darktable Photo workflow shortcuts

START HERE

- `D` Open image in darkroom
- `Tab` Hide all panels
- `0-5` Star rating
- `H` Show this view's shortcuts
- `R` Reject image
- `F1-F5` Colour labels
- `Ctrl` + `Z` / `Ctrl` + `Y` Undo / redo
- `Ctrl` + `C` / `Ctrl` + `V` Copy / paste edits

Import film roll → *cull* → **Lighttable** rate, label, select → `D` → **Darkroom** edit, history stack → *copy / paste* → **Export** selected images

CONCEPTS

Keys act on the image under the mouse pointer; with none hovered they act on the selection.

Press H in any view to list the shortcuts active there. Everything is rebindable in preferences > shortcuts.

Edits are non-destructive: they live in the history stack and an XMP sidecar, never in the raw file.

Shortcuts are the defaults of the 5.6 / development manual; older releases can differ.

VIEWS

- `L` Lighttable: browse and cull
- `D` Darkroom: develop the image
  From the lighttable it opens the hovered or first selected image.
- `T` Tethering: shoot from camera
- `M` Map: place images by GPS
- `S` Slideshow

VIEWS (cont.)

- `P` Print
- `H` Show shortcuts of this view

RATE AND LABEL

- `0-5` Set star rating (0 clears)
- `R` Reject image
- `F1-F5` Toggle red/yellow/green/blue/purple
  Adds the label if any selected image lacks it, otherwise removes it.
- `Ctrl` + `D` Duplicate image (new version)

SELECT AND BROWSE

- `Space` Toggle selection under pointer
- `Ctrl` + `click` Add/remove from selection
- `Shift` + `click` Select a range
- `Enter` Select image under pointer
- `Ctrl` + `A` Select all
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `A` Deselect all

SELECT AND BROWSE (cont.)

- `Ctrl` + `I` Invert selection
- `Home` / `End` Jump to start / end of collection
- `PageUp` / `PageDown` Scroll one page
- `Ctrl` + `G` Group selected images
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `G` Ungroup selected images

CULL AND COMPARE

- `X` / `Ctrl` + `X` Culling: fixed / dynamic count
- `<` Switch culling mode
- `I` Show overlay on demand
- `W` Hold: zoom to 100%
- `Ctrl` + `W` Hold: 100% with focus areas
- `F` Make full preview sticky
- `Esc` Leave full preview

Ctrl+scroll zooms in culling; add Shift to zoom or pan only one image.

HISTORY AND EDITS

- `Ctrl` + `Z` / `Ctrl` + `Y` Undo / redo
- `Ctrl` + `C` Copy full history stack
- `Ctrl` + `V` Paste copied history
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `C` Copy selected modules only
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `V` Paste selected modules only
- `Ctrl` + `X` Darkroom: sync last change to selection

Export has no default key in the manual: use the export module and its start export button.

DARKROOM

- `Shift` + `O` Toggle raw overexposure warning
- `Ctrl` + `S` Toggle soft proof
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `N` Toggle navigation panel
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `H` Toggle scopes / histogram

DARKROOM (cont.)

- `A` Hold while dragging to pan / zoom the image
- `Middle-click` Cycle fit / 1:1 / 2:1 zoom
- `Ctrl` + `scroll` Zoom beyond 100%
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `drag` Move module in the pixelpipe

Module headers: Shift+click expands another module, Ctrl+click on the name renames an instance. Masks: Shift+scroll sets feathering, Ctrl+scroll opacity.

PANELS AND WINDOW

- `Tab` Hide / restore all panels
- `F11` Toggle fullscreen
- `B` Toggle borders and panel arrows
- `Ctrl` + `F` Toggle filmstrip / timeline
- `Ctrl` + `H` Toggle top banner
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `T` Toggle top panel

PANELS AND WINDOW (cont.)

- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `B` Toggle bottom panel
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `L` Toggle left panel
- `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `R` Toggle right panel

RECIPES

Cull a shoot

```
# hover a thumbnail, then:
R   # reject blurry ones
2   # keepers: two stars
F3  # green = pick
X   # compare in culling
```

Reuse one edit on a batch

```
D       # open finished image
Ctrl+C  # copy its history
# lighttable: select targets
Ctrl+V  # paste onto all
```

Sync a single tweak

```
# darkroom: tweak a module
Ctrl+F  # show filmstrip
Ctrl+A  # select all
Ctrl+X  # sync the tweak
```

Check focus fast

```
# lighttable: hover frame
Ctrl+W  # hold: focus areas
F       # sticky, Esc leaves
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