

Photoshop Elements / Keys for painting and brushes

Result	Windows	Mac OS
Switch to Eyedropper tool	Any painting tool or shape tool + Alt (except Impressionist Brush)	Any painting tool or shape tool + Option (except Impressionist Brush)
Select background color	Eyedropper tool + Alt-click	Eyedropper tool + Option-click
Set opacity, tolerance, or exposure for painting	Any painting or editing tool + number keys (for example, 0 = 100%, 1 = 10%, 4 and 5 in quick succession = 45%). When airbrush option is enabled, use Shift + number keys.	Any painting or editing tool + number keys (for example, 0 = 100%, 1 = 10%, 4 and 5 in quick succession = 45%). When airbrush option is enabled, use Shift + number keys.
Cycle through blending modes	Shift + + (plus) or - (minus)	Shift + + (plus) or - (minus)
Fill selection/layer with foreground or background color	Alt + Backspace, or Control + Backspace	Option + Delete (Backspace), or Command + Delete (Backspace)
Display Fill dialog box	Shift + Backspace	Shift + Delete (Backspace)
Lock transparent pixels on/off	/ (forward slash)	/ (forward slash)
Connect points with a straight line (draw a straight line)	Any painting tool + Shift-click	Any painting tool + Shift-click
Delete brush	Alt-click brush	Option-click brush
Decrease/increase brush size	[or]	[or]
Decrease/increase brush softness/hardness in 25% increments	Shift + [or]	Shift + [or]
Select previous/next brush size	, (comma) or . (period)	, (comma) or . (period)
Select first/last brush	Shift + , (comma) or . (period)	Shift + , (comma) or . (period)
Display precise cross hair for brushes	Caps Lock	Caps Lock

Photoshop Elements / Keys for using text

Result	Windows	Mac OS
Move type in image	Control-drag type when Type layer is selected	Command-drag type when Type layer is selected
Select 1 character left/right or 1 line down/up, or 1 word left/right	Shift + Left Arrow/Right Arrow or Down Arrow/Up Arrow, or Control + Shift + Left Arrow/Right Arrow	Shift + Left Arrow/Right Arrow or Down Arrow/Up Arrow, or Command + Shift + Left Arrow/Right Arrow
Select characters from insertion point to mouse click point	Shift-click	Shift-click
Move 1 character left/right, 1 line down/up, or 1 word left/right	Left Arrow/Right Arrow, Down Arrow/Up Arrow, or Control + Left Arrow/Right Arrow	Left Arrow/Right Arrow, Down Arrow/Up Arrow, or Command + Left Arrow/Right Arrow
Select word, line, or paragraph	Double-click, triple-click, or quadruple-click	Double-click, triple-click, or quadruple-click
Scale and skew text within a bounding box when resizing the bounding box	Control-drag a bounding box handle	Command-drag a bounding box handle
Align left, center, or right	Horizontal Type tool or Horizontal Type Mask tool + Control + Shift + L, C, or R	Horizontal Type tool or Horizontal Type Mask tool + Command + Shift + L, C, or R
Align top, center, or bottom	Vertical Type tool or Vertical Type Mask tool + Control + Shift + L, C, or R	Vertical Type tool or Vertical Type Mask tool + Command + Shift + L, C, or R
Return to default font style	Control + Shift + Y	Command + Shift + Y
Turn Underlining on/off	Control + Shift + U	Command + Shift + U
Turn Strikethrough on/off	Control + Shift + / (forward slash)	Command + Shift + / (forward slash)
Decrease or increase type size of selected text 2 pts/px	Control + Shift + < or >	Command + Shift + < or >

Photoshop Elements / Keys for the Layers panel

Result	Windows	Mac OS
Set layer options	Alt-click New button	Option-click New button
Delete without confirmation	Alt-click Trash button	Option-click Trash button
Apply value and keep text box active	Shift + Enter	Shift + Enter
Load layer transparency as a selection	Control-click layer thumbnail	Command-click layer thumbnail
Add to current selection	Control + Shift-click layer	Command + Shift-click layer thumbnail
Subtract from current selection	Control + Alt-click layer thumbnail	Command + Option-click layer thumbnail
Intersect with current selection	Control + Shift + Alt-click layer thumbnail	Command + Shift + Option-click layer thumbnail
Merge visible layers	Control + Shift + E	Command + Shift + E
Create new empty layer with dialog	Alt-click New Layer button	Option-click New Layer button
Create new layer below target layer	Control-click New Layer button	Command-click New Layer button
Activate bottom/top layer	Alt + .(period)/ ,(comma)	Option + .(period)/ ,(comma)
Select next layer down/up	Alt + [or]	Option + [or]
Move target layer down/up	Control + [or]	Command + [or]
Merge a copy of all visible layers into target layer	Control + Shift + Alt + E	Command + Shift + Option + E
Merge down	Control + E	Command + E
Copy current layer to layer below	Alt + Merge Down command from the panel pop-up menu	Option + Merge Down command from the panel pop-up menu
Copy all visible layers to active layer	Alt + Merge Visible command from the panel pop-up menu	Option + Merge Visible command from the panel pop-up menu
Show/hide all other currently visible layers	Alt-click the eye icon	Option-click the eye icon

Result	Windows	Mac OS
Toggle lock transparency for target layer, or last applied lock	/ (forward slash)	/ (forward slash)
Edit layer properties	Double-click layer thumbnail	Double-click layer thumbnail
Select all text; temporarily select Type tool	Double-click text layer thumbnail	Double-click text layer thumbnail
Create a clipping mask	Alt-click the line dividing two layers	Option-click the line dividing two layers
Rename layer	Double-click the layer name	Double-click the layer name
Add to layer selection in Layers panel	Shift + Alt + [or]	Shift + Option + [or]