

# Quicksilver Reference

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## Files and Folders

~ (tilde) or ` (back quote) for \$HOME  
hold / (slash) for root  
→ or / to enter folder  
⌘→ or ⌘/ to show hidden files in folder  
← or ? to go up a level

file Open ⌘

file Open With... app or printer ⌘

app or printer Open File... file

file Always Open Type With... app

file Reveal

file Rename... filename □

file Copy to... folder □⌘

file Move to... folder □⌘

file Move to Trash

file Delete (Erase) ✓

file Make Alias in... folder

file Make Link in... folder ⌘✓

file Make Hard Link in... folder ✓

file Get File Location □

file Get Path □⌘✓

file Get Absolute (POSIX) Path □✓

file Get File URL □✓

folder New Folder... text □

folder Make New... template □

file Open at Login ⌘✓

file Do Not Open at Login ✓

## File Compression

archive Decompress

file Compress □

file Compress Using... archiver □

## File Attribute Actions

file Get Info

file Set Icon... icon

file Clear Custom Icon

file Set Label... label

file Lock File file

file Unlock File file

file Make Invisible (hide)

file Make Visible (Show)

## Spotlight

file Set Tags... tags

file Add Tags... tags

file Remove Tags... tags

file Show Tags □

tag Show Files Matching Tag

file Set Comment... text

folder Spotlight Contents... text □⌘

folder Spotlight Filenames Matching... text □

folder Spotlight Contents in Finder... text

## OpenMeta

file Set Tags... tags

file Add Tags... tags

file Remove Tags... tags

file Clear Tags

file Show Tags □

## Transmit

ftp-url Connect

transmit-favorite Connect

transmit-favorite Mount as Disk

transmit-favorite Upload File(s)... file

file Upload to Site... transmit-favorite

## Web

### Web Search

text Find With... site

site Search For... text

site Show Results for Search... text □ ✓

## Browsers

url Open URL ⌘

url Open URL in Background

url Open URL With... app ✓

bookmarklet Run Javascript

## Safari

url Add to Reading List

## Chrome

chrome-tab Reload tab in Chrome

chrome-tab Reveal tab in Chrome

## Opera

url Open with Opera

## Applications

app Open

app Quit ⌘

app Relaunch

app Quit Others ✓

app Toggle Application ⌘✓

app Activate ✓

app Hide ⌘✓

app Hide Others ✓

## Process Manipulation

app Raise Priority ✓

app Lower Priority ✓

app Set Priority... number ✓

app Force Quit ✓

app Pause Application (SIGTSTP) ✓

app Resume Application (SIGCONT) ✓

app Send Signal... signal name ✓

app Launch a Copy ✓

app Launch as Root ✓

app List Open Files □ ✓

app Sample Process ✓

## User Interface Access

app Menu Bar Items... menu-item

app Show Menu Items □

menu-item Press

menu-item Perform Action...

ui-element Select

app Show Windows □

app Focused Window □

app Current Document □

app Windows... window

window Activate Window

window Raise Window ✓

window Close Window

window Minimize Window

window Zoom Window

## DeMinimizer

app Minimize Windows

app Restore Windows

window Restore

text Restore by Index

## Text

enter text mode with . (period) or ' (quote)

text Copy to Clipboard

text Paste ⌘

text Paste as Plain Text

text Type Text

text Speak Text (Say) ✓

text Large Type

text Display Dialog ✓

text Run as Applescript

text Create File [...] [folder] □

script Process Text... text □

## Text Manipulation

file Append Text... text

text Append To... file

file Prepend Text... text ✓

text Prepend To... file ✓

text-line Append Text... text

text-line Prepend Text... text ✓

text-line Change To... text ✓

text-line Delete Line ✓

## Calculator

enter text mode with = for math

math Calculate □

math Run as AppleScript

## Spotlight

text Spotlight in Window

text Show Spotlight Results in Finder

text Get Spotlight Results □

## Services Menu

text Anything from Service Menu

## Yojimbo

text/file Add to Yojimbo with Name... text □

text Add to Yojimbo with Contents... text/file □

url Archive to Yojimbo □

y-item Show in Yojimbo

y-item Add Tags to Item(s)... y-tags

y-item Append Text... text

y-item Prepend Text... text

## iTunes

iTunes-item Play

iTunes-item Add to Playlist... playlist

iTunes-item Enable/Disable Track(s)

song/playlist Reveal in iTunes

album/artist Open Booklets(s)

song Get Lyrics □

playlist Shuffle On/Off

eq-preset Set EQ Preset

## iTunes Controls

Show Playing Track Run

Play-Pause Run

Play Run

Pause Run

Stop Run

Next Run

Previous Run

Increase iTunes Volume Run

Decrease iTunes Volume Run

Mute Run

Set Rating to *n* Run *n* = 0-5

Increase Rating Run

Decrease Rating Run

Toggle iTunes Equalizer Run

## Contacts/Mail

### Contacts

contact Show Contact

contact Edit Contact

contact Add Note... text

### E-mail Support

email or contact Compose Email

email-url Open E-mail URL

text or file Email To...(\*) email

address Email Item...(\*) text or file

\* is one of:

Compose - open default mail app

Send - send with default mail app ✓

Send Directly - send with Quicksilver ✓

### Apple Mail

mailbox Open Mailbox

# Quicksilver Reference

*message* **Open Message**  
*message* **Delete Message**  
*message* **Move to Mailbox...** *mailbox*  
Mail.app **Get New Mail**  
Mail.app **Open New Mail**

**FaceTime**  
*contact* **FaceTime**

## Calendars

**Calendar**  
*text* **Create iCal Event** *calendar*  
*text* is: [date][-time]--event  
*text* **Create iCal To-Do** *calendar*  
*text* is: [date--][!!!]event

**Remember The Milk**  
*list* **Add Task...** *text*  
*text* **Create Task In...** *list*

## Images

**Image Manipulation**  
*image* **Save Image in Format...** *format* ☐  
*format* is *jpg|gif|png|tif* [*low|med|hi*] [*progressive|interlaced*]  
*image* **Scale Image...** *scale* ☐  
*scale* is [percentage | [*width*][x *height*]  
*image* **Crop Image** ☐✓

**iPhoto**  
*iPhoto-item* **Show Album**  
*iPhoto-item* **iPhoto Slideshow**

**Displays**  
*image* **Set Desktop Picture** [*display*]  
*url* **Set Desktop Picture** [*display*]

**Screen Capture**  
Capture Screen **Run** ☐  
Capture Region **Run** ☐  
Capture Window **Run** ☐

**QSQRCode**  
*object* **Show QRCode**  
*object* **Copy QRCode**

**System**  
*mounted-volume* **Eject**  
*sys-pref* **Open**

**Displays**  
*display* **Set Refresh Rate...** *rate*  
*display* **Set Color Depth...** *depth*  
*display* **Set Resolution...** *resolution*

**Networking**  
*location* **Switch to Location**  
*network* **Connect to Network**  
*network* **Connect to Network (via Menubar)**  
Wi-Fi **Disconnect Current Network**  
Wi-Fi **Toggle Wi-Fi Power** ✓  
Wi-Fi **Turn Wi-Fi On**  
Wi-Fi **Turn Wi-Fi Off**  
Wi-Fi **Show Contents** ☐

**Keychain**  
*keychain-item* **Copy Password**  
*keychain-item* **Paste Password**  
*keychain-item* **Get Password** ☐  
*keychain-item* **Copy Account**  
*keychain-item* **Paste Account**  
*keychain-item* **Get Account** ☐  
*keychain* **Lock** ☐  
*keychain* **Unlock** ☐

**1Password**  
*1p-item* **Go & Fill** ⌘

*1p-item* **Go & Fill With ...** *browser*  
*1p-item* **Reveal in 1Password**

## Development

**Terminal**  
*text* **Run Command in Shell** ☐  
*text* **Run a Text Command in Terminal**  
*command* **Run [...]** [*args*] ☐  
*command* **Run in Terminal [...]** [*args*]  
*command* **Show Man Page**  
*folder* **Open Directory in Terminal**  
*file* **Open Parent Directory in Terminal**

**iTerm 2**  
*text* **Run a Text command in \***  
*text* **Run in \*** [...] [*args*]  
*file* **Open Parent Directory in \***  
*folder* **Open Directory in \***  
\* is one of:  
**iTerm, iTerm Tab, Current iTerm**  
*iTerm-session* **Open in New Window**  
*iTerm-session* **Open in New Tab**

**Remote Hosts**  
*text* **Use as Remote Host** ☐  
*host* **SSH** ⌘  
*host* **SSH as root**  
*host* **SSH as...** *user*  
*host* **Telnet**  
*host* **Telnet to port...** *number*  
*host* **FTP** ⌘  
*host* **HTTP** ⌘  
*host* **HTTPS** ⌘  
*host* **Screen Sharing (VNC)**  
*host* **Browse with AFP** ☐  
*host* **Mount share with AFP...** *share* ☐  
*host* **Browse with CIFS** ☐  
*host* **Mount share with CIFS...** *share* ☐  
*host* **MS Remote Desktop**  
*host* **Get Host Info**  
*host* **Get FTP URL** ☐✓  
*host* **Get HTTP URL** ☐✓  
*host* **Get HTTPS URL** ☐✓

**Automator**  
*workflow* **Execute Workflow**

**Quicksilver**  
*object* **Show Contents** ☐  
*object* **Search Contents** ☐  
*object* **Assign Abbreviation...** *abbrev*  
*object* **Show Source in Catalog**  
*catalog* **Show Entry in Catalog**  
*catalog* **Rescan Catalog Entry**  
*file or folder* **Add To Catalog**  
**Shelf Show**  
*object* **Put on Shelf** ✓  
*object* **Copy to Clipboard**  
^⇧ makes a command object ☐  
*cmd-obj* **Run**  
*cmd-obj* **Save Command to File...** *folder*  
*cmd-obj* **Run at Time...** *time* ⌘  
*cmd-obj* **Run after Delay...** *time*  
*cmd-obj* **Add Trigger...** *trigger-type*  
*object* **Select in Command Window** ☐✓

**Mouse**  
*object* **Show Menu**  
*object* **Show Contents Menu**  
*object* **Show Action Menu**

## Proxy Objects

**iTunes**  
Currently Playing Album

Currently Playing Artist  
Currently Playing Track  
Current Playlist  
Current iTunes Selection  
Selected Playlist  
Random Track

**iPhoto**  
Current iPhoto Selection  
Current iPhoto Album

**Web**  
Current Web Page (Safari)  
Current Website (Safari)  
Current Web Page (Chrome)  
Current Website (Chrome)  
Current Web Page (Firefox)  
Operas current web page

**Finder**  
Finder Selection  
Latest Download  
Path Finder Selection

**System**  
Computer  
IP Address  
External IP Address  
Current Application  
Previous Application  
Current Document  
Current Focused Window  
Minimized Windows

**Quicksilver**  
Clipboard Contents  
Current Selection  
Quicksilver Selection  
Last Command  
Last Object

**Mouse**  
Mouse Trigger Dragged Object  
Droplet Item

## Keyboard Shortcuts

After activating Quicksilver (^-space):  
⌘, Open Preferences  
⌘; Open Catalog  
⌘' Open Triggers  
⌘" Open Plug-ins  
⌘Y QuickLook  
⌘L Show Clipboard History (toggles)  
⇧⌘S Show Shelf (toggles)  
⌘K Show task viewer  
⌘Q Quit Quicksilver  
⇧⌘Q Quit Quicksilver Immediately  
^⌘Q Restart Quicksilver  
⌘R Rescan Catalog  
⌘[ Previous Command in History  
⌘] Forward Command in History  
⌘G Grab Finder Selection  
⇧⌘G Grab 'n Drop  
⌘⇧ Run alternate action  
⇧⌘X Run default action starting with X  
⌘A Select All with comma trick  
⌘⌘ Reset search on current level  
⇧ Reset search to top level  
^U Empty selected pane  
⇧⇧ Close command window

Works without activating Quicksilver:  
⌘⇧ Send Selection to Quicksilver

Standard shortcuts work too