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The Ultimate Guide to DaVinci Resolve Keyboard Shortcuts

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It's not hard to see why DaVinci Resolve is the defacto software for so many people, given its powerful node-based tools, incredible options for filmmakers, and a wide array of keyboard shortcuts.

Video editing can often be a long and arduous task, making a good workflow an absolute must. Keyboard shortcuts. Can help you achieve an optimal workflow.

This tutorial (compatible for both DaVinci Resolve 17 and DaVinci Resolve 18) will provide you the ultimate guide for using DaVinci Resolve keyboard shortcuts for both macOS and Windows devices.
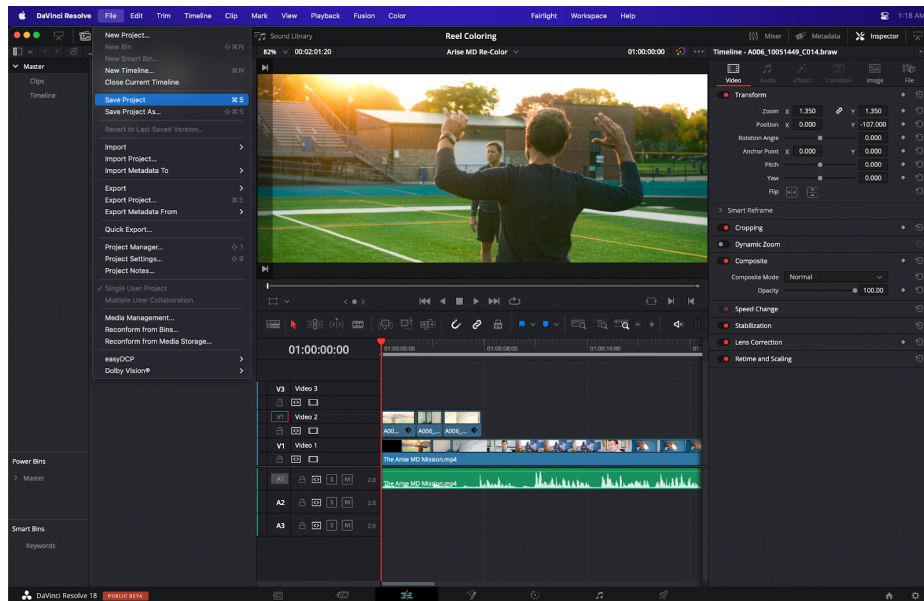
What are DaVinci Resolve keyboard

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DaVinci Resolve keyboard shortcuts (or hotkeys) are commands that can be accessed entirely on your keyboard. Without a shortcut, these commands would take longer to execute.

For example, to save a project in DaVinci Resolve, you can go all the way to the top of the screen and go to **File > Save** or you can choose the much simpler option of pressing **cmd + s (or ctrl + s)** on your keyboard.

It may not seem like a lot, but simple hotkeys such as these can be huge timesavers when working on longer projects.

The most useful DaVinci Resolve keyboard shortcuts

So what are the go-to shortcuts in DaVinci Resolve? Well, this is something that's going to be subjective based on the user since every editor has a different workflow and different shortcuts that work best for them.

Most time spent in DaVinci Resolve though is usually within the timeline or in the node editor so these shortcuts are generally the most impactful

For instance, to zoom in on the timeline, you'll want to press command (ctrl) plus **=** on the keyboard, and to zoom out you'll want to press command (ctrl) plus **-** on the keyboard.

Below are some other useful keyboard shortcuts for DaVinci Resolve.

Command	Windows	Mac
Cut	CTRL + X	CMD + X
Copy	CTRL + C	CMD + C
Undo	CTRL + Z	CMD + Z
Redo	CTRL + Shift + Z	CMD + Shift + Z
Paste	CTRL + V	CMD + V
Paste Attributes	ALT + V	Option + V
Select All	CTRL + A	CMD + A
Deselect All	CTRL + Shift + A	CMD + Shift + A
Save	CTRL + S	CMD + S
Save As	CTRL + Shift + S	CMD + Shift + S

New Bin	CTRL + Shift + N	CMD + Shift + N
New Timeline	CTRL + N	CMD + N
Import Project	CTRL + I	CMD + I
Export Project	CTRL + E	CMD + E
Deselect All Tracks	CTRL + Shift + A	CMD + Shift + A

Other DaVinci Resolve keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts in DaVinci Resolve can be broken up into a few different sections. These classifications are based on the type of key that is pressed as well as the action you're completing in Resolve.

The one's we'll be covering in this guide are **application shortcuts, editing shortcuts, navigation shortcuts, effects shortcuts, marker shortcuts, and display shortcuts**.

Application shortcuts

Application shortcuts are some of the most useful shortcuts in DaVinci Resolve. These shortcuts are notable for how they help you initially set up your project in Resolve as well as how they help you navigate.

Command	Windows	Mac
Minimize Resolve	CTRL + H	Command + H
Minimize all other programs	Alt + CTRL + H	Option + Command + H
Preferences	CTRL + Comma	Command + Comma
Project Settings	Shift + 9	Shift + 9
Import Project	CTRL + I	Command + I
Export Project	CTRL + E	Command + E
Save Project	CTRL + S	Command + S
Save Project As	Shift + CTRL + S	Shift + Command + S
Quit Resolve	CTRL + Q	Command + Q
New Timeline	CTRL + N	Command + N
New Bin	CTRL + Shift + N	Command + Shift + N

Editing shortcuts

Editing shortcuts speed up the editing process while you're in the DaVinci Resolve timeline. There are a lot of helpful shortcuts to help speed up your timeline workflow.

Command	Windows	Mac
Edit Mode	A	A
Trim Mode	T	T
Dynamic Trim Mode	W	W
Select Blade Tool	B	B
Select Razor Tool	CTRL + B	Command + B
Toggle between Slip/Slide Mode	S	S
Toggle between Snapping On/Off	N	N
Make Cut	CTRL + X	Command + X
Make Copy	CTRL + C	Command + C
Paste	CTRL + V	Command + V
Undo	CTRL + Z	Command + Z
Redo	CTRL + Shift + Z	Command + Alt + Z
Go to Previous Cut Point	V	V
Toggle between Edit Point Types	U	U
Split Clip	CTRL + \	Command + \
Join Clip	Option + \	Alt + \
Toggle between Enable/Disable Clip	D	D
Select All	CTRL + + A	Command + A

Command	Windows	Mac
Deselect All	CTRL + Shift + A	Command + Shift + A
Select Nearest Clip or Gap	Shift + V	Shift + V
Select Forward Clips on this Track	Y	Y
Select Previous Clips on this Track	CTRL + Y	Command + Y
Delete Selected	Backspace	Backspace
Insert Edit	F9	F9
Overwrite Edit	F10	F10
Replace Edit	F11	F11
Place On Top Edit	F12	F12
Fit To Fill Edit	Shift + F11	Shift + F11
Ripple Delete	Delete	Delete
Append at End of Timeline	Shift + F12	Shift + F12
Trim Start	Shift + [	Shift + [
Trim End	Shift +]	Shift +]

Navigation shortcuts

Navigation shortcuts provide even more navigation tools for users who wish to speed things up even further.

Command	Windows	Mac
Toggle between Pause/Start Playback	Space	Space
Playback	L	L
Stop Playback	K	K
Playback In Reverse	J	J
Fast Forward	Shift + L	Shift + L
Fast Reverse	Shift + J	Shift + J
Toggle between Loop/Unloop	CTRL + /	Command + /
Go to the Beginning of the Timeline	Function Left Arrow	Function Left Arrow
Go to the End of the Timeline	Function Right Arrow	Function Right Arrow
Got to Previous Clip or Cut	Up Arrow	Up Arrow
Go to Next Clip or Cut	Down Arrow	Down Arrow
Go to First Frame of Clip	;	;
Go to Last Frame of Clip	'	'
Go to Previous Frame	Left Arrow	Left Arrow
Go to Next Frame	Right Arrow	Right Arrow
Play Around the Current Frame	/	/

Effects shortcuts

The effects shortcuts are great if your videos use a bunch of effects.

Command	Windows	Mac
Add Transition	CTRL + T	Command + T
Add Video Only Transition	ALT + T	Option + T
Add Audio Only Transition	Shift + T	Shift + T
Retime Controls	CTRL + R	Command + R
Add Keyframe	CTRL + [	Command + [
Delete Keyframe	ALT +]	Option +]
Go to Next Keyframe	[	[
Go to Previous Keyframe	]	]
Add Serial Node	ALT + S	Option + S
Add Parallel Node	ALT + P	Option + P
Add Layer Node	ALT + L	Option + L
Add Splitter-Combiner Node	ALT + Y	Option + Y
Next Node	Shift + ALT + Apostrophe	Shift + Option + Apostrophe
	Shift + ALT +	Shift + Option +

Previous Node	Semicolon	Semicolon
Toggle between Disable/Enable Node	CTRL + D	Command + D
Toggle between Disable/Enable All Nodes	ALT + D	Option + D
Reset Grades and Nodes	CTRL + Home	Command + Home
Bypass All Grades	Shift + D	Shift + D

Marker shortcuts

What markers do is help you keep track of specific moments or notable frames within your timeline. Marker shortcuts give you options for navigating markers in your timeline.

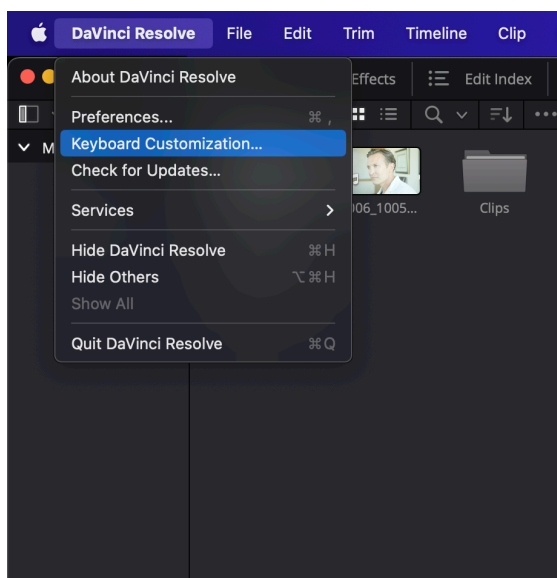| Command	Windows	Mac
Set In Mark	I	I
Set Out Mark	O	O
Remove In Mark	ALT + I	Option + I
Remove Out Mark	ALT + O	Option + O
Remove IN and Out Marks	ALT + X	Option + X
Add Marker	M	M
Delete Marker	ALT + M	Option + M
Modify Marker	Shift + M	Shift + M
Add and Modify Marker	CTRL + M	Command + M
Go to In Mark	Shift + I	Shift + I
Go to Out Mark	Shift + O	Shift + O
Go to Next Marker	Shift + Down + Arrow	Shift + Down + Arrow
Go to Previous Marker	Shift + Up + Arrow	Shift + Up + Arrow
Play Around In	ALT + Space	Option + Space
Play Around Out	Shift + Space	Shift + Space
Play In to Out	ALT + /	Option + /

Display shortcuts

A display shortcut is perfect for switching and working within a multitude of workspaces. Switching between things like edit mode and color mode are a breeze with display shortcuts.

Command	Windows	Mac
Open Media Workspace	Shift + 2	Shift + 2
Open Cut Workspace	Shift + 3	Shift + 3
Open Edit Workspace	Shift + 4	Shift + 4
Open Color Workspace	Shift + 6	Shift + 6
Open Deliver Workspace	Shift + 8	Shift + 8
Zoom In	+	+
Zoom Out	–	–
Full Screen	Shift + F	Shift + F
Left Display	1	1
Right Display	2	2
Split Screen	CTRL + ALT + W	Command + Option + W
Toggle between Source/Timeline Viewers	Q	Q
Video Scopes	CTRL + SHIFT + W	Command + SHIFT + W

How to change keyboard shortcuts in DaVinci Resolve

Keyboard customization in DaVinci Resolve is as easy as clicking on **DaVinci Resolve** at the top left of the screen and going to **keyboard customization**. Clicking

on this will bring up the DaVinci Resolve editor keyboard.

This will bring up a keyboard layout containing a cheat sheet of all the hotkeys available in DaVinci Resolve. Clicking on a key on this keyboard lets you assign a shortcut to it. You can also search for specific hotkey combinations in the search box at the bottom of the keyboard.

Conclusion

Leveraging hotkeys is one of the most simple yet effective things that can be done in DaVinci Resolve to speed up workflows. Plus, custom keyboard layouts and custom hotkeys can help you tailor the platform to your preferences.

When you want to improve your editing workflow, even more, Simon Says can prove another invaluable tool. The Resolve extension allows you to caption and transcribe videos natively in the platform, all without impacting your system's performance.

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