

DAW Shortcut Map

A print-friendly shortcut map grouped by real production jobs instead of trivia.

Universal Shortcuts to Learn First

- Save, undo, duplicate, split/cut, loop/cycle, record, play/stop and zoom.
- Learn commands by workflow: navigation, editing, recording, arranging and mixing.
- Customise only the shortcuts you use every session.

Ableton Live

- Tab: switch Session/Arrangement.
- A: automation mode.
- B: draw mode.
- Cmd/Ctrl+D: duplicate.
- Cmd/Ctrl+J: consolidate.

FL Studio

- F5: Playlist.
- F6: Channel Rack.
- F7: Piano Roll.
- F9: Mixer.
- Ctrl+B: duplicate selection.

Logic Pro

- R: record.
- C: cycle.
- A: automation.
- X: mixer.
- E: editor.
- Cmd+R: repeat region.

Practice Drill

- For one week, force yourself to use shortcuts for view switching, duplicate, split, record and save before adding any advanced commands.