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### **ASSIGNMENT**

Give the most basic AutoCAD Command and Shortcut that user should know and define every shortcut key.

- **L-** It can be used for making simple lines in the drawing.
- **C-** It is the command used for making a circle in AutoCAD.
- PL-This command can be used to make a Polyline in your drawing.
- **REC-** This command will make a rectangle in AutoCAD.
- **POL-**This command can be used to make a polygon with minimum of 3 sides and a maximum of 1024 sides.
- **ARC-**As the name suggests, this command can be used to make an arc in AutoCAD.
- **ELLIPSE-** As the name suggests, this command can be used to make an ellipse with the major and minor axis.
- **REG-**This command can be used to make a region geometry in AutoCAD.
- **CO-**This command is used to copy object(s) in AutoCAD.
- **ARRAY-**Using this command you can make Rectangular, polar or Path array.
- **TR** -This command is used for trimming a geometry.
- **OP** -Using this command you can open options window which contains most of the settings of AutoCAD.
- **SC** -This command is used to change the scale of an object.
- **B-** This command is used for creating a block, the properties of the block can be defined using the block definition window.
- **I-** This command can be used to insert an existing block or a drawing as a block in AutoCAD.











- **ST -** Using this command you can open text style window which controls properties of the default AutoCAD text style.
- **X-**This command can be used to explode objects like Polyline to simple lines, an array or a block to a simple geometry etc.
- **F** This command can be used to add rounded corners to the sharp edges of the geometry, these round corners are also called fillets.
- **CHA -** This command can be used to add slant edges to the sharp corners, these slant edges are also called chamfers.
- **LA** This command can be used to open layer properties manage palette which is a tool for creating and managing layers in a drawing.

## **Keyboard Shortcut Keys**

Keyboard shortcuts or hotkeys are the shortest and quickest way of activating some of the common AutoCAD operations or commands. In this list, I have included some of the most frequently used and useful keyboard shortcuts.

- **Ctrl** + **N** You can use this shortcut to open a new drawing tab in AutoCAD.
- Ctrl + S You can use this keyboard shortcut to save a drawing file.
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **S** You can use this keyboard shortcut to save the drawing as a new file, in short, this is the hotkey for "save as" command.
- **Ctrl + 0 -** Clears screen to show only the drawing area and hides palettes and tabs. Press it again to reset default AutoCAD interface.
- **Ctrl + 1 -** Select and object and press Ctrl + 1 to open the properties palette which lists properties of the object. You can use this palette to modify most of the properties of the object too. You can also use PR command to open the property palette.
- **Ctrl + 2 -** You can use it to open design center palette which contains many AutoCAD blocks that can be used directly in your drawing.
- **Ctrl + 9 -** You can use this keyboard shortcut to toggle the visibility of the command line. If for some reason your command line is hidden from the drawing area, then use this keyboard shortcut to bring it back.
- **Ctrl + C -** Select objects from the drawing area and press Ctrl + C to copy to objects to the clipboard.
- **Ctrl + V -** To paste the copied objects of the clipboard in the drawing keeping their original properties, you can use this keyboard shortcut.
- **Ctrl + Shift + V -** To paste the copied objects as a block you can use this keyboard shortcut, the block thus created will have a random set of characters as is name. You can use this keyboard shortcut to make blocks quickly without going through the create block window.
- **Ctrl + Z -** This keyboard shortcut can be used to undo last action in your drawing. You can press this shortcut key multiple times to undo many actions.
- **Ctrl + Y -** This keyboard shortcut can be used to redo the last undo action which you have performed.
- **Ctrl + Tab -** You can use this keyboard shortcut to cycle through all open drawing tabs in AutoCAD.