# Adobe Illustrator Cheat Sheet
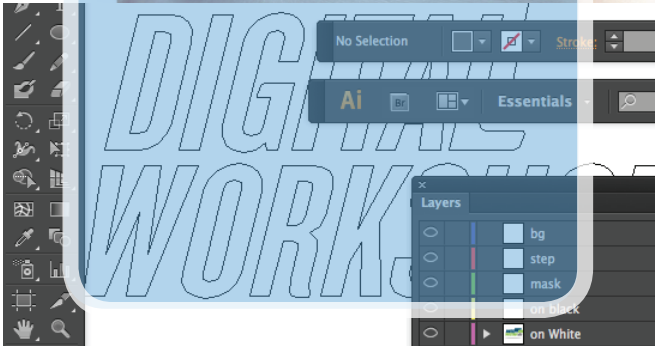
## Viewing

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| Fit on screen | Double-click on Hand tool or Ctrl-0 |
| 100% view level (actual pixels) | Double-Click on Zoom Tool or Ctrl-1 |
| Zoom in | Ctrl-Plus(+) or Alt-Scroll wheel |
| Zoom out | Ctrl-Minus(–) or Alt-Scroll wheel |
| Hide all tools and panels | Tab |
| Hide all panels except Toolbox & Options bar | Shift-Tab |
| Scroll using Hand tool | Alt-Spacebar-Drag |

## Selecting and Moving

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| To switch between Selection and Direct Selection tools | Ctrl-Alt-Tab |
| To cycle through tools behind column tool | Alt-click tool |
| To make copy while dragging | Alt |
| To add to a selection | Shift |
| Move Selection | Any arrow key |
| Move Selection 10 pts | Shift-any arrow key |

## Drawing Shapes

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| Draw from center | Alt |
| Draw from center with dialog | Alt-click |
| Constrain proportion | Shift |
| Constrain orientation of polygons, stars, spirals | Shift |
| Move object while drawing | Spacebar |
| Add/subtract sides, points, spiral segments | Up or Down Arrow |
| Decrease inner radius | Ctrl |
| Create continuous duplicates along mouse movement | Hold tilde(~) while dragging |

## Other Shortcuts

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| (In any panel) Apply a value, but keep value highlighted in panel | Shift-Return |
| Create new symbol | F8 |
| Swap colors in a gradient | Alt-Drag a color stop onto another |
| Ctrl + S | Save |

## Tools

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| V | Selection |
| A | Direct Selection |
| Y | Magic Wand |
| Q | Lasso |
| P | Pen |
| + | Add Anchor point |
| - | Delete Anchor point |
| Shift-C | Convert Anchor point |
| T | Type |
| \ | Line Segment |
| M | Rectangle |
| L | Ellipse |
| B | Paintbrush |
| N | Pencil |
| Shift-E | Eraser |
| R | Rotate |
| O | Reflect |
| S | Scale |
| Shift-R | Warp |
| E | Free Transform |
| Shift-S | Symbol Sprayer |
| U | Mesh |
| W | Blend |
| Shift-O | Artboard Tool |
| H | Hand |
| Z | Zoom |
| X | Toggle between Fill & Stroke |
| Shift-X | Swap Fill & Stroke |
| D | Default Fill & Stroke (white fill/black stroke) |

Double-click tools to bring up options.

Press Caps Lock to change tool pointer to cross hair.

Hold down Shift to constrain movement to 45°, 90°, 135°, or 180°.