

Useful Adobe Illustrator Shortcuts

This is by no means a comprehensive list, but these are some of my favorite

- **V (black arrowhead):** select (selects “highest level” - object or group of objects)
- **A (white arrowhead):** direct select (selects “lowest level” - individual anchor points or objects inside of groups if you click in the center of the object)
- **hold down shift when selecting to select multiple objects**
- **command + G:** group selected objects
- **shift + command + G:** ungroup selected objects
- **command + C:** copy
- **command + V:** paste
- **command + F:** paste in place (super useful!)
- **command + [:** send selected object backwards
 - **command + shift + [:** send selected object all the way back
- **command +] :** send selected object forward
 - **command + shift +]:** send selected object all the way to the front
- **I (eyedropper tool):** let's you mimic another objects format (color, line width, etc.) - select an object then press I, then click another object whose format you want to mimic
- **command + Z:** undo
- **command + shift + Z:** redo
- **command + 2:** lock something
- **option + command + 2:** unlock something
- **command + + :** zoom in
- **command + - :** zoom out
- **command + Y:** show outlines
- **command + H:** hide or show edges (if you can't find your edges and/or anchor points you might have accidentally clicked this!)
- **T:** gets you to the text mode
- **P:** get line-drawer point tool thing
- **+:** add anchor point