



# Keyboard Shortcuts

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This is a list of almost every tool, panel and menu items that can be activated through keyboard shortcuts in **Illustrator CC 2014**. Only the most commonly used have been assigned a shortcut but still there are very few easy to remember shortcuts left to use if you want to make your own.

In this document I have highlighted some suggestions for additional shortcuts with orange colour. I also highlighted a few more in gray shade. Those have been in Illustrator for a long time and are most important to know and use to speed up work.

Those who want to skip assigning keyboard shortcuts on their own can download a small file with those shortcuts ready to use (direct link):

[https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/437537/Download/sigurarm\\_CC\\_2014\\_Shortcuts\\_EN.kys.zip](https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/437537/Download/sigurarm_CC_2014_Shortcuts_EN.kys.zip)

**Shortcuts\_EN.kys.zip**

Unzip the file and place it in: `/Applications/Adobe Illustrator CC 2014/Presets/en_GB/`

`Keyboard Shortcuts/` or in `/Users/<you>/Library/Preferences/Adobe Illustrator 18`

`Settings/en_GB/sigurarm_CC_2014_Shortcuts_EN.kys`

Then go to `Illustrator>Edit>Keyboard Shortcuts` and choose `sigurarm_CC_2014_Shortcuts_EN.kys` from the dropdown menu. This will activate the shortcuts but you can always go back to Illustrator Defaults or edit these shortcuts to your own delight.

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**Tools**

Selection	V
Direct Selection	A
Group Selection	
Magic Wand	Y
Lasso	Q
Pen	P
Add Anchor Point	=
Delete Anchor Point	-
Anchor Point	Shift + C
Type	T
Area Type	
Type on a Path	
Vertical Type	
Vertical Area Type	
Vertical Type on a Path	
Touch Type	Shift + T
Line Segment	\
Arc	
Spiral	
Rectangular Grid	
Polar Grid	
Rectangle	M
Rounded Rectangle	
Ellipse	L
Polygon	
Star	
Flare	
Paintbrush	B
Pencil	N
Smooth	
Path Eraser	
Blob Brush	Shift + B
Eraser	Shift + E
Scissors	C
Knife	

Rotate	R
Reflect	O
Scale	S
Limit Scale, Rotate, etc to Pattern only, hold	~
Shear	
Reshape	
Width	Shift + W
Warp	Shift + R
Twirl	
Pucker	
Bloat	
Scallop	
Crystallize	
Wrinkle	
Free Transform	E
Shape Builder	Shift + M
Live Paint Bucket	K
Live Paint Selection	Shift + L
Perspective Grid	Shift + P
Perspective Selection	Shift + V
Mesh	U
Gradient	G
Eyedropper	I
Measure	
Blend	W
Symbol Sprayer	Shift + S
Symbol Shifter	
Symbol Scruncher	
Symbol Sizer	
Symbol Spinner	
Symbol Stainer	
Symbol Screener	
Symbol Styler	
Column Graph	J
Stacked Column Graph	
Bar Graph	

Stacked Bar Graph	
Line Graph	
Area Graph	
Scatter Graph	
Pie Graph	
Radar Graph	
Artboard	Shift + O
Slice	Shift + K
Slice Selection	
Hand	H
Print Tiling	
Zoom	Z
Toggle Fill/Stroke	X
Default	D
Swap Fill/Stroke	Shift + X
Color	,
Gradient	
None	/
Toggle Screen Mode	F
Show/Hide All Palettes	Tab
Show/Hide All But Toolbox	Shift + Tab
Increase Diameter	Shift + ]
Decrease Diameter	Shift + [
Symbolism Tools - Increase Intensity	Shift + }
Symbolism Tools - Decrease Intensity	Shift + {
Opacity - 0%	Shift + 0
Opacity - 10%	1
Opacity - 20%	2
Opacity - 30%	3
Opacity - 40%	4
Opacity - 50%	5
Opacity - 60%	6
Opacity - 70%	7
Opacity - 80%	8
Opacity - 90%	9
Opacity - 100%	0

- Blend Mode - Normal
- Blend Mode - Darken
- Blend Mode - Multiply
- Blend Mode - Color Burn
- Blend Mode - Lighten
- Blend Mode - Screen
- Blend Mode - Color Dodge
- Blend Mode - Overlay
- Blend Mode - Soft Light
- Blend Mode - Hard Light
- Blend Mode - Difference
- Blend Mode - Exclusion
- Blend Mode - Hue
- Blend Mode - Saturation
- Blend Mode - Color
- Blend Mode - Luminosity
- Blend Mode - Next Mode
- Blend Mode - Previous Mode
- Toggle Drawing Mode ..... Shift + D

## Menu Commands

- Illustrator
- About Illustrator
- Preferences
  - General ..... Cmd + K
  - Selection & Anchor Display
  - Type
  - Units ..... Cmd + ,
  - Guides & Grid
  - Smart Guides
  - Hyphenation
  - Plug-ins & Scratch Disks
  - User Interface
- Hide Illustrator
- Hide Others ..... Alt + Cmd + H

- Show All
- Quit Illustrator ..... Cmd + Q

## File

- New ..... Cmd + N
- New from Template ..... Shift + Cmd + N
- Open ..... Cmd + O
- Browse in Bridge ..... Alt + Cmd + O
- Close ..... Cmd + W
- Save ..... Cmd + S
- Save As ..... Shift + Cmd + S
- Save a Copy ..... Alt + Cmd + S
- Save as Template
- Save for Web ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + S
- Revert ..... Alt + Cmd + Z
- Place ..... Shift + Cmd + P
- Save for Microsoft Office

## Export ..... Alt + Cmd + E

- Share on Behance
- Package ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + P
- Scripts
  - Other Script ..... Cmd + F12
- Document Setup ..... Alt + Cmd + P
- Document Color Mode
  - CMYK Color
  - RGB Color
- File Info ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + I
- Print ..... Cmd + P

## Edit

- 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
- Paste in Place ..... Shift + Cmd + V
- Paste on All Artboards ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + V
- Clear
- Find and Replace
- Find Next
- Check Spelling ..... Cmd + I
- Edit Custom Dictionary
- Edit Colors
  - Adjust Color Balance
  - Blend Front to Back
  - Blend Horizontally
  - Blend Vertically
  - Convert to CMYK
  - Convert to Grayscale
  - Convert to RGB
  - Invert Colors
  - Overprint Black
  - Saturate
- Edit Original
- Transparency Flattener Presets
- Print Presets
  - Adobe PDF Presets
  - SWF Presets
  - Perspective Grid Presets
- Color Settings ..... Shift + Cmd + K
- Assign Profile
- Keyboard Shortcuts ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + K
- My Settings

## Object

### Transform

Transform Again ..... Cmd + D

**Move** ..... Shift + Cmd + M

**Rotate**

**Reflect**

**Scale**

**Shear**

**Transform Each**

**Reset Bounding Box**

### Arrange

Bring to Front ..... Shift + Cmd + ]

Bring Forward ..... Cmd + ]

Send Backward ..... Cmd + [

Send to Back ..... Shift + Cmd + [

Send to Current Layer

**Group** ..... Cmd + G

**Ungroup** ..... Shift + Cmd + G

### Lock

Selection ..... Cmd + 2

All Artwork Above

Other Layers

**Unlock All** ..... Alt + Cmd + 2

### Hide

Selection ..... Cmd + 3

All Artwork Above

Other Layers

**Show All** ..... Alt + Cmd + 3

**Expand**

**Expand Appearance**

**Rasterize**

**Create Gradient Mesh**

### Slice

Make

Release

Create from Guides

Create from Selection

Duplicate Slice

Combine Slices

Divide Slices

Delete All

Slice Altions

Clip to Artboard

### Create Trim Marks

#### Path

Join ..... Cmd + J

Average ..... Alt + Cmd + J

Average and Join ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + J

Outline Stroke ..... Shift + Cmd + U

Offset Path

Simplify

Add Anchor Points

Remove Anchor Points

Divide Objects Below

Split Into Grid ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + G

Clean Up

#### Shape

Convert to Rectangle

Expand Rectangle

#### Pattern

Make

Edit Pattern ..... Shift + Cmd + F8

Tile Edge Color

#### Blend

Make ..... Alt + Cmd + B

Release ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + B

Blend Altions

Expand

Replace Spine

Reverse Spine

Reverse Front to Back

### Envelope Distort

Make with Warp ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + W

Make with Mesh ..... Alt + Cmd + M

Make with Top Object ..... Alt + Cmd + C

Release

Envelope Altions

Expand

Edit Contents

### Perspective

Attach to Working Plane

Release with Perspective

Move Plane to Match Object

Edit Text

### Live Paint

Make ..... Alt + Cmd + X

Merge

Release

Gap Options

Expand

### Image Trace

Make

Make and Expand

Release

Expand

### Text Wrap

Make

Release

Text Wrap Options

### Clipping Mask

Make ..... Cmd + 7

Release ..... Alt + Cmd + 7

Edit Contents ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + 7

### Compound Path

Make ..... Cmd + 8

Release ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + 8

### Artboards

**Convert to Artboards** ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + A

Rearrange

Fit to Artboard Bounds

Fit to Selected Art

### Graph

Type

Data

Design

Column

Marker

## Type

### Add Fonts from TypeKit

Font

Recent Fonts

Size

Glyphs

Text Type Options

Area Type Options

Type on a Path

Rainbow

Skew

3D Ribbon

Stair Step

Gravity

Type on a Path Options

Update Legacy Type on a Path

### Threaded Text

Create

Release Selection

Remove Threading

### Fit Headline

**Find Font** ..... Alt + Cmd + F

### Change Case

UPPERCASE

lowercase

Title Case

Sentence case

### Smart Punctuation

**Create Outlines** ..... Shift + Cmd + O

### Altical Margin Alignment

**Show/Hide Hidden Characters** ..... Alt + Cmd + I

### Type Orientation

Horizontal

Vertical

### Legacy Text

Update All Legacy Text

Update Selected Legacy Text

Hide Copies

Delete Copies

Select Copies

## Select

**All** ..... Cmd + A

**All on Active Artboard** ..... Alt + Cmd + A

**Deselect** ..... Shift + Cmd + A

**Reselect** ..... Cmd + 6

### Inverse

**Next Object Above** ..... Alt + Cmd + ]

**Next Object Below** ..... Alt + Cmd + [

### Same

Blending Mode

Fill & Stroke

Fill Color

Opacity

Stroke Color

Stroke Weight

Graphic Style

Symbol Instance

Link Block Series

### Object

All on Same Layers

Direction Handles

Not Aligned to Pixel Grid

Bistle Brush Strokes

Brush Strokes

Clipping Masks

Stray Points

All Text Objects

Point Type Objects

Area Type Objects

### Save Selection

### Edit Selection

## Effect

**Apply Last Effect** ..... Shift + Cmd + E

**Last Effect** ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + E

### Document Raster Effects Settings

### 3D

Extrude & Bevel

Revolve

Rotate

### Convert to Shape

Rectangle

Rounded Rectangle

Ellipse

### Distort & Transform

Free Distort

Pucker & Bloat



Roughen

**Transform** ..... Alt + Cmd + U

Tweak

Twist

Zig Zag

**Path**

Offset Path

Outline Object

Outline Stroke

**Pathfinder**

Add

Intersect

Exclude

Subtract

Minus Back

Divide

Trim

Merge

Crop

Outline

Hard Mix

Soft Mix

Trap

**Rasterize**

**Stylize**

Feather

Inner Glow

Outer Glow

Scribble

**SVG Filters**

**Warp**

Arc

Arc Lower

Arc Upper

Arch

Bulge

Shell Lower

Shell Upper

Flag

Wave

Fish

Rise

Fisheye

Inflate

Squeeze

Twist

**Effect Gallery**

Artistic

Colored Pencil

Cutout

Dry Brush

Film Grain

Fresco

Neon Glow

Paint Daubs

Palette Knife

Plastic Wrap

Poster Edges

Rough Pastels

Smudge Stick

Sponge

Underpainting

Watercolor

**Blur**

Gaussian Blur

Radial Blur

Smart Blur

**Brush Strokes**

Accented Edges

Angled Strokes

Crosshatch

Dark Strokes

Ink Outlines

Spatter

Sprayed Strokes

Sumi-e

**Distort**

Diffuse Glow

Glass

Ocean Ripple

**Pixelate**

Color Halftone

Crystallize

Mezzotint

Pointillize

**Sketch**

Bas Relief

Chalk & Charcoal

Charcoal

Chrome

Conté Crayon

Graphic Pen

Halftone Pattern

Note Paper

Photocopy

Plaster

Reticulation

Stamp

Torn Edges

Water Paper

**Stylize**

Glowing Edges

**Texture**

Craquelure

Grain

Mosaic Tiles  
 Patchwork  
 Stained Glass  
 Texturizer

**Video**

De-Interlace  
 NTSC Colors

**View**

**Preview/Outline** ..... Cmd + Y  
**Overprint Preview** ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + Y  
**Pixel Preview** ..... Alt + Cmd + Y  
**Proof Setup**  
 Document CMYK:  
 Legacy Macintosh RGB (Gamma 1.8)  
 Internet Standard RGB (sRGB)  
 Monitor RGB  
 Color Blindness – Protanopia-type  
 Color Blindness – Deuteranopia  
 Customize  
**Proof Colors**  
**Zoom In** ..... Cmd + =  
**Zoom Out** ..... Cmd + -  
**Fit Artboard in Window** ..... Cmd + 0  
**Fit All in Window** ..... Alt + Cmd + 0  
**Actual Size** ..... Cmd + 1  
**Show/Hide Edges** ..... Cmd + H  
**Show/Hide Artboards** ..... Shift + Cmd + H  
**Show/Hide Print Tiling**  
**Show/Hide Slices**  
**Lock Slices**  
**Show/Hide Template** ..... Shift + Cmd + W  
**Rulers**  
 Show/Hide Rulers ..... Cmd + R

Change to Artboard Rulers ..... Alt + Cmd + R  
 Show/Hide Video Rulers  
**Show/Hide Bounding Box** ..... Shift + Cmd + B  
**Show/Hide Transparency Grid** ..... Shift + Cmd + D  
**Show/Hide Text Threads** ..... Shift + Cmd + Y  
**Show/Hide Gradient Annotator** ..... Alt + Cmd + G  
**Show/Hide Corner Widget** ..... Alt + Shift + F6

**Show/Hide Live Paint Gaps**

**Guides**

Show/Hide Guides ..... Cmd + ;  
 Lock Guides ..... Alt + Cmd + ;  
 Make Guides ..... Cmd + 5  
 Release Guides ..... Alt + Cmd + 5  
**Clear Guides** ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + 5

**Smart Guides** ..... Cmd + U

**Perspective Grid**

Show/Hide Grid ..... Shift + Cmd + I  
 Show/Hide Rulers  
 Snap to Grid  
 Lock Grid  
 Lock Station Point  
 Define Grid  
 Save Grid as Preset

**Show/Hide Grid** ..... Cmd + ' (apostrophe)

**Snap to Grid** ..... Shift + Cmd + ' (apostrophe)

**Snap to Point** ..... Alt + Cmd + ' (apostrophe)

**New View**

**Edit Views**

Custom View 1  
 Custom View 2  
 Custom View 3  
 Custom View 4  
 Custom View 5  
 Custom View 6  
 Custom View 7

Custom View 8  
 Custom View 9  
 Custom View 10

**Window**

**New Window**

**Arrange**

Cascade  
 Tile  
 Float in Window  
 Float All in Windows  
 Consolidate  
 Minimize Window ..... Cmd + M  
 Bring All to Front

**Workspace**

Reset Current Workspace  
 New Workspace  
 Manage Workspaces

**Browse Add-ons**

**Application Frame**

**Application Bar**

**Control**

**Tools**

Default  
 New Tool Panel  
 Manage Tool Panel

**Actions**

**Align** ..... Shift + F7  
**Appearance** ..... Shift + F6  
**Artboards**  
**Attributes** ..... Cmd + F11  
**Brushes** ..... F5  
**Color** ..... F6  
**Color Guide** ..... Shift + F3



- CSS Properties
- Document Info
- Flattener Preview
- Gradient ..... Cmd + F9
- Graphic Styles ..... Shift + F5
- Image Trace
- Info ..... Cmd + F8
- Kuler
- Layers ..... F7
- Links
- Magic Wand
- Navigator
- Pathfinder
- Pattern Options
- Separations Preview
- Stroke ..... Cmd + F10
- SVG Interactivity
- Swatches
- Symbols ..... Shift + Cmd + F11
- Transform ..... Shift + F8
- Transparency ..... Shift + Cmd + F10
- Type**
  - Character ..... Cmd + T
  - Character Styles
  - Glyphs
  - OpenType ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + T
  - Paragraph ..... Alt + Cmd + T
  - Paragraph Styles
  - Tabs ..... Shift + Cmd + T
- Variables**
- Brush Libraries**
  - Other Library
- Graphic Style Libraries**
  - Other Library
- Swatch Libraries**

- Other Library
- Symbol Libraries**
  - Other Library

## Help

- Illustrator Help ..... F1
- System Info
- Other Select
- Switch Selection Tools ..... Alt + Cmd + Tab

## Other Select

- Switch Selection Tools ..... Alt + Cmd + Tab

## Other Text

- Insert Hyphen ..... Shift + Cmd + -
- Point Size Up 2pt ..... Shift + Cmd + .
- Point Size Down 2pt ..... Shift + Cmd + ,
- Font Size Step Up 10pt ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + .
- Font Size Step Down 10pt ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + ,
- Leading Up/Down 2pt ..... Alt + ↑ / ↓
- Leading Step Up/Down 10pt ..... Alt + Cmd + ↑ / ↓
- Kern/Track Looser 20 ..... Alt + →
- Kern/Track Tighter 20 ..... Alt + ←
- Kern/Track Looser Step Up 100 ..... Alt + Cmd + →
- Kern/Track Tighter Step Up 100 ..... Alt + Cmd + ←
- Tracking ..... Alt + Cmd + K
- Clear Tracking ..... Alt + Cmd + Q
- Spacing ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + O
- Baseline Shift Up/Down 2pt ..... Alt + Shift + ↑ / ↓
- Uniform Type ..... Shift + Cmd + X
- Highlight Font ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + F
- Highlight Font (Secondary) ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + M

- Left Align Text ..... Shift + Cmd + L
- Center Text ..... Shift + Cmd + C
- Right Align Text ..... Shift + Cmd + R
- Justify Text Left ..... Shift + Cmd + J
- Justify Text Center
- Justify Text Right
- Justify All Lines ..... Shift + Cmd + F
- Toggle Auto Hyphenation ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + H
- Toggle Line Composer ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + C

## Other Object

- Lock Others ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + 2
- Hide Others ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + 3
- Repeat Pathfinder ..... Cmd + 4
- Average & Join ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + J
- Isolate Selected Object
- Exit Isolation Mode ..... Esc

## Other Panel

- New Symbol ..... F8
- Show/Hide Color Panel (Secondary)
- Actions Batch
- Add New Fill ..... Cmd + /
- Add New Stroke ..... Alt + Cmd + /
- New Graphic Style
- New Layer ..... Cmd + L
- New Layer with Dialog ..... Alt + Cmd + L
- New Layer Below:
  - Click the New Layer Icon and ..... Alt + Cmd
  - New Layer Below with Dialog:
    - Click the New Layer Icon and ..... Alt + Cmd
- Update Link
- New Swatch

## Other Misc

Switch Units ..... Alt + Shift + Cmd + U  
New File (No Dialog) ..... Alt + Cmd + N  
Close All ..... Alt + Cmd + W  
Help (Secondary)  
Undo (Secondary)  
Cut (Secondary) ..... F2  
Copy (Secondary) ..... F3  
Paste (Secondary) ..... F4  
Zoom In (Secondary) ..... Cmd + +  
Navigate to Next Document ..... Cmd + <  
Navigate to Previous Document ..... Shift + Cmd + >  
Navigate to Next Document Group ..... Alt + Cmd + <  
Navigate to Prev. Document Group ..Alt + Shift + Cmd + >

## Color tricks

Global Color. Drag a color to Swatch with ..... Shift + Cmd  
Spot Color. Drag a color to Swatch with ..... Cmd  
Replace Global Color. Drag new color over existing  
Global Color with ..... Alt  
Switch between Color Spaces ..... Click Color Bar + Shift