

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	
of the selection to the GIMP clipboard.				
	Ctrl	Shift	C	Copy visible

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 quick mask
	Ctrl W	Close document window
	Shift J	Center image in window
	Shift Ctrl J	Fit image in window

Zoom

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Zoom In

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Zoom Out

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Zoom 1:1

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Revert zoom

J

Shrink wrap

This fits the window to the image size.

	Ctrl	I	Zoom
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Flip and Rotate (0°)

	I	Reset Flip and Rotate
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Scrolling (panning)

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

	Space	Scroll canvas
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	I	Scroll canvas vertically
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	Shift	I	Scroll canvas horizontally
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Rulers and Guides

	I	Drag off a ruler to create guide
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Drag off the horizontal or vertical ruler to create a new guide line. Drag a guide line onto the ruler to delete it.

	Ctrl	I	Drag a sample point out of the rulers
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	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 layers
			PgUp	Select the layers above
			PgDn	Select the layers 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	Scissors Select	
	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
	Space	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