

Tips For Photoshop CS2  
Ref: Photoshop CS2 Killer Tips

Bridge

- Page 2      Undocumented Bridge Slide Show Tip  
If you are watching a slide show in bridge and come across an image you want to open just press the letter O.
- Page 3      Open any folder with a simple drag and drop  
In bridge just drag any folder to the preview panel and drop—it will open.
- Page 4      Creating a new folder the fast way  
Find an empty space on bridge desktop and right click—the context menu appears- select new folder.
- Page 5      A sneak peek at your Photo's data  
Just hover cursor over image. If unable – go to Preferences – choose General – check Show Tool Tips.
- Page 6      Uncluttering your view  
To hide all data on desktop, press Ctrl-T; to it bring back press again
- Page 7      Rename any photo fast  
Click on the thumbnail then press the spacebar – Name is high lighted – type in new name – press enter.

(End of Bridge)

- Page 24     Short cut makes a debut  
To bring up image size and canvas menus –  
Ctrl-Alt-I  
Ctrl-Alt-C
- Page 26     Don't use it? Hide it!  
Go edit-menus double click on filters and turn off the ones you don't use. To recover, use instructions at the bottom of menu.

- Page 27      Lost your cursor – find it fast  
Use the spacebar – Icon turns into a white hand tool, easy to see.
- Page 29      Using the lasso tool? Keep it straight  
Lasso tool for free form. Need a straight line – hold the Alt key and release the mouse – continue the selection – the cursor is now the polygonal lasso tool – at the end of selection click and hold the mouse button to add a point – release the Alt key and you are back to the lasso tool.
- Page 33      The smaller toolbox trick  
If the toolbox is in the way for a few seconds just double-click on the very top, leaving just a little tab showing. Double click the tab to get it to return.
- Page 35      Nudging 10 pixels at a time  
With the move tool selected the arrow keys nudge an image 1 pixel at a time. Hold down the shift key and you get 10 pixels at a time.
- Page 38      Shrink those palettes down to size  
Double click on the palette name tab and you minimize it. Double click it again to resize.
- Page 45      Reaching the free transform handles  
If the transform handles are out of reach go Ctrl-t and then Ctrl-zero.
- Page 50      No more jaggy lasso tool selections  
To smooth out a lasso tool selection  
Press L (lasso tool) draw a selection  
Press Q to enter Quick Mask  
Use Filter > Noise > Median, move slider to smooth out selection. Press Q to return to normal selection.
- Page 51      Open up some screen real estate

If you want all the palettes out of the way press Shift-Tab. The menu bar, the option bar, and the toolbox remain. Press Shift-tab to return.

Page 52      Zooming all your tiled images at once  
Arrange your images as you wish – vertically or horizontally –  
To have all at the same magnification just hold the Shift Key,  
grab the Zoom tool (Z), zoom in on one of the images, and all  
the others will have the same magnification.

Page 92      Changing brush softness on the fly (also size)  
You can change the softness of a round brush by pressing Shift  
and using the left and right brackets ([ ]). Also the brackets  
alone will change the size of a round brush.

The reference book I used is: Scott Kelby & Felix Nelson, *Photoshop CS2 Killer Tips*.

I only used a few of the more general tips. I am sure you will find many more that you can use.

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