Useful Pro Tools Shortcuts

Playback, Record and Timeline Control

Start/Stop playback - Spacebar

Record – Control/Command - Spacebar, or F12, or 3 (on numeric keypad)

Stop record – Control/Command + Period (.)

Centre on selection start/end - Left/right arrow keys (when selection exceeds window view)

Play edit selection – Alt/Option]

Return to start of session - Return

Go to end of session – Control/Command + return

Extend selection to start of session – Shift + return

Extend selection to end of session – Alt/Option + Shift + return

Link timeline and edit selection – Shift + Forward + Slash (/)

Edit Modes

Shuffle mode - F1 or Alt/Option + 1 (On QWERTY keyboard)

Slip mode - F2 or Alt/Option + 2 (On QWERTY keyboard)

Spot mode - F3 or Alt/Option + 3 (On QWERTY keyboard)

Grid mode - F4 or Alt/Option + 4 (On QWERTY keyboard)

Cycle through Edit Modes - Single open quote key (`) located above the TAB key

Edit Tools

Zoomer Tool - F5, or Control/Command + 1 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Trimmer tool - F6, or Control/Command + 2 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Selector tool - F7, or Control/Command + 3 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Grabber tool - F8, or Control/Command + 4 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Scrubber tool - F9, or Control/Command + 5 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Pencil tool - F10, or Control/Command + 6 (on QWERTY keyboard)

Smart Tool - F6 + F7. F7+F8, or Control/Command + 7 (On QWERTY keyboard)

Cycle through edit tools - Escape (Esc) key,or Centre-click

Fades

Create Fades (open Fades dialog) – Control/Command + F

Fade to start – Alt/Option + D

Fade to end – Alt/Option + G

Tracks

New track – Control/Command + Shift + N

Group tracks – Control/Command + G (with two or more tracks selected)

Duplicate tracks – Alt/Option + Shift + D

Create Memory Location (marker) - Return (on numeric keypad)

Delete Memory Location – Alt/Option - click on a Memory Location button

Keyboard Focus

Zoom Toggle - E

Zoom Out horizontally - R

Zoom In horizontally - T

Play Edit Selection - [

Trims start of region to cursor - A

Trims back of region to cursor - S

Fade from start of region to cursor - D

Fade (without showing Fades dialog) - F

Fade from cursor to end of region - G

Undo - Z

Cut - X