

# Essential Photoshop Keyboard Shortcuts

## Adjustments

- Desaturate *Shift and Ctrl and U*
- Levels *Ctrl and L*
- Curves *Ctrl and M*
- Hue / saturation *Ctrl and U*

## Tools

- Larger / smaller brush *use square brackets [ or ]*
- Harder / softer brush *Shift and [ or ]*
- Temporarily access move tool *Ctrl*
- Temporarily use dodge tool when using burn tool *Alt*
- Move tool *V*
- Marque tool *M*
- Lasso tool *L*
- Pen tool *P*
- Brush tool *B*
- Stamp tool *S*
- Burn Tool *B*
- Smudge tool *R*
- Change opacity 10%, 20%, 100% *1, 2, 0*
- Change opacity to e.g. .25% *2 then 5*

## Layers and Selections

- New Layer *Shift and Ctrl and N*
- New layer via copy *Ctrl L*
- Move Layer up / down *Ctrl and [ or ]*
- Select Layer up / down *Alt and [ or ]*
- Nudge Layer with Move tool *←→↑↓*
- Nudge Layer by 10 pixels *Shift and ←→↑↓*
- Cycle through Layer Modes *Shift and + or -*
- Fill with foreground colour *Alt and Backspace*
- Open Fill Dialogue *Shift and Backspace*
- Set colours to default black / white *D*
- Swap foreground and background colours *X*
- Lack layer transparency */*
- Feather selection *Alt and Ctrl and D*
- Enter or exit quickmask *Q*
- Copy merged *Ctrl and Shift and C*

## Views

- Hide all palettes *Tab*
- Cycle normal / gray / black desktop *F*
- Zoom in and out *Ctrl and + or -*