



Adobe After Effects Cheat Sheet: Most Commonly Needed Keyboard Shortcuts

Windows:

Composition Window Tools

Select Tool **v**
Temporarily invoke Hand tool..... hold **SPACEBAR**
Zoom Tool..... **z**
Zoom out..... **ALT + click zoom tool**

Timeline, Footage, Layers

Zoom In **=**
Zoom Out..... **- (hyphen)**
Snap hold **SHIFT**
Composition Start..... **HOME**
Composition End..... **END**
Replace selected footage **CTRL + h**
Replace source footage in layer..... **ALT + drag from Project window onto selected layer**
Add or remove expression **ALT + click stopwatch**
Hide property..... **ALT + SHIFT + click property name**
Expand child properties..... **CTRL + click triangle to left of name**
Go to layer in point..... **i**
Go to layer out point (not after the end of the layer, but BEFORE the LAST FRAME)..... **o**

Preview (playback/transport controls)

Play / Stop tap **SPACEBAR**
RAM Preview **0 (numpad zero)**
Previous frame **PAGE UP**
Next frame **PAGE DOWN**

General

Duplicate selected item **CTRL + d**
Rename selected item..... **ENTER**
Open selected item **numpad ENTER**
Add to Render Queue **CTRL + m**
Purge all **CTRL + ALT + / (numpad slash)**
Interrupt script **ESC**
Increment and save..... **CTRL + ALT + SHIFT + s**



Mac OS X:

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