Inkscape Vector graphics editor

CONCEPTS

Every tool has a one-letter key. Press Esc first if you are typing in a text object, or the letter becomes text.

Ctrl+S saves Inkscape SVG; PNG, PDF and plain SVG come from the Export dialog (Ctrl+Shift+E).

TOOLS

S / F1
Select and transform objects

N / F2
Node tool: edit path nodes

R / F4
Rectangle

E / F5
Ellipse, circle, arc

B / Shift + F6
Pen (Bezier curves)

T / F8
Text

D / F7
Dropper: pick a color

VIEW AND ZOOM

Plus / Minus
Zoom in / out

3
Zoom to selection

5
Fit page in window

Space
Hold and drag to pan

?
Command palette

%
Toggle snapping

FILE AND EDIT

Ctrl + N
New document

FILE AND EDIT (cont.)

Ctrl + O
Open

Ctrl + S
Save as Inkscape SVG

Ctrl + Shift + E
Export dialog: PNG, PDF, SVG

Ctrl + Z
Undo

Ctrl + D
Duplicate in place

SELECT

Esc
Deselect

Shift + Click
Add to or remove from selection

ARRANGE AND ALIGN

Ctrl + G
Group

Ctrl + Shift + G / Ctrl + U
Ungroup

Home / End
Raise to top / lower to bottom

Ctrl + Shift + A
Align and distribute dialog

TRANSFORM

Ctrl + Drag
Constrain move or keep aspect ratio

PATHS

Ctrl + Shift + C
Object to path

Ctrl + Plus
Union

Ctrl + Minus
Difference (bottom minus top)

LAYERS AND DIALOGS

Ctrl + Shift + F
Fill and stroke