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

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)
`←` `→`	Scroll canvas

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

`⇕`	Scroll canvas
`⇕`	Scroll canvas vertically
`Shift` `⇕`	Scroll canvas horizontally

Rulers and Guides
`⇱`	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` `⇱`	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/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` `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

`⛭`	Zoom in
`Ctrl` `⛭`	Zoom out
`⛭`	Zoom in inside the area
`Ctrl` `⛭`	Zoom out inside the area