Evince Document viewer keys

START HERE

- **Ctrl** + **F** / **/** — Search
- **Ctrl** + **G** / **F3** — Next match
- **Ctrl** + **L** — Go to page
- **Ctrl** + **D** — Add bookmark
- **Ctrl** + **Plus** / **Ctrl** + **Minus** — Zoom in / out
- **F9** — Side pane
- **F5** — Slideshow
- **F11** — Full screen

CONCEPTS

Evince is read-only: it views PDF, PostScript, DjVu, XPS and comic books, and can add notes and highlights or fill forms, but not edit text.

Shortcuts are GNOME defaults on Linux; on Windows builds some differ. Many keys live in the header bar menu too.

Presentation mode is a separate key set from the normal view: Space and arrows change slides there instead of scrolling.

NAVIGATION

Ctrl + **Page** › **Down** / **Ctrl** + **Page** › **Up**
Next / previous page

Ctrl + **Home** / **Ctrl** + **End**
First / last page

Arrows Scroll the page

NAVIGATION (cont.)

Ctrl + **L** Select page number
Type a number and press Enter.

Shift + **Page** › **Down** / **Shift** + **Page** › **Up**
Jump ten pages

Alt + **P** / **Alt** + **N**
Back / forward in page history
Also the mouse back and forward buttons.

Ctrl + **R**
Reload the document
Useful while a LaTeX build rewrites the PDF.

F7 Toggle caret navigation

ZOOM AND VIEW

Ctrl + **Plus** / **Ctrl** + **Minus**
Zoom in / out

Ctrl + **0**
Reset to default zoom

Ctrl + **Scroll**
Zoom with the mouse wheel

ZOOM AND VIEW (cont.)

F9
Show or hide the side pane

F11 Full screen
F11 or Escape leaves it.

Ctrl + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Right**
Rotate left / right

Ctrl + **I** Invert colors
Handy for reading at night.

F10 Open the main menu

SEARCH

Ctrl + **F** / **/**
Open the search bar

Ctrl + **G** / **F3** Next match

Ctrl + **Shift** + **G** / **Shift** + **F3**
Previous match

Escape closes the search bar. Right-click the search box for Case Sensitive and Whole Words Only.

FILES AND PRINTING

Ctrl + **O** Open a file

Ctrl + **N**
Open a copy in a new window

Ctrl + **S** Save a copy
Saved copies include your annotations and form entries.

Ctrl + **P** Print

Alt + **Enter**
Document properties

Ctrl + **W** Close the window

SELECTION

Ctrl + **C** / **Ctrl** + **Insert**
Copy selected text

Ctrl + **A** Select all text

Selection can fail on scanned pages that contain no real text layer.

BOOKMARKS AND NOTES

Ctrl + **D** Add a bookmark

Ctrl + **Shift** + **D**
Delete a bookmark

Ctrl + **H**
Highlight selected text
Select text first, then press it.

The header bar Annotate button adds sticky notes and highlights; view them in the side pane Annotations tab.

PRESENTATION

F5 Start slideshow

Space / **Right** / **Down**
Next slide

Left / **Up** Previous slide

B / **.** Black screen

W White screen

Escape End the slideshow

COMMAND LINE

`evince <file>`
Open a document

`evince --page-label=<n> <file>`
Open at a page label

`evince --fullscreen <file>`
Open in full screen

`evince --presentation <file>`
Open as a slideshow

`evince --preview <file>`
Open in preview mode

RECIPES

Present a PDF straight away

```
evince --presentation talk.pdf
# Esc ends the show
```

Open two papers side by side

```
evince a.pdf b.pdf &
# one window each; tile them with your WM
```

Jump to a printed page number

```
evince --page-label=iv thesis.pdf
# labels, not physical page index
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