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
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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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