

Shortcuts for

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Here are some handy keyboard shortcuts I like to use when illustrating with a graphics tablet in Photoshop

Brush

- [*and*] - Make brush smaller and larger
- **Shift** + [*and* **Shift** +] – Make the brush more and less soft
- Hit a number while using a brush will change opacity (e.g. 2 = 20% opacity)
- **B** – Switch to Brush
- **E** – Switch to Eraser

Layers

- **CTRL + Alt + Shift + N** - New layer
- **CTRL + J** - Copy existing layer to new layer
- **Alt** + [*and* **Alt** +] jump to previous and next visible layer in layer panel
- **CTRL** + [*and* **CTRL** +] swap current layer with previous or next layer
- **Alt + L + R** - Show or hide layer
- **Delete** - Will delete the layer you are on if using the brush tool
- **M** – Switch to Brush - Useful for changing opacity of whole layer (by hitting a number)

Zooming

- **H** (Hand) then **CTRL + Click** to zoom and **Alt + Click** to zoom out
- **Space Bar** turns Hand on temporarily to move a zoomed document around

History

- **Alt + CTRL + Z** - step back in History panel
- **Shift + CTRL + Z** - step forward in History panel