

Essential keyboard shortcuts

The key to working at speed with Lightroom is to know a few essential keyboard shortcuts. But what's absolutely critical to one user is something that another person might never require! Luckily Lightroom's menus show the keyboard shortcuts so you can memorize those you need most, but here's my suggestion for those most worth learning. I'd also recommend running through them one after another - it's a great way to discover new features, as well as speed up your work!

Hide or display the major panels	
F5	Top panel
F6	Filmstrip
F7	Left panel
F8	Right panel
Tab	Left and Right panels
Shift Tab	All panels
F (also Shift F)	Full screen modes (cycle)
L (also Shift L)	Lights out modes (cycle)
T	Toggle the Toolbar
Getting pictures in and out	
Ctrl/Cmd Shift I	Import images
Ctrl/Cmd Shift E	Export image
Backspace	Delete image
Library - Evaluating Pictures	
0-5	Star ratings (cycle)
6-9	Set colours (cycle)
P	P ick Flag
U	Remove Flag - U n s ure
X	Reject Flag - ShX t
I	Information overlay (cycle)
J	View thumbnail details (cycle)
Ctrl/Cmd [or]	Rotate
Library - Organizing and Finding	
Ctrl/Cmd F	Go to Find panel
Ctrl/Cmd L	Switch filters on or off
Ctrl/Cmd A	Select all images
Ctrl/Cmd D	Deselect all
Collections	
Ctrl/Cmd N	Make a new collection
B	Add selected pictures to Quick Collection
Ctrl/Cmd B	Display the Quick Collection
Ctrl/Cmd Shift B	Empty the Quick Collection

Working with Stacks	
Ctrl/Cmd G	Stack selected pictures
Ctrl/Cmd Shift G	Break up the stack
S	Open or close the stack
Library - Copying and pasting Develop setting	
Ctrl/Cmd C	Copy all
Ctrl/Cmd Shift C	Open the Copy Settings dialog box
Ctrl/Cmd Shift V	Paste the Develop settings
Alt/Opt Ctrl/Cmd V	Paste previous Develop settings
Develop	
J	Show clipping
W	White balance
R	Crop
Ctrl drag in crop mode	Straighten
/	Show before / original (toggle)
Q	Spot removal
Moving around Lightroom	
G	Go to Library Grid view
D	Go to Develop
Z / Spacebar	Zoom in or out