



Figma Keyboard Shortcuts Cheat Sheet

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Figma rewards keyboard users more than almost any design tool. The tool switches are all single keys, so once they stick you stop thinking about the interface and just design. These are the shortcuts I reach for when mocking up eLearning screens and prototypes.

Shortcuts below are for Windows. On a Mac, swap Ctrl for Cmd and Alt for Option. Press Ctrl + Shift + ? inside Figma to see the full searchable list.

Tools

Shortcut	What it does
V	Move tool (your home base)
F	Frame tool
R	Rectangle
O	Ellipse
L	Line
T	Text
P	Pen
H	Hand tool (or hold Space)
K	Scale tool
C	Comment
I	Eyedropper (pick a color from anywhere)

Use K, not the corner handles, when you want text and strokes to scale together. The move tool resizes a container; the scale tool resizes the design.

Navigation and zoom

Shortcut	What it does
Space + drag	Pan around the canvas
Ctrl + scroll	Zoom in and out at the cursor
Shift + 1	Zoom to fit everything
Shift + 2	Zoom to the selection
Shift + 0	Zoom to 100%
Enter	Drill into the selected frame or group
Shift + Enter	Select the parent
Tab	Select the next sibling layer

Selection and layout

Shortcut	What it does
Ctrl + G	Group selection
Ctrl + Shift + G	Ungroup
Ctrl + Alt + G	Wrap selection in a frame
Ctrl + D	Duplicate
Alt + drag	Drag out a copy
Hold Alt	Show spacing between the selection and whatever you hover
Ctrl +] / Ctrl + [	Bring forward / send backward
Ctrl + Shift +] / Ctrl + Shift + [	Bring to front / send to back
Ctrl + Shift + H	Show or hide the selection
Ctrl + Shift + L	Lock or unlock the selection

Hold Alt and hover. Seeing live spacing measurements between objects is the fastest way to keep an eLearning layout on a consistent grid.

Alignment

Shortcut	What it does
Alt + A	Align left
Alt + D	Align right
Alt + W	Align top
Alt + S	Align bottom
Alt + H	Center horizontally
Alt + V	Center vertically

Components and auto layout

Shortcut	What it does
Ctrl + Alt + K	Create a component from the selection
Ctrl + Alt + B	Detach an instance
Shift + A	Add auto layout to the selection
Ctrl + Alt + C	Copy properties (fills, strokes, effects)
Ctrl + Alt + V	Paste properties

If you design course screens in Figma, make your recurring pieces components: navigation buttons, question stems, feedback boxes. Change the component once and every screen updates.

Text

Shortcut	What it does
Ctrl + B	Bold
Ctrl + I	Italic
Ctrl + U	Underline
Ctrl + Shift + >	Bigger font
Ctrl + Shift + <	Smaller font

Interface

Shortcut	What it does
Ctrl + \	Show or hide the side panels
Shift + R	Toggle rulers
Ctrl + /	Quick actions (search any command)
Ctrl + Shift + ?	Keyboard shortcuts panel

When you forget a shortcut, Ctrl + / is the answer. Type what you want and Figma runs it, showing the shortcut for next time.

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