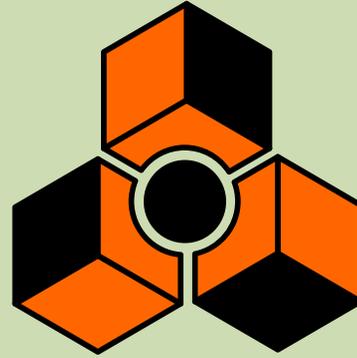# REASON

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Key Commands

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This document contains a compiled list of all the keyboard short-cuts and modifier keys available in Reason 4. Keyboard short-cuts are keys or combinations of keys that can be pressed to execute various functions. Modifier keys are keys that can be used in combination with the mouse, to execute additional functions.

! **In most cases, which key to use is different from Mac to Windows. The keys to use are listed in the left column of the tables below with the Mac key(s) to the left, and the Windows key(s) to the right (e.g. [Mac]/[Windows]).**

General keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
[Tab]	Toggle Rack front/rear
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[1]	Maximize/restore Rack
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[2]	Maximize/restore Sequencer
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[N]	Create new Song
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[O]	Open Song
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[S]	Save Song
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+[S]	Save Song As
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[W]	Close Song
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[Q]	Quit
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[Z]	Undo
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[Y]	Redo
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[Del] or [Command]/[Ctrl]+[Backspace]	Delete Devices and Tracks (without warning).
[Del] / [Backspace]	Delete Devices and Tracks
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[A]	Select All
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[I]	Create Instrument
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[F]	Create Effect
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[B]	Browse Patches for selected device.

Key(s)	Function
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[1]	Select rack when rack and sequencer are separated.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[2]	Select sequencer when rack and sequencer are separated.
[L]	Show/Hide cables
[F]	Follow Song on/off
[F8]	Show/hide Tool window
[Insert]	Insert Instrument (Windows only)
[Command]-[H]	Hide Reason (Mac OS only)
[Command]-[M]	Minimize Reason (Mac OS only)
[Command]-[,]	Open Preferences (Mac OS only)
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[X]	Cut Track & Device (device or track selected), Cut Clip or Event (depending on current selection).
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[C]	Copy Track & Device (device or track selected), Copy Clip or Event (dependng on current selection).
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[V]	Paste Track & Device, Paste Clip or Event.

General modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Shift]+Create device	Disable autorouting of device.
[Option]/[Alt]+Fold/un-fold device	Fold/unfold all devices.
[Option]/[Alt]+Fold/un-fold track	Fold/unfold all tracks.
[Shift]+Select	Select multiple devices/events/clips/tracks.
[Shift]+Move fader/knob	Increase precision when making settings.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+Click fader/knob	Reset parameter to default value.
[Option]/[Alt]+Create device	Prevent creation of Sequencer-track for devices that normally will get a track. Create Sequencer-track for devices that normally will *not* get a track.

Sequencer keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
[Shift]+[Tab] *or* [Command]/[Ctrl]+[E]	Toggle Arrange/Edit view.
[Command]/[Alt]	Toggle Arrow/Pencil tool, Eraser/Pencil tool. Toggle Magnifying Glass/Hand tool.
[Q]	Select Arrow tool.
[W]	Select Pencil tool.
[E]	Select Eraser tool.
[R]	Select Razor tool.
[T]	Select Magnifying Glass tool.
[Y]	Select Hand tool.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[K]	Quantize notes.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[D]	Duplicate Track & Device (device or track selected).
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[J]	Join Clips.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[R]	Merge Note Lanes om Tracks.
[M]	Mute/Unmute Clips.
[S]	Snap on/off.
[Option]/[Ctrl]	Toggle Pencil/Line tool (velocity edit lane only).
Numberpad [6] or [.]	New Alt
Numberpad [3] or [,]	New Dub
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+[+]	Vertical zoom in
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+[−]	Vertical zoom out

Sequencer modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Option]/[Alt]+Click knob/fader/button	Create automation lane for parameter. If device has no track, a track will also be created.
[Shift]+Move events/clips	Restrict movement direction to either horizontal or vertical.
[Option]/[Ctrl]+Move data	Copy data instead of moving it.
[Option]/[Ctrl]+Click	Set Left Locator in ruler.
[Command]/[Alt]+Click	Set Right Locator in ruler.
[Shift]+Click	Set End Marker in ruler.
[Option]/[Ctrl]+Click	Switch to zoom out with the Magnifying Glass tool instead of zoom in (with either the Magnifying Glass- or the Hand tool selected).
[Shift]+Drag with Hand tool or Eraser tool	Limits movement to one direction only. Horizontal or vertical.
[Shift]+Zoom with Magnifying Glass tool	Disables vertical zooming. Horizontal zoom only.

Sequencer modifier keys with mousewheel

Key/Action	Function
[Command]/ [Ctrl]+Mousewheel	Zoom in/out vertically.
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+Mousewheel	Zoom in/out horizontally.

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Arrow keys

Key/Action	Function
Arrow up/down keys	Select next device up or down (rack selected), select next track up or down (track list selected), select clip on next/previous lane (Arrange view selected).
Arrow left/right keys	Select next/previous clip on lane (Arrange view selected), select next/previous value field (Position displays).
[Command]/[Ctrl]+Arrow left/right keys	Nudge selection one Snap unit back/forward.
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+Arrow left/right keys	Nudge selection one Beat back/forward.
[Option]-[Command]/[Alt]-[Ctrl]+Arrow left/right keys	Nudge selection one Tick back/forward.

Transport keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
Numberpad [0]	Stop, Go to start position, Go to start of Song.
Numberpad [Enter]	Play
Numberpad [*]	Record
Numberpad [4]	Rewind
Numberpad [5]	Fast Forward
Numberpad [1]	Go to Loop Start
Numberpad [2]	Go to Loop End
Numberpad [8]	Go to Next Bar
Numberpad [7]	Go to Previous Bar
Numberpad [+]	Tempo Up
Numberpad [-]	Tempo Down
[Spacebar]	Stop/Play
[C] or Numberpad [9]	Toggle Metronome click on/off
Numberpad [/]	Loop on/off

Matrix keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[X]	Cut Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[C]	Copy Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[V]	Paste Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[J]	Shift Pattern Left.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[K]	Shift Pattern Right.
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+[U]	Shift Pattern Up.
[Shift]-[Command]/[Shift]-[Ctrl]+[D]	Shift Pattern Down.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[R]	Randomize Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[T]	Alter Pattern.

Matrix modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Shift]+Draw Key/Curve values	Allows you to draw lines and ramps.
[Shift]+Draw Gate	Temporarily toggles Tie mode on/off.

Redrum keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[X]	Cut Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[C]	Copy Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[V]	Paste pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[J]	Shift Pattern Left.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[K]	Shift Pattern Right.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[R]	Randomize Pattern.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+[T]	Alter Pattern.

Redrum modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Shift]+Click Pattern Step button	Enter Hard note when programming Pattern.
[Option]/[Alt]+Click Pattern Step button	Enter Soft note when programming Pattern.

Dr. Rex modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Option]/[Alt]+Click slice in overview	Audition slice.

NN-19 modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Option]/[Alt]+Click in keyboard display	Audition sample.

NN-XT keyboard short-cuts

Key(s)	Function
[Delete] or [Backspace]	Remove zone(s) from key map.

NN-XT modifier keys

Key/Action	Function
[Option]/[Alt]+Click in sample column or keyboard column	Audition sample. In sample column, at root pitch and unprocessed. In keyboard column, at corresponding pitch and with processing applied.
[Command]/[Ctrl]+Click in keyboard column	Set root note of sample with edit focus.

Save dialog keyboard short-cuts

These keycommands can be used in the save dialog that appears if you close a song document that contains unsaved changes:

MacOS key(s)	Function
[Command]+[.]	Cancel.
[Command]+[S]	Yes (save song).
[Command]+[D]	No (do not save song).

Windows keys)	Function
[Esc] *or* [C]	Cancel.
[Y]	Yes (save song).
[N]	No (do not save song).

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