

Tridactyl

Tridactyl Cheat Sheet

Tridactyl is a Firefox WebExtension that brings Vim-like keybindings and commands to your browser, allowing for highly efficient keyboard-only navigation. Here's a cheat sheet covering some of the most common and useful commands:

Core Navigation & Scrolling

- **gg**: Scroll to the top of the page
- **G**: Scroll to the bottom of the page
- **H**: Go back in history
- **L**: Go forward in history
- **r**: Reload page
- **R**: Hard reload page (clears cache)
- **f**: Enter "hint mode" to follow a link (type the displayed hint characters)
- **F**: Enter "hint mode" to open a link in a background tab
- **gF**: Repeatedly open links in hint mode until you hit `<Escape>`
- **gi**: Focus the last-used input field on the page
- **yy**: Copy the current page URL to the clipboard
- **gu**: Go to the parent of the current URL
- **gU**: Go to the root domain of the current URL
- **zi** / **zo** / **zz**: Zoom in / zoom out / reset zoom

Tab Management

- **d**: Close the current tab
- **u**: Reopen the last closed tab (or window)
- **gt**: Go to the next tab
- **gT**: Go to the previous tab
- **g^** / **g0**: Go to the first tab
- **g\$**: Go to the last tab
- **b**: List all open tabs (you can type to filter and navigate the list)
- **ga**: Go to the tab playing audio

Opening New Pages/Tabs/Windows

- **o** / **O**: Open a URL (or default search) in the current tab (O pre-loads current URL)
- **t** / **T**: Open a URL (or default search) in a new tab (T pre-loads current URL)
- **w** / **W**: Open a URL (or default search) in a new window (W pre-loads current URL)
- **p** / **P**: Open clipboard content in the current/new tab
- **s** / **S**: Perform an engine search in the current/new tab

Command Line (Ex-commands)

- **:** Activate the command line
 - ``:help [command]``: Get help on a specific command
 - ``:set [setting] [value]``: Set a Tridactyl setting
 - ``:bind [key_sequence] [ex_command]``: Bind a key sequence to an ex-command
 - ``:tabopen [URL]``: Open a URL in a new tab
 - ``:winopen [URL]``: Open a URL in a new window
 - ``:mkt ~/filename.rc``: (Requires native Tridactyl installation) Save current configuration to a file.
 - ``:viewconfig nmaps``: View current normal mode keybindings
 - ``:tabdetach``: Detach the current tab into a new window

Visual Mode (v)

- **v**: Enter visual mode
 - **h / l**: Expand/reduce selection by one character
 - **O / \$**: Expand selection to beginning/end of line
 - **e / b**: Expand selection to next/previous word
 - **j / k**: Expand selection to next/previous line
 - **=**: Expand progressively to whole page
 - **s / S**: Search for selection (current/new tab)
 - **y**: Yank (copy) selection to clipboard

Extended Hint Modes (prefixed with `;`)

- **;i / ;I**: Open an image (current/new tab)
- **;s / ;a**: Save/save-as the linked resource
- **;S / ;A**: Save/save-as the selected image
- **;p**: Copy an element's text to the clipboard
- **;P**: Copy an element's title/alt text to the clipboard
- **;y**: Copy an element's link URL to the clipboard
- **;#**: Copy an element's anchor URL to the clipboard
- **;r**: Read the element's text with text-to-speech
- **;k**: Delete an element from the page
- **;;**: Focus an element

Other Important Commands

- **Shift + Insert**: Enable/disable "ignore mode" (pass all keys to the website)
- **Ctrl + Alt + Escape**: Temporarily disable/enable Tridactyl (similar to ignore mode)
- **..**: Repeat the last command
- **Ctrl-i (in a text box)**: Open the text in an external editor (requires native Tridactyl installation)
- **start**: Navigate forward/backward through paginated pages (e.g., search results, multi-part articles)

Important Notes

- **Case Sensitivity:** Hint characters (when using ``f`` or ``F``) should be typed in lowercase.
- **Firefox Keybinds:** Tridactyl cannot override some native Firefox key combinations (e.g., ``Ctrl-T`` for new tab, ``Ctrl-W`` to close tab).
- **Configuration:** You can customize keybindings and settings extensively using the command line (e.g., ``:bind``, ``:set``).
- **``:`` (Command Mode):** Many actions are available as “ex-commands” by typing a colon first.
- **``Ctrl-v``:** Bypass Tridactyl bindings for the next single keystroke (useful for passing a key directly to the website).

This cheat sheet provides a solid foundation for using Tridactyl. For a complete and up-to-date list of commands and their descriptions, consult the official Tridactyl documentation by typing ``:help`` in your browser with Tridactyl installed.

navigation:

- `f`: show links with labels
- `F`: show links with labels and open them in new tab
- `t`: open new tab
- `o`: open in current tab
- `s`: open web search in current tab
- `S`: open web search in new tab
- `b`: list tabs
- `H`: back history
- `L`: forward history
- `P`: open current clipboard url in new tab

search and select:

- `/`: search word (C-g to jump from match to match)
- `v`: search with labels
- `y`: yank selected text

others:

- `zi`: zoom in
- `zo`: zoom out
- `zz`: reset zoom

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