphen	Shift+Cmd+- (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+- (PC)
Em Space	Shift+Cmd+M (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+M (PC)
En Space	Shift+Cmd+N (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+N (PC)
Thin Space	Opt+Shift+Cmd+M (Mac) / Alt+Shift Ctrl+M (PC)
Show Hidden Characters	Opt+Cmd+I (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+I (PC)
Select	
All	Cmd+A (Mac) / Ctrl+A (PC)
All on Active Artboard	Opt+Cmd+A (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+A (PC)
Deselect	Shift+Cmd+A (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+A (PC)
Reselect	Cmd+6 (Mac) / Ctrl+6 (PC)
Next Object Above	Opt+Cmd+] (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+] (PC)
Next Object Below	Opt+Cmd+[(Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+[(PC)

Effect	
Apply Last Effect	Shift+Cmd+E (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+E (PC)
Last Effect	Opt+Shift+Cmd+E (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+E (PC)
View	
Preview	Cmd+Y (Mac) / Ctrl+Y (PC)
GPU Preview	Cmd+E (Mac) / Ctrl+E (PC)
Overprint Preview	Opt+Shift+Cmd+Y (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+Y (PC)
Pixel Preview	Opt+Cmd+Y (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+Y (PC)
Zoom In	Cmd+= (Mac) / Ctrl+= (PC)
Zoom Out	Cmd+- (Mac) / Ctrl+- (PC)
Fit Artboard in Window	Cmd+0 (Mac) / Ctrl+) (PC)
Fit All in Window	Opt+Cmd+0 (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+0 (PC)
Actual Size	Cmd+1 (Mac) / Ctrl+1 (PC)
Hide Edges	Cmd+H (Mac) / Ctrl+H (PC)
Hide Artboards	Shift+Cmd+H (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+H (PC)
Show Template	Shift+Cmd+W (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+W (PC)
Hide Bounding Box	Shift+Cmd+B (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+B (PC)
Show Transparency Grid	Shift+Cmd+D (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+D (PC)
Show Rulers	Cmd+R (Mac) / Ctrl+R (PC)
Change to Artboard Rulers	Opt+Cmd+R (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+R (PC)
Hide Gradient Annotator	Opt+Cmd+G (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+G (PC)
Show Text Threads	Shift+Cmd+Y (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+Y (PC)
Smart Guides	Cmd+U (Mac) / Ctrl+U (PC)
Show Perspective Grid	Shift+Cmd+I (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+I (PC)
Hide Guides	Cmd+; (Mac) / Ctrl+; (PC)
Lock Guides	Opt+Cmd+; (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+; (PC)
Make Guides	Cmd+5 (Mac) / Ctrl+5 (PC)

Release Guides	Opt+Cmd+5 (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+5 (PC)
Show Grid	Cmd+' (Mac) / Ctrl+' (PC)
Snap to Grid	Shift+Cmd+' (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+' (PC)
Snap to Point	Opt+Cmd+' (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+' (PC)
Window	
Minimize Window	Cmd+M (Mac) / Ctrl+M (PC)
Align	Shift+F7 (Mac) / Ctrl+F7 (PC)
Appearance	Shift+F6 (Mac) / Ctrl+F6 (PC)
Attributes	Cmd+F11 (Mac) / Ctrl+F11 (PC)
Brushes	F5
Color	F6
Color Guide	Shift+F3
Gradient	Cmd+F9 (Mac) / Ctrl+F9 (PC)
Graphic Styles	Shift+F5
Info	Cmd+F8 (Mac) / Ctrl+F8 (PC)
Layers	F7
Pathfinder	Shift+Cmd+F9 (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+F9 (PC)
Stroke	Cmd+F10 (Mac) / Ctrl+F10 (PC)
Symbols	Shift+Cmd+F11 (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+F11 (PC)
Transform	Shift+F8
Transparency	Shift+Cmd+F10 (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+F10 (PC)
Character	Cmd+T (Mac) / Ctrl+T (PC)
OpenType	Opt+Shift+Cmd+T (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+T (PC)
Paragraph	Opt+Cmd+T (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+T (PC)
Tabs	Shift+Cmd+T (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+T (PC)
Illustrator Help	F1

Miscellaneous Shortcuts

Switch Selection Tools	Opt+Cmd+Tab (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+Tab (PC)
Point Size Up	Shift+Cmd+. (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+. (PC)
Point Size Down	Shift+Cmd+, (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+, (PC)
Font Size Step Up	Opt+Shift+Cmd+. (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+. (PC)
Font Size Step Down	Opt+Shift+Cmd+, (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+, (PC)
Kern Looser	Shift+Cmd+] (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+] (PC)
Kern Tighter	Shift+Cmd+[(Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+[(PC)
Tracking	Opt+Cmd+K (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+K (PC)
Clear Tracking	Opt+Cmd+Q (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+Q (PC)
Spacing	Opt+Shift+Cmd+O (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+O (PC)
Uniform Type	Shift+Cmd+X (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+X (PC)
Highlight Font	Opt+Shift+Cmd+F (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+F (PC)
Highlight Font (Secondary)	Opt+Shift+Cmd+M (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+M (PC)
Left Align Text	Shift+Cmd+L (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+L (PC)
Center Text	Shift+Cmd+C (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+C (PC)
Right Align Text	Shift+Cmd+R (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+R (PC)
Justify Text Left	Shift+Cmd+J (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+J (PC)
Justify All Lines	Shift+Cmd+F (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+F (PC)
Toggle Auto Hyphenation	Opt+Shift+Cmd+H (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+H (PC)
Toggle Line Composer	Opt+Shift+Cmd+C (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+C (PC)

Subscript	Opt+Shift+Cmd+= (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl++ (PC)
Superscript	Shift+Cmd+= (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl++ (PC)
Lock Others	Opt+Shift+Cmd+2 (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+2 (PC)
Hide Others	Opt+Shift+Cmd+3 (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+3 (PC)
Repeat Pathfinder	Cmd+4 (Mac) / Ctrl+4 (PC)
Average & Join	Opt+Shift+Cmd+J (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+J (PC)
New Symbol	F8
Add New Fill	Cmd+/ (Mac) / Ctrl+/ (PC)
Add New Stroke	Opt+Cmd+/ (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+/ (PC)
New Layer	Cmd+L (Mac) / Ctrl+L (PC)
New Layer with Dialog	Opt+Cmd+L (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+L (PC)
Switch Units	Opt+Shift+Cmd+U (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+U (PC)
New File (No Dialog)	Opt+Cmd+N (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+N (PC)
Close All	Opt+Cmd+W (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+W (PC)
Cut (Secondary)	F2
Copy (Secondary)	F3
Paste (Secondary)	F4
Zoom In (Secondary)	Cmd++ (Mac) / Ctrl++ (PC)
Navigate to Next Document	Cmd+` (Mac) / Ctrl+` (PC)
Navigate to Previous Document	Shift+Cmd+` (Mac) / Shift+Ctrl+` (PC)
Navigate to Next Document Group	Opt+Cmd+` (Mac) / Alt+Ctrl+` (PC)
Navigate to Previous Document Group	Opt+Shift+Cmd+` (Mac) / Alt+Shift+Ctrl+` (PC)