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## **Photoshop Shortcuts To Make Your Life Easier**

On average, using a Photoshop keyboard shortcut instead of the menu or right click option will save you approximately 0.32 seconds. Even if I made that number up (which I did), when working on a complex project that might take 40 hours to complete, you can save yourself an incredible amount of time saving a few fractions of a second here and there. This makes you look kinda like Scotty from *Star Trek*, some kind of miracle worker who gets the job done faster than physics seem to allow.

So I present to you a list of a few of the most common keyboard shortcuts I use on a daily basis in Photoshop, and which save me a lot of time that I can spend doing more important things (like writing these tutorials!). These keyboard shortcuts assume you're using Windows.

**Control-N:** Open a new document

**Control-Shift-N:** Create a new layer

**Control-S:** Save

**Control-Shift-S:** Save As

**G:** Paint bucket/Gradient tool

**D:** Default colors (black foreground, white background)

**X:** Swap foreground and background colors

**Control-F:** Re-apply the last filter you used

**Control-I:** Invert colors (photo negative)

**Control-Shift-I:** Invert a selection (in other words, deselect what you have selected, and select everything else instead)

**Control-J:** Promote a selection to a new layer

**Control-Shift-J:** Promote a selection to a new layer and delete it on its previous layer

**Control-T:** Free transform

**Control-Alt-T:** Free transform and copy

**Control-Alt and Drag Mouse:** Clone selection (on this layer)

**Shift-F5:** Fill (opens dialog to choose to fill with foreground or background color, or pattern, etc)

**Control-L:** Adjust levels

**Control-U:** Adjust Hue and Saturation

**Control-D:** Deselect current selection

**Control-Shift-D:** Reselect previous selection

**Control-Z:** Undo last action (if you press this twice, you'll undo your last action, then undo undoing your last action, which might cause problems with the space-time continuum)

**Control-Alt-Z:** Undo multiple previous actions (and saves potential issues with the space-time continuum)

These are the ones off the top of my head. I will update the document periodically as I remember certain shortcuts that I'm forgetting this time around, and note the version number below.

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