

You can open this pdf-file in Illustrator to test features

Written in AutoHotkey



Tech Support

This thing greatly simplifies the life of an illustrator who often forgets hotkeys, like me

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Taptapkey is a set of hotkeys, widgets, and menus that streamline everyday tasks for designers and other Windows users.

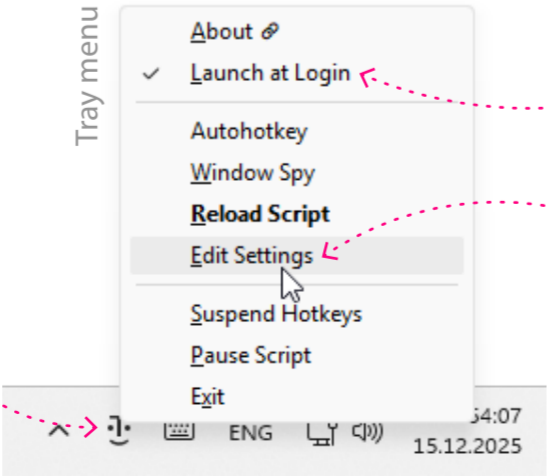
It allows you to work comfortably with your left hand always on the keyboard and your right hand on the mouse/tablet.



Installation:

Download the ZIP file, unpack it, run *taptapkey.exe*

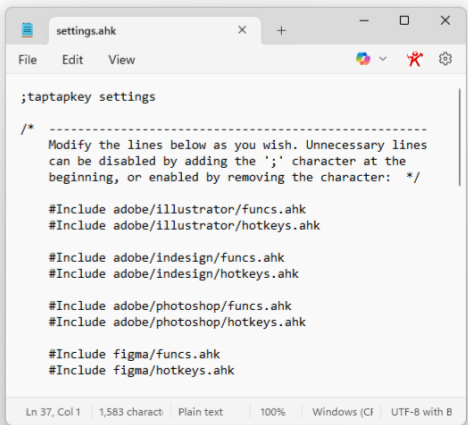
You will see the icon in your tray



Click to enable autorun when logging in.

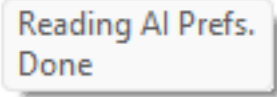
Click to change the settings.

These settings will open as text in Notepad

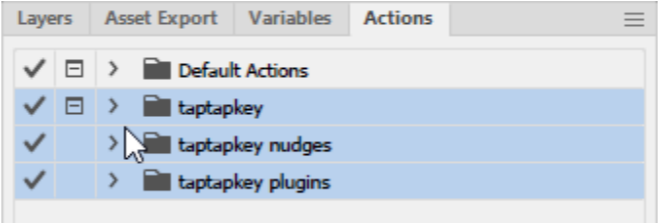


Hotkeys and features for Illustrator Ai

Every time you open Illustrator, Taptapkey needs to read the program settings. In this case, the following message pops up at the bottom of the main screen:



First time Taptapkey runs any of its necessary actions inside Illustrator, it automatically loads them as action sets. It takes some time, so please restart Illustrator once after this to save them.

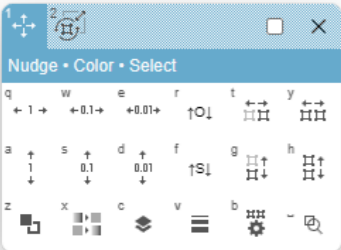


Some functions and tools require plugins. Such items are prefixed before the name:

- AG** — Astute Graphics
- RJ** — RJ-Grafix
- CS** — CoolSelection
- CV** — CValley FILTERiT

Widgets:

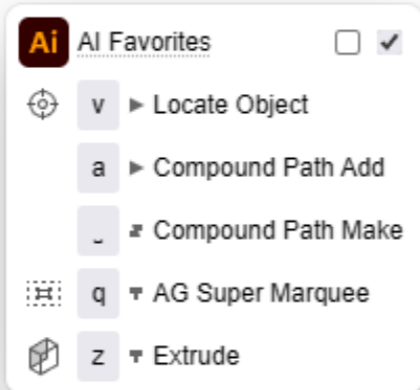
CapsLock
Functions widget,
config file:
adobe/illustrator/funcs.yaml



Hover your mouse over an icon and use **WheelUp/Down** to call functions or switch tabs.

When the widget window is active, you can use the hotkeys from top left corner of an icon. Hold **Ctrl** to reverse the command.

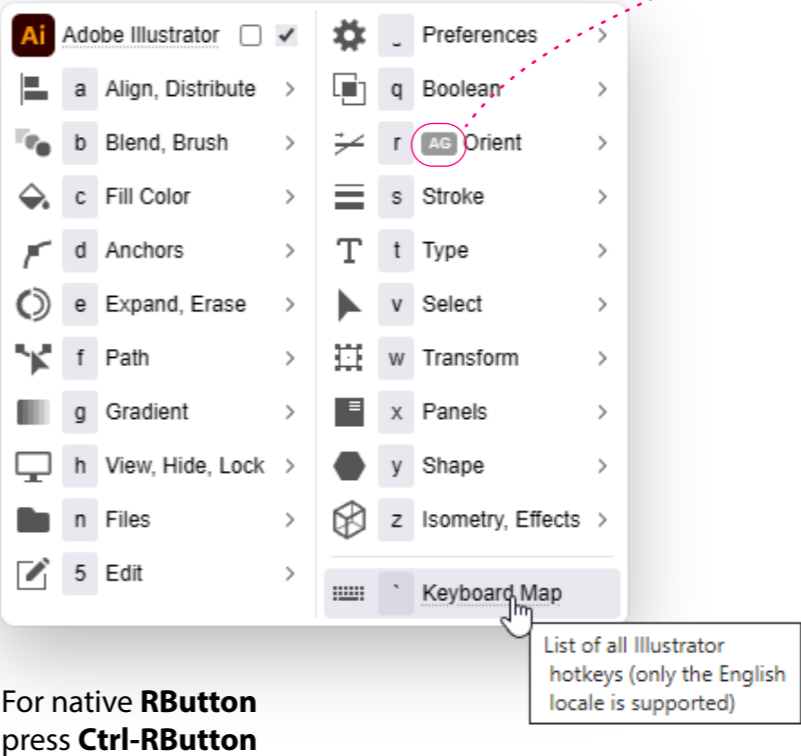
F1
Favorites menu,
config file:
adobe/illustrator/menuFavorites.yaml



For native **F1** press it twice.

You can add desired functions from the main menu by editing its config file.

RButton (right mouse button)
Main menu,
config file:
adobe/illustrator/menu.yaml



For native **RButton** press **Ctrl-RButton**

Hotkeys:

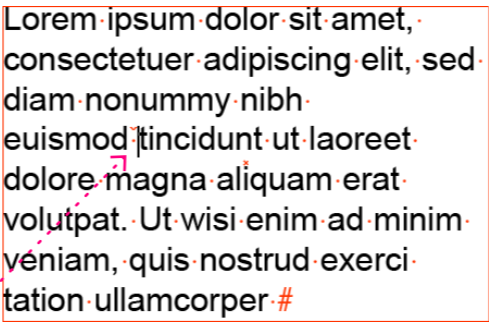
Escape
Deselects an object,
just like in any normal application.

For native **Escape** press **Shift-Escape**.

Alt-Wheel ± 1
Alt-Shift-Wheel ± 10
Alt-Ctrl-Wheel ± 0.1 or ± 0.5
Changes stroke weight
(Requires Control Panel enabled.
Works in Illustrator 2022 or newer).

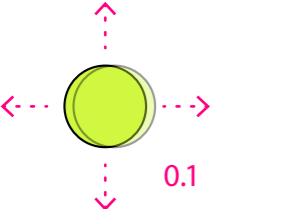


Right Shift-Space
Inserts non-breaking space.
For old versions of Illustrator you can use **RCtrl-RShift-Space** to apply "no break".

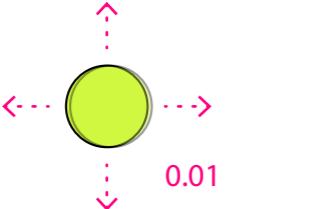


Ctrl-Shift-B **bold,**
Ctrl-Shift-I **italic,**
Ctrl-Shift-U **underline,**
Alt-Ctrl-V **paste w/o formatting.**
These text block hotkeys work in any version of Adobe Illustrator, even before version 2024 (28.3).

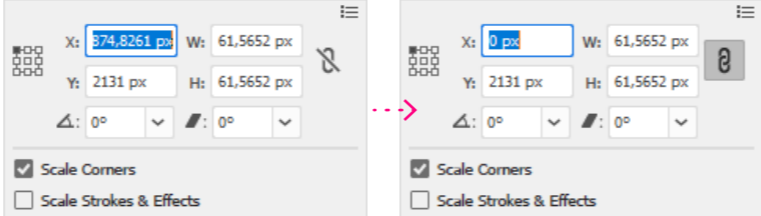
Ctrl-Arrows
Nudges selection.
by 0.1 document unit.



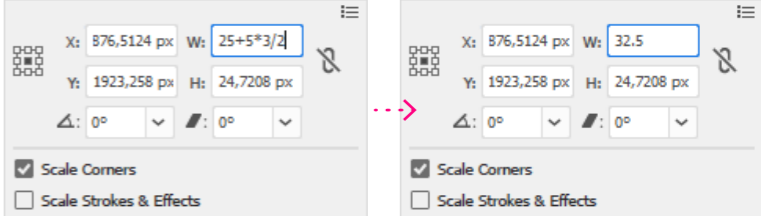
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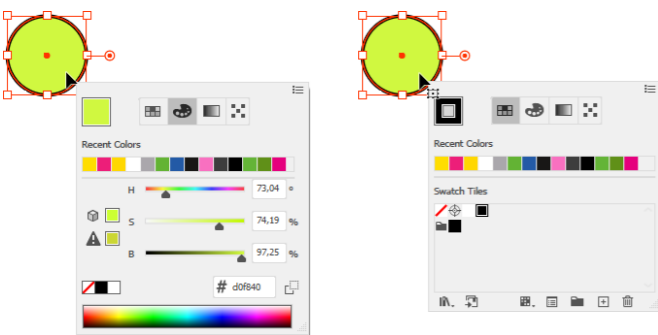
MButton
Short click: selects an input field.
Long click: resets an input field to zero.



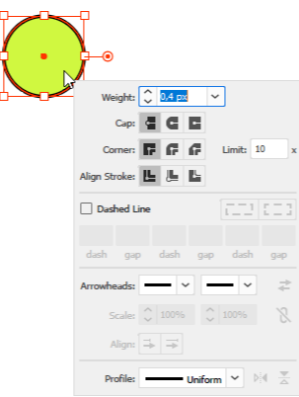
Alt-Space
Calculates the formula entered,
suitable for complex mathematical calculations.



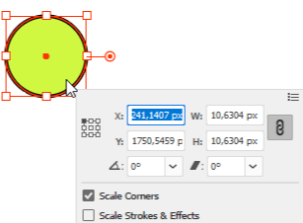
Shift-RButton
Short click: Shows fill color popup under cursor.
Long click: stroke color popup.



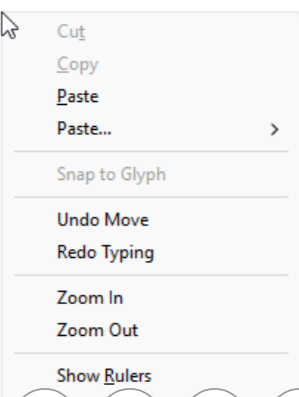
Alt-RButton
Shows the stroke popup under the cursor



Alt-Shift-RButton
Shows transform popup under cursor



Ctrl-RButton
Shows native context menu

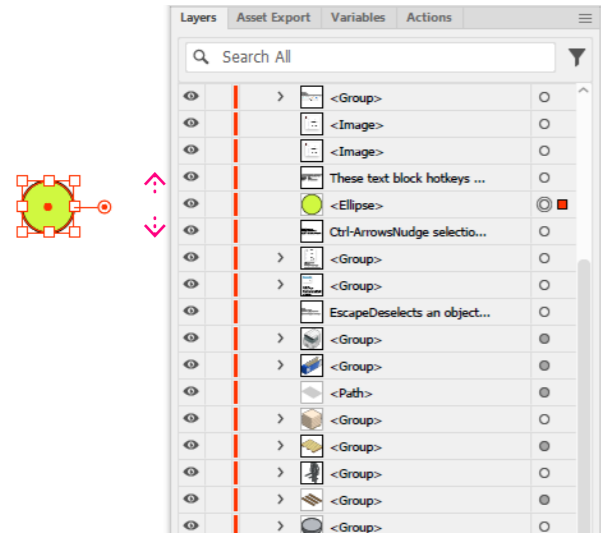


Sometimes Illustrator pops up this panel in a wrong place. Click the **MButton** to bring it back.

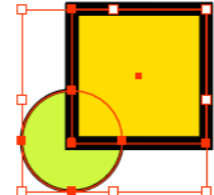
Press **F1** to context menu.

Ctrl-WheelUp/Down
Bring forward / Send backward

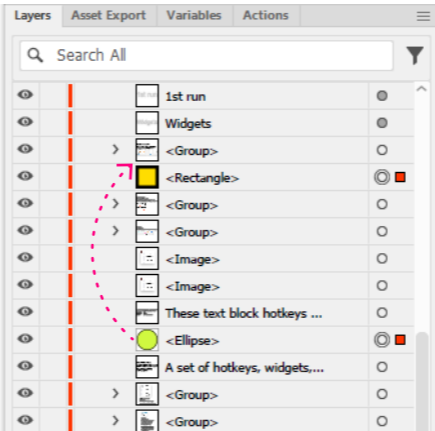
Ctrl-Shift-WheelUp/Down
Bring to front / Send to back



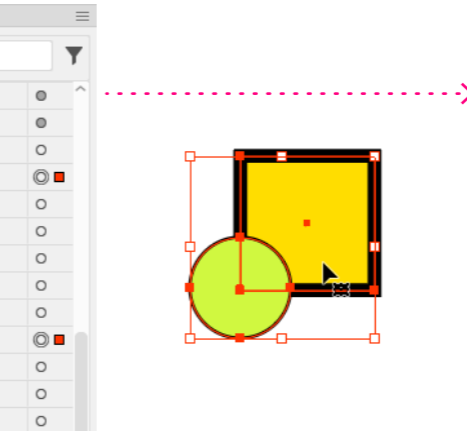
When more than one object is selected:



Shift-WheelUp
Brings all above the top one.

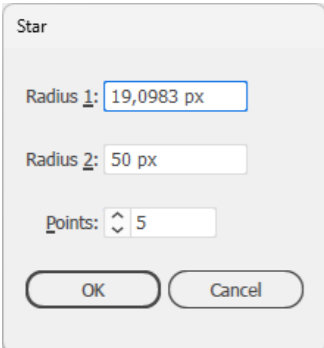


Shift-WheelDown
Sends all below the bottom one.

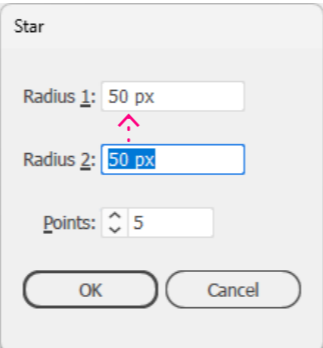
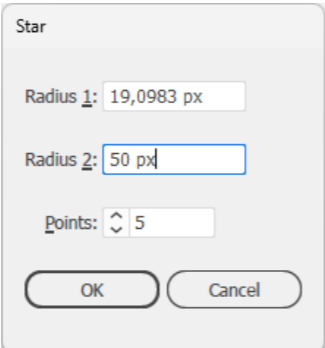


Modal windows:

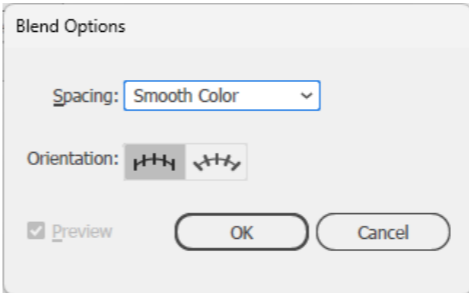
F1
Focuses on the first input



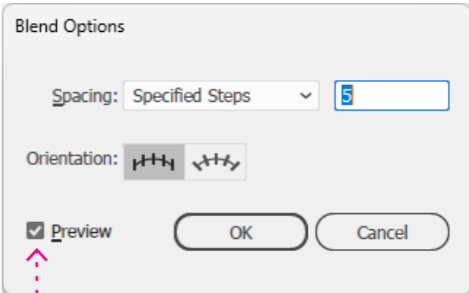
F2
Synchronizes sibling inputs



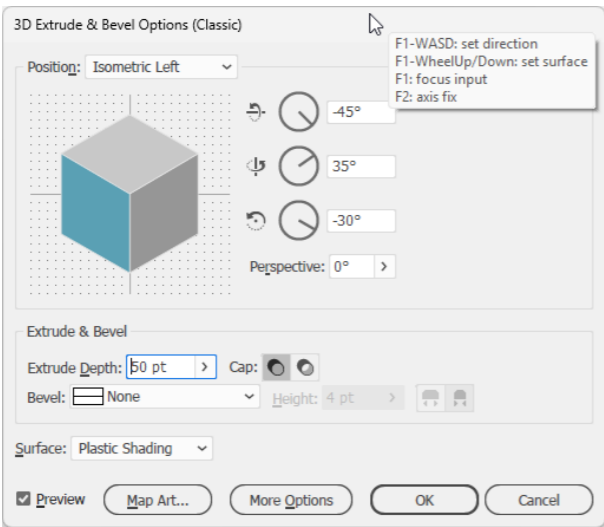
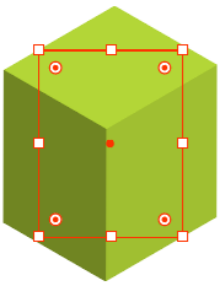
Click outside the modal window:
LButton **Enter** (apply) **RButton** **Escape** (close)



MButton
Toggles Preview checkbox



3D Classic windows:

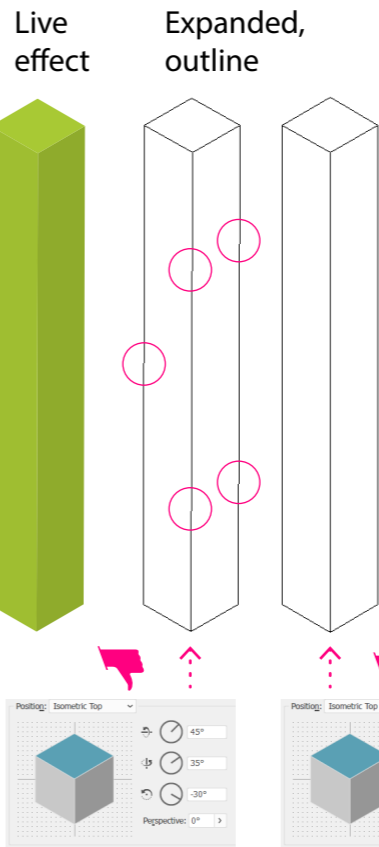


F1-W/A/S/D
Fast change isometric direction.

F1-WheelUp/Down
Fast change surface.

F1
Focuses the Extrude Depth input.
When focused, change the value with **WheelUp/Down**.

F2
Axis fix.
Corrects the tilt of the vertical axis. Without the fix your vertical lines won't be really vertical after Expand Appearance.



With axis fix

Hotkeys and features for

Windows


Widgets:


CapsLock-F1
Javascript calculator


Math.pow(2, 8) / 5

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CapsLock-F2
Menu,
config file:
windows/menu.yaml

 Windows ☐ ☒

 d Dropbox direct link

 Password generator

Arrows
History

Enter
Copy the result
to the clipboard

Hotkeys:

CapsLock-Pause Shows active app

CapsLock-Ctrl-Pause Kills active app

CapsLock-Shift-Pause Kills all instances of active app

CapsLock-1/2/3/4
CapsLock-Q/W/E/R/T
CapsLock-A/S/D/F/G
CapsLock-Z/X/C/V/B
Numpad emulation

CapsLock-H/J/K/L
CapsLock-Y/U/I/O
Vim-like navigation