Evince Document viewer keys

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

Ctrl + L Select page number

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

Alt + P / Alt + N
Back / forward in page history

Ctrl + R Reload the document

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

F9 Show or hide the side pane

F11 Full screen

Ctrl + Left / Ctrl + Right
Rotate left / right

ZOOM AND VIEW (cont.)

Ctrl + I Invert colors

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

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

BOOKMARKS AND NOTES (cont.)

Ctrl + H
Highlight selected text

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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