Final Cut Express HD
Quick Reference
Welcome to Final Cut Express HD

There are four main windows in Final Cut Express HD:


Final Cut Express HD offers several methods for performing different video editing tasks. Some people work fastest using keyboard shortcuts; others prefer to use their mouse to access the menu bar or shortcut menus.

Browser

**General**

A. Show Effects  +

Close Bins (List view)  

Close Tab  +

Find  +

Find Next (in Find Results)  

Import File  +

Item Properties  +

New Bin  +

New Project  +

New Sequence  +

Open Bins (List view)  

Open Bin in New Tab  +

Select Next Item (List View)  

Select Previous Item (List View)  

Sequence Settings  

Show Browser  +

Show Favorites  +

Toggle Browser View  +

View Item in Editor  +

View Item in New Window  +
Timeline

General
A. Close Tab \(\text{command} + W\)
B. Linked Selection \(\text{shift} + L\)
C. Snapping \(\text{shift} + L\)
D. Lock Video Track \(\text{shift} + F4\) plus track number
E. Set Video Destination \(\text{shift} + F4\) plus track number
F. Set Audio Destination 1 \(\text{shift} + F3\) plus track number
G. Set Audio Destination 2 \(\text{shift} + F2\) plus track number
H. Lock Audio Track \(\text{shift} + F5\) plus track number
I. Toggle Timeline Overlays \(\text{option} + W\)
J. Toggle Timeline Track Height \(\text{option} + J\)
K. Zoom In \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
L. Zoom Out \(\text{option} + \text{minus} \-\)
Add Audio Transition \(\text{option} + A\)
Add Edit \(\text{option} + E\)
Add Video Transition \(\text{shift} + V\)
Clear Audio Destination 1 \(\text{ OPTION } + \text{plus} \+)
Clear Audio Destination 2 \(\text{ OPTION } + \text{plus} \-\)
Clear In \(\text{ option } + \text{plus} \+)
Clear In and Out \(\text{ option } + \text{x} \)
Clear Out \(\text{ option } + \text{plus} \-\)
Clear Video Destination \(\text{shift} + F5\)
Create or Break Link \(\text{option} + C\)
Cut \(\text{option} + X\)
Extend Edit \(F\)
Fit Sequence to Window \(\text{option} + F\)
Go to Beginning of Media \(\text{command} + \text{home}\)
Go to End of Media \(\text{command} + \text{end}\)
Go to Next Edit, In/Out \(\text{option} + F\)
Go to Next Edit or In/Out \(\text{option} + E\)
Go to Previous Edit or In/Out \(\text{option} + E\)
Go to Previous Edit, In/Out \(\text{option} + F\)
Item Properties \(\text{option} + X\)
Lock All Audio Tracks \(\text{option} + V\)
Lock All Video Tracks \(\text{option} + F4\)
Mark In \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Mark Out \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Modify Duration \(\text{option} + F\)
Next Edit \(\text{command} + \text{plus} \+)
Next Gap \(\text{option} + F\)
Paste Attributes \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Previous Edit \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Previous Gap \(\text{option} + F\)
Remove Gap \(\text{command} + \text{plus} \-\)
Render All: Audio and Video \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+\)
Ripple Cut \(\text{option} + F\)
Ripple Delete (no gap) \(\text{option} + V\)
Select In to Out \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Select Nearest Edit \(\text{option} + E\)
Sequence Settings \(\text{option} + F\)
Show Timeline \(\text{option} + F\)
Speed \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Toggle Stereo Pair \(\text{option} + L\)
Toggle Waveform Display \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Trim Minus \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Trim Minus Many \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Trim Plus \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+\)
Trim Plus Many \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+\)
View Item in Editor \(\text{option} + \text{return} \)

Markers
Add Marker \(\text{control} + M\)
Delete All Markers \(\text{control} + \text{plus} \-\)
Delete Marker \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+\)
Extend Marker \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Go to Next Marker \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \+)
Go to Previous Marker \(\text{option} + \text{plus} \-\)
Viewer and Canvas

General

A. Fit to Window  
B. Toggle Wireframes
C. Show Overlays
D. Show Match Frame
E. Show Match Frame
F. Mark Clip
G. Add Keyframe
H. Mark Video In
I. Mark Video Out
J. Mark Audio In
K. Mark Audio Out
L. Nudge Down
M. Nudge Left
N. Nudge Right
O. Nudge Up
P. Open Text Generator
Q. Close Tab
R. Show Viewer

Canvas

Editing

Clear In
Clear Out
Fit to Fill
Insert Clip With Transition
Mark Audio In
Mark Audio Out
Mark Video In
Mark Video Out
View Item in Editor

Markers

H. Add Marker
I. Delete All Markers
J. Delete Marker
K. Edit Marker
L. Extend Marker
M. Next Marker
N. Previous Marker
General
Open File  +
New Project  + +
New Sequence  +
Save  +
Save All  + +
Undo  +
Redo  + +
Select All  + +
Deselect All  + + +
Copy  ++
Cut (Lift to Clipboard)  ++
Paste Insert  + +
Paste (Overwrite)  + +
Duplicate  + +
Print to Video  + +
Show User Preferences  + +

Effects

Rendering
Render All  + +
Render Selection/In to Out  + +
Suspend Rendering in Viewer/Canvas

In Viewer
Make Freeze Frame  + +

Capture
A. Go to In Point  ++
B. Mark In  
C. Rewind  +
D. Play In to Out  + +
E. Stop/Pause  
F. Play  
G. Play Around Current Frame  
H. Fast Forward  + +
I. Mark Out  
J. Go to Out Point  + +
K. Capture Now  + +
L. Capture Project  + +
Show Capture  + +
Stop Capture  + +
## Tools and Modifier Keys

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