Welcome to Final Cut Express HD

There are four main windows in Final Cut Express HD:
(1) Browser, (2) Viewer, (3) Canvas, and (4) Timeline.

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.
Timeline

General
A. Close Tab control + W
B. Linked Selection shift + L
C. Snapping K
D. Lock Video Track F4 plus track number
E. Set Video Destination F4 plus track number
F. Set Audio Destination 1 F5 plus track number
G. Set Audio Destination 2 F6 plus track number
H. Lock Audio Track F8 plus track number
I. Toggle Timeline Overlays option + W
J. Toggle Timeline Track Height shift + L
K. Zoom In option + +
L. Zoom Out option + –
Add Audio Transition option + O
Add Edit control + E
Add Video Transition option + X
Clear Audio Destination 1 shift + F
t Clear Audio Destination 2 shift + F
cr Clear In option + I
cr Clear In and Out option + X
cr Clear Out option + O
Clear Video Destination shift + F5
Create or Break Link option + C
Cut option + X
Extend Edit E
Fit Sequence to Window option + W
Go to Beginning of Media w
Go to End of Media w
Go to Next Edit, In/Out option + +
Go to Next Edit or In/Out +
Go to Previous Edit or In/Out +
Go to Previous Edit, In/Out +
Item Properties option + X
Lock All Audio Tracks option + 0
Lock All Video Tracks option + 0
Mark In 0
Mark Out 0
Modify Duration control + D
Next Edit 0
Next Gap option + G
Paste Attributes option + P
Previous Edit 0
Previous Gap option + 0
Remove Gap control + 0
Render All: Audio and Video option + P
Ripple Cut shift + F
Ripple Delete (no gap) 0
Select In to Out option + 0
Select Nearest Edit v
Sequence Settings option + X
Show Timeline option + 0
Speed option + 0
Toggle Stereo Pair option + 0
Toggle Waveform Display option + W
Trim Minus /
Trim Minus Many option + 0
Trim Plus /
Trim Plus Many option + 0
View Item in Editor option + return
Markers
Add Marker 0
Delete All Markers control + 0
Delete Marker option + 0
Extend Marker option + 0
Go to Next Marker option + I
Go to Previous Marker option + 0
### Viewer and Canvas

#### General

A. **Fit to Window**

B. **Zoom In**

C. **Zoom Out**

D. **Toggle Wireframes**

E. **Show Overlays**

F. **Show Match Frame**

G. **Add Keyframe**

H. **Mark Audio In**

I. **Mark Audio Out**

J. **Mark Video In**

K. **Mark Video Out**

L. **Nudge Down**

M. **Nudge Up**

N. **Overwrite With Transition**

O. **Show Canvas**

#### Navigation

C. **To navigate using timecode, enter a timecode value and press**

D. **Rewind**

E. **Rewind Faster**

F. **Stop**

G. **Fast Forward**

H. **Fast Forward Faster**

I. **Slow Motion Forward**

J. **Slow Motion Backward**

K. **Forward One Frame**

L. **Reverse One Frame**

M. **Go Back 2 Edits**

N. **Go Back One Frame**

O. **Go Back One Second**

P. **Go Forward 2 Edits**

Q. **Go Forward One Frame**

R. **Go Forward One Second**

S. **Go to In Point**

T. **Go to Next Keyframe**

U. **Go to Out Point**

V. **Go to Previous Keyframe**

### Canvas

#### Editing

C. **Clear In**

D. **Clear In and Out**

E. **Clear Out**

F. **Fit to Fill**

G. **Insert Clip With Transition**

H. **Mark Audio In**

I. **Mark Audio Out**

J. **Mark Video In**

K. **Mark Video Out**

L. **Nudge Down**

M. **Nudge Left**

N. **Nudge Right**

O. **Nudge Up**

P. **Overwrite With Transition**

Q. **Show Canvas**

R. **Superimpose Clip**
General
Open File  Ctrl + O
New Project  Alt + Ctrl + O
New Sequence  Alt + Ctrl + N
Save  Ctrl + S
Save All  Alt + Ctrl + S
Undo  Ctrl + Z
Redo  Shift + Ctrl + Z
Select All  Ctrl + A
Deselect All  Alt + Ctrl + A
Copy  Ctrl + C
Cut (Lift to Clipboard)  Ctrl + X
Paste Insert  Ctrl + V
Paste (Overwrite)  Ctrl + Shift + V
Duplicate  Alt + Ctrl + D
Print to Video  Ctrl + M
Show User Preferences  Alt + Ctrl + P

Effects
Rendering
Render All  Option + R
Render Selection/In to Out  Ctrl + R
Suspend Rendering in Viewer/Canvas  Caps Lock

In Viewer
Make Freeze Frame  Ctrl + F

Capture
A. Go to In Point  Alt + I
B. Mark In  
C. Rewind  
D. Play In to Out  Alt + O
E. Stop/Pause  
F. Play  Space
G. Play Around Current Frame  

Trim Edit
A. Mark Out  
B. Go to Previous Edit  ;
C. Trim Minus Many  Alt + L
D. Trim Minus  
E. Play In to Out  Alt + H
F. Play Around Edit Loop  Space
G. Stop  

H. Trim Plus  
I. Trim Plus Many  Alt + L
J. Go to Next Edit  ;
K. Mark In  
Navigate Using the  and  keys
Show Trim Edit  Ctrl + A
Toggle Edit Type  Ctrl + B

Capture
A. Go to In Point  Alt + I
B. Mark In  
C. Rewind  
D. Play In to Out  Alt + O
E. Stop/Pause  
F. Play  Space
G. Play Around Current Frame  

H. Fast Forward  
I. Mark Out  
J. Go to Out Point  Alt + O
K. Capture Now  Alt + C
L. Capture Project  Ctrl + C
Show Capture  Ctrl + A
Stop Capture  Esc
## Tools and Modifier Keys

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