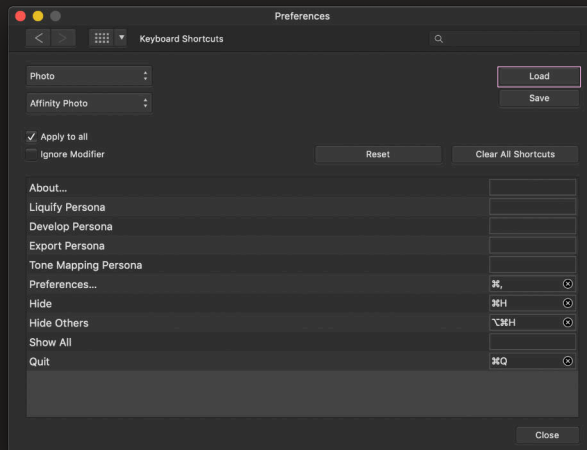# Introduction

These shortcuts are designed to speed up and enrich workflows for a variety of users—in particular compositing and architecture workflows. The intention is also to promote functionality within Affinity Photo that you may not even know exists! These shortcuts speed up techniques and functions such as:
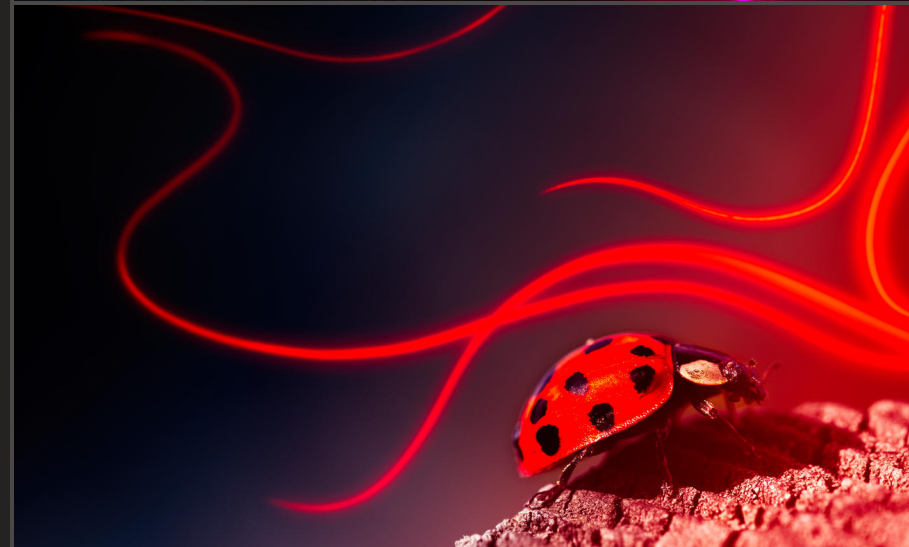
- Immediately clipping the next layer inside a parent layer e.g. quickly clipping an adjustment inside a pixel layer to isolate its effect.

- Toggling a transparent document background, flattening your document, rasterising and trimming layers, converting layers to masks, adding non-destructive vector fill layers, adding full/empty masks, hiding/showing/ locking/unlocking layers.

- Adding common adjustments and live filters for compositing workflows (e.g. tonal matching) such as Brightness/ Contrast, Exposure, Channel Mixer, White Balance, Selective Colour, Gaussian Blur, Motion Blur, Live Perspective, Lighting, Add Noise, Clarity, High Pass, Unsharp Mask.

- Rotating and flipping layers, selecting sampled colours, selecting transparent pixels, saving selections.

- Toggling additional functionality like Macro, Library, Assets and Scope panels.

Installation

1. macOS: Go to Affinity Photo>Preferences and choose the Shortcuts category.

2. Windows: Go to Edit>Preferences and choose the Shortcuts category.

3. Choose Load from the right hand side and navigate to the appropriate Windows or macOS shortcuts file, then click Open..

Note: these shortcut files are only compatible with V2.1 and above of Affinity Photo. If you are still using V1, please use the Legacy V1 Shortcuts ZIP file instead.

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Place/Insert File	⌥ + P	Alt + P
Export	Shift + E	Shift + E
Matte	^ + ⌥ + M	Ctrl + Alt + M
Fill with Primary Colour	⌥ + 1	Alt + 1
Fill with Secondary Colour	⌥ + 2	Alt + 2
Flatten document	⌥ + Shift + F	Alt + Shift + F
Toggle transparent background	⌥ + T	Alt + T
Hide Layer	⌥ + H	Alt + H
Show Layer	⌥ + J	Alt + J
Lock Layer	^ + ⌥ + L	Ctrl + Alt + L
Unlock Layer	^ + ⌥ + U	Ctrl + Alt + U
Rasterise Layer	⌥ + Y	Alt + Y
Rasterise Layer & Trim	⌥ + I	Alt + I
Rasterise to Mask	⌥ + O	Alt + O
New Mask Layer	Shift + M	Shift + M
New Empty Mask Layer	Shift + N	Shift + N
New Pattern Layer from Selection	Shift + P	Shift + P
New Fill Layer	Shift + F	Shift + F
Brightness/Contrast Adjustment	⌥ + B	Alt + B
Channel Mixer Adjustment	⌥ + M	Alt + M
Exposure Adjustment	⌥ + E	Alt + E
White Balance Adjustment	⌥ + W	Alt + W
Selective Colour Adjustment	⌥ +S	Alt + S
Recolour Adjustment	⌥ +C	Shift + Alt + C
Gradient Map Adjustment	⌥ +G	Alt + G

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Live Perspective	^ + T	Ctrl + T
Live Liquify	^ + L	Ctrl + L
Live Mesh Warp	^ + R	Ctrl + R
Live Unsharp Mask	Shift + ⌥ + U	Shift + Alt + U
Live High Pass	Shift + ⌥ + H	Shift + Alt + H
Live Motion Blur	Shift + ⌥ + M	Shift + Alt + M
Live Gaussian Blur	Shift + ⌥ + G	Shift + Alt + G
Live Clarity	Shift + ⌥ + Y	Shift + Alt + Y
Live Lighting	Shift + ⌥ + L	Shift + Alt + L
Live Add Noise	Shift + ⌥ + N	Shift + Alt + N
Select Partially Transparent	Shift + ^ + T	Shift + Ctrl + T
Select Sampled Colour	⌥ + C	Alt + C
Save Selection as Channel	⌥ + A	Alt + A
Insert Next Layer Inside (clip/child)	Shift + I	Shift + I
Rotate Layer Anticlockwise	^ + ⌥ + [	Ctrl + Alt + [
Rotate Layer Clockwise	^ + ⌥ +]	Ctrl + Alt +]
Flip Layer Horizontally	^ + ⌥ + H	Ctrl + Alt +H
Flip Layer Vertically	^ + ⌥ + J	Ctrl + Alt + J
Move Inside	Shift + ⌥ + I	Shift + Alt + I
Move Outside	Shift + ⌥ + O	Shift + Alt + O

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Luminosity Range Mask	Shift + L	Shift + L
Hue Range Mask	Shift + U	Shift + U
Band-pass Mask	Shift + B	Shift + B
Screen Blend Mode	Shift + S	Shift + S
Add Blend Mode	Shift + A	Shift + A
Overlay Blend Mode	Shift + O	Shift + O

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Float/Dock Tools	Shift + D	Shift + D
Rotate Left 15 Degrees	Shift + ⌥ + [	Shift + Alt + [
Rotate Right 15 Degrees	Shift + ⌥ +]	Shift + Alt +]
Reset Rotation	⌥ + R	Alt + R
Toggle Macro Panel	Shift + ^ + M	Shift + Ctrl + M
Toggle Library Panel	Shift + ^ + L	Shift + Ctrl + L
Toggle Assets Panel	Shift + ^ + A	Shift + Ctrl + A
Toggle 32-bit Preview Panel	Shift + ^ + H	Shift + Ctrl + H
Toggle Scope Panel	Shift + ^ + Y	Shift + Ctrl + Y
Set Fill to 50% Grey	⌥ + 5	Alt + 5
Reset Fill to Black & White	D	D

macOS Key Guide	Keyboard Symbol	Written Equivalent
	^	Control (Ctrl on Windows keyboard)
	⌥	Option (Alt on Windows keyboard)
	⌘	Command (Windows key on Windows keyboard)

Useful Default Shortcuts

Below are some shortcuts you may not realise you can use! They ship with Affinity Photo by default and require no manual configuration.

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Quick Access Settings	⌘ + ,	Ctrl + ,
Fill	Shift + F5	Shift + F5
Inpaint (with selection active)	⌘ + Backspace	Ctrl + Backspace
Invert Layer (works with masks)	⌘ + I	Ctrl + I
New Pixel Layer	Shift + ⌘ + N	Shift + Ctrl + N
Levels Adjustment	⌘ + L	Ctrl + L
Curves Adjustment	⌘ + M	Ctrl + M
Black & White Adjustment	Shift + ⌥ + ⌘ + B	Shift + Ctrl + Alt + B
HSL Adjustment	⌘ + U	Ctrl + U
Duplicate Selection	⌘ + J	Ctrl + J
Merge Down	⌘ + E	Ctrl + E
Merge Selected	Shift + ⌘ + E	Shift + Ctrl + E
Merge Visible	Shift + ⌥ + ⌘ + E	Shift + Ctrl + Alt + E
Select All	⌘ + A	Ctrl + A
Deselect	⌘ + D	Ctrl + D
Invert Pixel Selection	Shift + ⌘ + I	Shift + Ctrl + I
Selection From Layer	Shift + ⌘ + O	Shift + Ctrl + O
Grow/Shrink Selection	⌘ + B	Ctrl + B

Action	macOS Shortcut	Windows Shortcut
Group	⌘ + G	Ctrl + G
Ungroup	Shift + ⌘ + G	Shift + Ctrl + G
Move Layer To Front	Shift + ⌘ +]	Shift + Ctrl +]
Move Layer Forward One	⌘ +]	Ctrl +]
Move Layer To Back	Shift + ⌘ + [	Shift + Ctrl + [
Move Layer Backwards One	⌘ + [	Ctrl + [
Zoom To Fit	⌘ + 0	Ctrl + 0
Zoom to 100%	⌘ + 1	Ctrl + 1
Zoom In (keyboard)	⌘ + Plus	Ctrl + Plus
Zoom Out (keyboard)	⌘ + Minus	Ctrl + Minus
Zoom In/Out (mouse)	⌥ + Mouse wheel	Ctrl + Mouse wheel
Toggle Guides	⌘ + ;	Ctrl + ;
Toggle Grid	⌘ + '	Ctrl + '
Toggle Rulers	⌘ + R	Ctrl + R
Show/Hide UI	Tab	Tab
Set Fill to None	/	/
Swap Colour Palettes	X	X
Swap Line and Fill	⌘ + X	Ctrl + X
Toggle Quick Mask Mode	Q	Q
Toggle Snapping	;	;
Swap Frequency Separation Layers	F	F

Credits

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