

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

	Shift	Ctrl	C	Copy visible
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This works the same as "Copy" the selection followed by "Clear" the selection.





	Ctrl	V	Paste clipboard
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This places the clipboard objects as a floating selection

	Ctrl	Alt	V	Paste in place
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	Shift	Ctrl	V	Paste as new image
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Fill

	Clear
	Fill with FG Color
	Fill with BG Color
	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

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Zoom In

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Zoom Out

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Zoom 1:1

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Revert zoom

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Shrink wrap

This fits the window to the image size.

	Ctrl	I	Zoom
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Flip and Rotate (0°)

	I	Reset Flip and Rotate
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Scrolling (panning)

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

	Space	Scroll canvas
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	I	Scroll canvas vertically
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	Shift	I	Scroll canvas horizontally
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Rulers and Guides

	I	Drag off a ruler to create guide
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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
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	Shift	Ctrl	R	Toggle rulers
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	Shift	Ctrl	T	Toggle guides
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Image

	Ctrl	D	Duplicate image
	Alt	Return	Image properties

Layers

	Shift	Ctrl	N	New layer
	Shift	Ctrl	D	Duplicate layers
		PgUp		Select the layers above
		PgDn		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
	Shift 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
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This accepts the new value you typed in a text field and returns focus to canvas.

	Space	Activate current button or list
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Within a multi-tab dialog

	Ctrl	Alt	Page Up	Switch tabs up
	Ctrl	Alt	Page Down	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