



Final Cut Express 2 for Mac OS X: Visual QuickStart Guide
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Keyboard Shortcuts for Final Cut Express 2

Learn Final Cut Express 2 in no time with the help of Lisa Brenneis's affordable, task-based reference. *Final Cut Express 2 for Mac OS X: Visual QuickStart Guide* takes an easy, visual approach to teaching Final Cut Express, using pictures to guide you through the software and show you what to do. Once you've mastered the basics, refer to these handy shortcuts to make quick work of all your editing.

FUNCTION KEY COMMAND

GENERAL CONTROLS

Open file	Cmd O
Open selected item.....	Return
Open Item in separate window.....	Shift Return
Open Item in Editor.....	Option Return
Close window.....	Cmd W
Quit.....	Cmd Q
Save.....	Cmd S
Save all.....	Cmd Option S
Undo.....	Cmd Z
Redo.....	Shift Cmd Z
Audio scrub on or off.....	Shift S
Snapping on or off.....	N
Toggle Loop Playback.....	Ctrl L
Close Tab.....	Ctrl W
Open text generator.....	Ctrl X

OPENING APPLICATION WINDOWS

Viewer.....	Cmd 1
Canvas.....	Cmd 2
Timeline.....	Cmd 3
Browser.....	Cmd 4
Audio Meters.....	Option 4
Effects.....	Cmd 5
Favorites bin.....	Cmd 6
Trim Edit.....	Cmd 7
Log and Capture.....	Cmd 8
Item Properties.....	Cmd 9
Sequence Settings.....	Cmd 0 (zero)
User Preferences.....	Option Q

SELECTING, CUTTING, COPYING, AND PASTING

Copy.....	Cmd C
Cut.....	Cmd X
Duplicate.....	Option D
Select In to Out.....	Option A
Paste.....	Cmd V
Paste attributes.....	Option V
Paste Insert.....	Shift V
Select all.....	Cmd A
Deselect all.....	Shift Cmd A

FUNCTION KEY COMMAND

NAVIGATION

Forward one frame.....	→
Back one frame.....	←
Forward one second.....	Shift →
Back one second.....	Shift ←
Match frame in Master clip.....	F
Match frame in Source file.....	Cmd Option F
Next edit.....	Shift E or ' or Ctrl 8
Previous edit.....	Option E or ; or Ctrl 7
To next edit or In/Out.....	↓
To previous edit or In/Out.....	↑
Go to In point.....	Shift I
Go to Out point.....	Shift O
Next gap.....	Shift G
Previous gap.....	Option G
To beginning of media.....	Home
To end of media.....	End or Shift Home
To next marker.....	Shift ↓ or Shift M
To previous marker.....	Shift ↑ or Option M
Shuttle backward fast.....	J (tap repeatedly to increase speed)
Shuttle backward slow.....	J + K
Pause.....	K
Shuttle forward fast.....	L (tap repeatedly to increase speed)
Shuttle forward slow.....	L + K

FINDING ITEMS

Find.....	Cmd F
Find Next (in Find results).....	Cmd G or F3
Find previous (in Find results).....	Shift F3

SCROLLING

Horizontal scroll left.....	Shift Page Up
Horizontal scroll right.....	Shift Page Down
Vertical scroll up.....	Page Up
Vertical scroll down.....	Page Down

SCREEN LAYOUT AND DISPLAY

Custom Layout 1.....	Shift U
Custom Layout 2.....	Option U
Standard layout.....	Ctrl U

FUNCTION KEY COMMAND

PROJECTS AND SEQUENCES

New project.....	Shift Cmd N
New sequence.....	Cmd N
New Sequence with Presets prompt.....	Cmd Option N
Import file.....	Cmd I

BROWSER

New bin.....	Cmd B
Open bin (List view).....	→
Close bin (List view).....	←
Toggle Browser View.....	Shift H

TIMELINE

Create or break link.....	Cmd L
Create or break stereo pair.....	Option L
Toggle track sizes.....	Shift T
Clip overlays on or off.....	Option W
Delete and leave gap.....	Delete
Ripple Delete (no gap).....	Shift Delete
Ripple Cut to Keyboard.....	Shift X
Fit sequence in window.....	Shift Z
Lock video track + track no.....	F4 + track no.
Lock all video tracks.....	Shift F4
Lock audio track + track no.....	F5 + track no.
Lock all audio tracks.....	Shift F5
Toggle Audio Waveforms.....	Cmd Option W
Linked Selection on or off.....	Shift L
Modify Duration.....	Ctrl D
Zoom Timeline In.....	Option + (plus sign) or Option =
Zoom Timeline Out.....	Option - (minus sign)

LOGGING AND CAPTURING

Capture Project.....	Ctrl C
Capture Now.....	Shift C

PLAYING VIDEO

Play.....	L or Spacebar
Pause/Stop.....	K or Spacebar
Play around current.....	\ (backslash)
Play every frame.....	Option P or Option \ (backslash)



FUNCTION	KEY COMMAND
PLAYING VIDEO CONTINUED	
Play here to Out	Shift P
Play in reverse	Shift Spacebar or J
Play In to Out	Shift \ (backslash)
IN AND OUT POINTS	
Set In point	I or / (slash) on keypad
Set Out point	O or * (asterisk) on keypad
Clear In	Option I
Clear Out	Option O
Clear In and Out	Option X
Make selection an In or Out	Shift A
Mark clip	X
Mark to Markers	Ctrl A
Go to In point	Shift I
Go to Out point	Shift O
Set video In only	Ctrl I
Set video Out only	Ctrl O
Set audio In only	Cmd Option I
Set audio Out only	Cmd Option O
MARKERS	
Add marker	M or ` (accent grave)
Add and name marker	M + M
Delete marker	Cmd ` (accent grave)
Extend marker	Option ` (accent grave)
Reposition marker	Shift ` (accent grave)
Next marker	Shift M or Shift ↓
Previous marker	Option M or Shift ↑
Clear All Markers	Ctrl ` (accent grave)
Mark to Markers	Ctrl A
TOOL SELECTION	
Tool Selection	A
Tool Edit Select	G
Tool Group Select	G + G
Tool Range Select	G + G + G
Tool Track Forward Select	T
Tool Track Backward Select	T + T

FUNCTION	KEY COMMAND
TOOL SELECTION CONTINUED	
Tool Track Select	T + T + T
Tool All Tracks Forward Select	T + T + T + T
Tool All Tracks Backward Select	T + T + T + T + T
Tool Roll Edit	R
Tool Ripple Edit	R + R
Tool Slip	S
Tool Slide	S + S
Tool Razor Blade	B
Tool Razor Blade All	B + B
Tool Hand	H
Tool Zoom In	Z
Tool Zoom Out	Z + Z
Tool Crop	C
Tool Distort	D or C + C
Tool Pen	P
Tool Pen Delete	P + P
Tool Pen Smooth	P + P + P
EDITING	
Select Closest Edit	V
Add Edit	Ctrl V
Toggle Ripple/Roll Tool Type	U or Shift R
Add Default Video Transition	Cmd T
Add Default Audio Transition	Cmd Option T
Extend edit	E
Insert edit*	F9
Insert with transition*	Shift F9
Overwrite*	F10
Overwrite with transition	Shift F10
Replace*	F11
Fit to fill	Shift F11
Superimpose	F12
Make subclip	Cmd U
Slip edit	Shift Click In or Out point
Split edit	Option Click In or Out point
Set target video + track no.	F6 + track no.
Set target video to None	Shift F6
Set target Audio 1 + track no.	F7 + track no.

FUNCTION	KEY COMMAND
EDITING CONTINUED	
Set target Audio 1 to None	Shift F7
Set target Audio 2 + track no.	F8 + track no.
Set target Audio 2 to None	Shift F8
Trim backward one frame	[(left bracket) or , (comma)
Trim backward x frames	Shift [(left bracket) or Shift , (comma)
Trim forward one frame] (rt. bracket) or . (period)
Trim forward x frames	Shift] (rt. bracket) or Shift . (period)
OUTPUT	
Show Current Frame on External Video	Shift F12
Toggle External Video	Cmd F12
COMPOSITING AND SPECIAL EFFECTS	
Nest Items	Option C
Add Motion Keyframe	Ctrl K
Add Audio Keyframe	Cmd Option K
Next Keyframe	Shift K
Previous Keyframe	Option K
Make still frame	Shift N
Render selection	Cmd R
Render sequence	Option R
Disable Rendering	Caps Lock
Speed	Cmd J
Toggle Image/Wireframe view	W
Toggle RGB/RGB+Alpha	Shift W
Fit in window	Shift Z
Nudge position down	Option ↓
Nudge position left	Option ←
Nudge position right	Option →
Nudge position up	Option ↑
Sub pixel down	Cmd ↓
Sub pixel left	Cmd ←
Sub pixel right	Cmd →
Sub pixel up	Cmd ↑
Zoom in	Cmd = (equal sign)
Zoom out	Cmd - (minus sign)
Add Motion Keyframe	Ctrl K

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