



RasMol Quick Reference

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Mouse Buttons (PC)

Clicking on an atom identifies that atom in the command window.

Left Button	Rotate X-Y
Right Button	Translate X-Y
Shift Left Button	Zoom
Shift Right Button	Rotate Z
Control Left Button	Z-Clipping (Slab)

General Commands

load [format] <filename> Load a molecule
pdb Brookhaven Protein Databank
others see documentation

zap Delete molecule
exit Exit from RasMol

help [topic [subtopic]] Display on-line help
 topic

Selection

select <expression> Update part of molecule
restrict <expression> Display only part of mol.

* All atoms
 cys Atoms in cysteines
 hoh Atoms in water molecules
 as? Atoms in asparagine or aspartic acid
 *120 Atoms at residue 120 of all chains
 *p Atoms in chain P
 *.n? Nitrogen atoms
 cys.sg Sulphur atoms in cysteine residues
 ser70.c? Carbon atoms in serine-70
 hem*p.fe Iron atoms in the Heme of chain P
 .;A Atoms in alternate conformation A
 */4 All atoms in model 4

Atom Expressions

Predefined Sets: alpha
 hydrophobic
 3,16,12
 9-20
Residue Ranges:
Boolean Operators: backbone and not alpha
 ligand or 196-199
 not (hydrogen or hetero)
 not *.FE and hetero
Primitive Expressions: cys, glu, arg, as?
 ser70a, **p, glu24:1
 hem*p.fe, *.sg
Comparison Operators: atomno=4,atomno=6
 temperature>=900
Within Expressions: within(8.0,ligand)

Predefined Sets

at	acidic	acyclic	aliphatic
alpha	amino	aromatic	backbone
basic	bonded	buried	cg
charged	cyclic	cystine	helix
hetero	hydrogen	hydrophobic	ions
large	ligand	medium	neutral
nucleic	polar	protein	purine
pyrimidine	selected	sheet	sidechain
small	solvent	surface	turn
water			

define <identifier> <expression> User-defined sets

Rendering Commands

background <colour> Set background colour
set ambient [value] Depth-cueing/lighting
set shadows [boolean] Enable/disable shadows
set specular [boolean] Enable atom highlights
set specpower [value] Control atom 'shininess'

Display Commands

thickness values are in 1/250 Å units

wireframe [boolean] Display wireframe
wireframe <value> Display stick bonds
spacefill [boolean] Display spacefill spheres
spacefill <value> Specify atom sphere radius
spacefill temperature
backbone [boolean] Display alpha backbone
backbone <value> Specify backbone radius
ribbons [boolean] Display solid ribbons
ribbons <value> Specify ribbon width
cartoon [boolean] Display ribbon & direction
cartoon <value> Specify width
label [boolean] Draw default atom labels
label <string> Label with arbitrary text
set fontsize <value> Set label font height
ssbonds [boolean] Display disulphide bonds
ssbonds <value> Specify ssbond radius
set ssbonds backbone SSBonds between alphas
set ssbonds sidechain SSBonds between sulphurs
hbonds [boolean] Display hydrogen bonds
hbonds <value> Specify hbond radius
set hbonds backbone HBonds between alphas
set hbonds sidechain HBonds donor/acceptor
monitor <#>, <#> Draw bond and distance between arbitrary atoms
monitor [boolean] Turn monitor on and off
set monitor [boolean] Turn monitor label on/off
dots [boolean] Display dot surface
dots <value> Specify dot density
set solvent [boolean] VDW or solvent surface
set radius <value> Specify probe sphere rad.

Colour Commands

colour [object] <colour> Colour representation

Objects:

atoms	bonds	backbone
ribbons	labels	hbonds
ssbonds	dots	axes
ribbons1	ribbons2	

Predefined Colours:

blue	black	cyan	green
greenblue	magenta	orange	purple
red	redorange	violet	white
yellow			

Atom Colour Schemes:

cpk	amino	shapely
group	chain	structure
temperature	charge	user

colour hbonds type Colour hbonds by offset
colour dots potential Display potential surface

Colour Schemes

CPK Atom Colours

Carbon	light grey	[200,200,200]
Oxygen	red	[240,0,0]
Nitrogen	light blue	[143,143,255]
Hydrogen	white	[255,255,255]
Sulphur	yellow	[255,200,50]
Phosphorous	orange	[255,165,0]
Chlorine	green	[0,255,0]
Ca, Metals	dark grey	[128,128,144]
Unknown	deep pink	[255,20,147]

Amino Acid Colours

ASP, GLU	bright red	[230,10,10]
CYS, MET	yellow	[230,230,0]
LYS, ARG	blue	[20,90,255]
SER, THR	orange	[250,150,0]
PHE, TYR	mid blue	[50,50,170]
ASN, GLN	cyan	[0,220,220]
GLY	light grey	[235,235,235]
LEU, VAL, ILE	green	[15,130,15]
ALA	dark grey	[200,200,200]
TRP	pink	[180,90,180]
HIS	pale blue	[130,130,210]
PRO	flesh	[220,150,130]

Secondary Structure Colours

Alpha Helix	magenta	[240,0,128]
Beta Sheet	yellow	[255,255,0]
Turns	pale blue	[96,128,255]
Other	white	[255,255,255]

Hydrogen Bond Type Colours

Offset +2	white	[255,255,255]
Offset +3	magenta	[255,0,255]
Offset +4	red	[255,0,0]
Offset +5	orange	[255,165,0]
Offset -3	cyan	[0,255,255]
Offset -4	green	[0,255,0]
default	yellow	[255,255,0]

Manipulation Commands

rotate <axis> [-] <value> Rotate molecule

translate <axis> [-] <value> Translate molecule

zoom [boolean] Scale molecule

zoom <value> Specify magnification

slab [boolean] Enable/disable slabbing

slab <value> Move Z-clipping plane

centre [expression] Set centre of rotation

reset Initial transformation

Export Commands

write [format] <filename> Output image file

gif CompuServe GIF format

ps, epsf Encapsulated PostScript

monops Monochrome PostScript

vectps 'Cartoon' PostScript

bmp Microsoft Bitmap format

pict Apple 'PICT' file

ppm Portable Pixmap

sun, sunrle Sun Rasterfile

set vectps <boolean> Enable cartoon outlines

write script <filename> Generate RasMol script

write molscript <filename> Output MolScript script

write kinemage <filename> Output Kinemage file

set kinemage <boolean> Set Mage file detail

Misc. Commands

structure DSSP secondary structure

connect [boolean] Recalculate connectivity

renumber Sequentially number chains

show information Display molecule statistics

show sequence Display molecule sequence

show symmetry Display crystal space group

Command Line Editing

In addition to the cursor keys, the following 'emacs' control keys may be used to edit the command line.

Ctrl-H / Ctrl-D Delete previous/next character

Ctrl-B / Ctrl-F Move backward/forward a character

Ctrl-A / Ctrl-E Move to beginning/end of line

Ctrl-P / Ctrl-N Display previous/next history