Photoshop layer shortcuts

The Layers panel is the engine room of Photoshop design. Using even a small number of the following keyboard shortcuts will make you a faster user. The more of these shortcuts you build into your work, the more steam you'll build up – the faster you'll go.

New layer shortcuts

Create new layer:

CTRL + N

Copy layer:

CTRL + J

Copy selection to new layer:

CTRL + J

Selecting layers

Select layer above active layer:

ALT + \ + ]

Select layer below active layer:

ALT + \ + [.

Select top layer:

ALT + \ + .

Select bottom layer:

ALT + \ + ,

Select all layers except the background:

CTRL + ALT + \ + A

Changing stacking order

Move to front/Bring to front of layer stack:

CTRL + ALT + ↑ + ]

Move to bottom/Send to back of layer stack:

CTRL + ALT + ↑ + [.

Bring forward/Move up one layer:

CTRL + ALT + ↑

Send backward/Move down one layer:

CTRL + ALT + ↓

Filling with color

Fill layer with foreground color:

ALT + \ + Backspace

Fill layer with background color:

CTRL + ALT + Backspace

Merging layers

Merge visible layers:

CTRL + ALT + ↑ + E

Merge selected layers:

CTRL + ALT + E

Grouping/Ungrouping shortcuts

Group selected layers:

CTRL + G

Ungroup selected layers:

CTRL + ALT + G

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