CHEATHERIO SketchUp Pro Cheatsheet

A handy reference guide for SketchUp Pro, covering essential shortcuts, tools, and techniques to enhance your 3D modeling workflow.

Standard Views



Navigation & Viewing

Basic Camera Controls

| Orbit | Shortcut: 0 or Middle Mouse Button Rotates the camera around the model. | Top View | Shortcut: Shift + 1 Displays the top view of the model. |
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| Pan | Shortcut: (Shift) + Middle Mouse Button Moves the camera view parallel to the screen. | Front View | Shortcut: Shift + 2 Displays the front view of the model. |
| Zoom | Shortcut: Mouse Wheel (Scroll) Zooms the camera in and out. | Right View | Shortcut: Shift) + 3 Displays the right view of the model. |
| Zoom Extents | Shortcut: Shift + z Zooms to show the entire model. | Back View | Shortcut: Shift + 4 Displays the back view of the model. |
| Zoom Window | Shortcut: (Ctrl) + (Shift) + (W) Zooms to a selected area. | Left View | Shortcut: Shift + 5 Displays the left view of the model. |
| Previous View | Shortcut: (Alt) + Left Arrow Returns to the previous camera position. | Iso View | Shortcut: (Shift) + 6 Displays the isometric view of the model. |
| Next View | Shortcut: (Alt) + Right Arrow Navigates to the next camera position. | | |

Drawing & Editing

Basic Tools

| Line | Shortcut: L Draws straight lines. |
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| Rectangle | Shortcut: R Draws rectangles. |
| Circle | Shortcut: C Draws circles. |
| Arc | Shortcut: A Draws arcs. |
| Polygon | Shortcut: Shift + P Draws polygons. |
| Freehand | Shortcut: F Draws freehand lines. |

Modification Tools

| Push/Pul 1 | Shortcut: P Extrudes faces to create 3D forms. |
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| Move | Shortcut: M Moves entities. |
| Rotate | Shortcut: Q Rotates entities. |
| Scale | Shortcut: S Scales entities. |
| Offset | Shortcut: F Creates offset copies of lines and faces. |
| Follow Me | Extrudes a face along a path. |

Selection Tools

| Select | Shortcut: Spacebar Selects entities. |
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| Eraser | Shortcut: E Erases entities. |

Components & Groups

Groups

Create Group: Select entities, then right-click and choose 'Make Group'. Groups isolate geometry.

Edit Group: Double-click on the group to enter edit mode. Any changes made within the group will not affect geometry outside the group.

Explode Group: Right-click on the group and choose 'Explode' to dissolve the group, merging its geometry with the surrounding geometry.

Components

Create Component: Select entities, then rightclick and choose 'Make Component'. Components are instances of a master definition.

Edit Component: Double-click a component to edit it. Any changes made to one instance of a component will automatically update all other instances of that component.

Replace Component: You can replace all instances of one component with another using the Component Browser.

Component Browser: Access pre-made and custom components through 'Window > Components'.

Detach componentRight-click on the component and choose 'Detach'.

Key Differences

Groups vs. Components: Groups are for isolating geometry. Components are for creating reusable and linked instances of geometry.

Materials & Textures

Applying Materials

Paint Bucket Tool: Activate the Paint Bucket tool (B), then select a material from the Materials Browser and click on a face to apply the material.

Materials Browser: Access the Materials Browser through 'Window > Materials'. Here you can select from pre-loaded libraries or create your own materials.

Editing Materials

Edit Material: In the Materials Browser, select the 'Edit' tab to modify the properties of a selected material, such as color, texture, opacity, and size.

Texture Positioning: Right-click on a face with a texture and choose 'Texture > Position' to adjust the texture's placement, scale, and rotation.

Match Color in Model: Use the 'Match Color in Model' eyedropper tool to sample a color from your model and apply it to other faces. Tips & Tricks

Seamless Textures: Use seamless textures to avoid visible edges when tiling materials.

Purge Unused Materials: Periodically purge unused materials ('Window > Model Info > Statistics > Purge Unused') to reduce file size.