







Adobe Illustrator CS3 Essential Shortcuts

These are the default keyboard shortcuts for Adobe Illustrator CS 3. I have produced this guide using Mac keyboard commands. If you are using windows just press Ctrl where it says Cmd. You can easily assign your own keyboard shortcuts for any tool or function by using Illustrators Keyboard Shortcut menu which can be found here **Alt+Shift+Cmd+K**




SELECTION TOOLS

Selection tool	V
Direct Selection tool	A
Magic Wand Tool	Y
Lasso Tool	Q
Select All	Cmd+A
Deselect	Shift+Cmd+A
Reselect	Cmd+6
Next Object Above	Alt+Cmd+]
Next Object Below	Alt+Cmd+[
Group Selection	Cmd+G
Ungroup Selection	Shift+Cmd+G
Lock Selection	Cmd+2
Unlock All	Alt+Cmd+2
Lock Others	Alt+ Shift+Cmd+2
Hide Selection	Cmd+3
Show All	Alt+Cmd+3
Hide Others	Alt+ Shift+Cmd+3
Switch Selection Tools	Alt+Cmd+Tab

DRAWING TOOLS

	Pen Tool	P
	Add Anchor Point Tool	+
	Delete Anchor Point Tool	-
	Convert Anchor Point	Shift+C
	Join Paths	Cmd+J
	Average Paths	Alt+Cmd+J

Line Segment	\
Paint Brush Tool	B
Symbols Palette	Shift+Cmd+F11
New Symbol	F8
Symbol Sprayer	Shift+S
Increase Diameter]
Decrease Diameter	[
Increase Intensity	Shift+]
Decrease Intensity	Shift+[

	Eraser	Shift+E
	Scissors	C
	Live Paint Bucket	K
Live Paint Selection	Shift+L	
Make Live Path	Alt+Cmd+X	

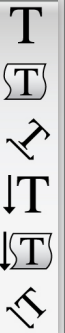


EDIT MENU

Undo	Cmd+Z
Redo	Shift+Cmd+Z
Cut	Cmd+X
Copy	Cmd+C
Paste	Cmd+V
Paste in front	Cmd+F
Paste in Back	Cmd+B
Color Settings	Shift+Cmd+K

TYPE TOOLS

Type Tool	T
Create Outlines	Shift+Cmd+O
Show Hidden Characters	Alt+Cmd+I
Insert Hyphen	Shift+Cmd+-
Point Size Up	Shift+Cmd+=
Point Size Down	Shift+Cmd+,
Kern Looser	Alt+Shift+Cmd+]
Kern Tighter	Alt+Shift+Cmd+[
Tracking	Alt+Cmd+K
Clear Tracking	Alt+Cmd+Q
Spacing	Alt+O
Uniform Type	Shift+Cmd+X
Left Align Text	Shift+Cmd+L
Center Align Text	Shift+Cmd+C
Right Alight Text	Shift+Cmd+R
Justify Text Left	Shift+Cmd+J
Justify All Lines	Shift+Cmd+F
Toggle Auto Hyphenate	Alt+Shift+Cmd+H
Toggle Line Composer	Alt+Shift+Cmd+C
Check Spelling	Cmd+I
Character Palette	Cmd+T
OpenType Palette	Alt+Shift+Cmd+T
Paragraph Palette	Alt+Cmd+T
Tabl Palette	Shift+Cmd+T



Mesh Tool U

ENVELOPE DISTORT

Make with Warp	Alt+Shift+Cmd+W
Make with Mesh	Alt+Cmd+M
Make with Top Object	Alt+Cmd+C
Edit Contents	Shift+Cmd+V

VIEW MENU

Toggle Screen Mode	F
Show/Hide All Palettes	Tab
Show/Hide All but Toolbox	Shift+Tab
Preview Mode	Cmd+Y
Overprint Preview	Alt+Shift+Cmd+Y
Pixel Preview	Alt+Cmd+Y
Hide Edges	Cmd+H
Show Template	Shift+Cmd+W
Show Rulers	Cmd+R
Hide Bounding Box	Shift+Cmd+B
Show Transparency Grid	Shift+Cmd+D
Show Text Threads	Shift+Cmd+Y
Switch Units	Alt+Shift+Cmd+U

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FILE MENU

New Document	Cmd+N
New from Template	Shift+Cmd+N
Open Document	Cmd+O
Browse	Alt+Cmd+O
Close Document	Cmd+W
Save	Cmd+S
Save As	Shift+Cmd+S
Save a Copy	Alt+Cmd+S
Revert	F12
Document Setup	Alt+Cmd+P
File Info	Alt+Shift+Cmd+I
Print	Cmd+P
Preferences	Cmd+K
Quit Illustrator	Cmd+Q
Help	F1

TRANSFORM TOOLS

	Rotate Tool	R
	Reflect Tool	O
	Scale Tool	S
	Warp Tool	Shift+R
	Transform Palette	Shift+F8
	Free Transform	E
	Transform Again	Cmd+D
	Move	Shift+Cmd+M
	Transform Each	Alt+Shift+Cmd+D
	Bring to Front	Shift+Cmd+]
	Bring Forward	Cmd+]
	Send to Back	Shift+Cmd+[
	Pathfinder	Shift+Cmd+F9
	Repeat Pathfinder	Cmd+4

Eyedropper Tool I

	Crop Area Tool	Shift+0
	Slice Tool	Shift+K
	Make Clipping Path	Cmd+7
	Release Clipping Path	Alt+Cmd+7
	Make Compound Path	Cmd+8
	Release Compound Path	Alt+Cmd+8

Hand Tool H

COLOR TOOLS

	Toggle Fill / Stroke	X
	Default (Black and White)	D
	Swap Fill / Stroke	Shift+X
	Color	,
	Gradient	.
	None	/

GUIDES & GRIDS

Hide Guides	Cmd+;
Lock Guides	Alt+Cmd+;
Make Guides	Cmd+5
Release Guides	Alt+Cmd+5
Smart Guides	Cmd+U
Show Grid	Cmd+'
Snap to Grid	Shift+Cmd+'
Snap to Point	Alt+Cmd+'

SHAPE TOOLS

Rectangle Tool	(M)
Ellipse Tool	(L)

Pencil Tool (N)

FILTER & EFFECTS

Apply Last Filter	Cmd+E
Last Filter	Alt+Cmd+E
Apply Last Effect	Shift+Cmd+E
Last Effect	Alt+Shift+Cmd+E

Column Graph Tool J

Gradient Tool G
Gradient Palette Cmd+F9

Blend Tool W
Make Blend Alt+Cmd+B
Release Blend Alt+Shift+Cmd+B

Zoom Z
Zoom in Cmd+=
Zoom Out Cmd+-
Fit In Window Cmd+0
Actual Size Cmd+1

PALETTES

Align	Shift+F7
Appearance	Shift+F6
Attributes	Cmd+F11
Brushes	F5
Color	F6
Color Guide	Shift+F3
Graphic Styles	Shift+F5
New Fill Color	Cmd+/
Info	Cmd+F8
Layers	F7
New Layer	Cmd+L
New Layer with Dialog	Alt+Cmd+L
Stroke Palette	Cmd+F10
Add New Stroke	Alt+Cmd+/
Transparency	Shift+Cmd+F10

