

Pathfinder Tips and Tools

For Pathfinder Version 6.0.10

Summary

I use Pathfinder for my dual pane browser in Mac. I haven't yet found a consolidated list of commands, and so I thought I would create one. This table isn't comprehensive, it doesn't include all keystrokes, but it includes those that I used most often. In addition, I include a list of ways to accomplish common tasks in Pathfinder.

Common Tasks

Generate a shortcut to a Folder

Step 1: Add Folder to Favorites ($\uparrow + \text{⌘} + T$)

Step 2: Go to Pathfinder Preferences ($\text{⌘},$)

Step 3: Keyboard > Go > Favorites

Step 4: Select a menu item within Favorites and hit a command key sequence to modify. Hit the delete key to clear.

Delete a Favorite from Pathfinder

Unfortunately, there is no easy way in version 6.0.10 to delete a folder from your favorites. For example, you can't just select the folder in the favorites section and drag it to the trash or hit $\text{⌘} + \text{delete}$. This is the only way I know how to delete a file from the favorites.

Step 1: Go to Pathfinder > View > Select "Show Invisible Files"

Step 2: Go to Users/YOUR USERNAME/Library (should be light grey)/Favorites

Step 3: Select the file and hit $\text{⌘} + \text{delete}$ (*Note: Don't worry, this won't delete your folder from your computer, just from the favorites section*)

Keyboard Symbols

Mac Keyboard Symbols

\wedge	control
\uparrow	Shift
⌵	caps lock
⌘	command
\leftarrow	enter or return
⌫	Delete
⌥	Option

Pathfinder Shortcuts

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Task	Keystroke
Creating, Moving, & Manipulating Files/Folders	
Send to trash	⌘ + Delete
Undo	⌘ + Z
Redo	⇧ + ⌘ + Z
Copy document or folder to right pane	Fn + F5
Move document or folder to right pane	Fn + F6
Compress to left pane	Fn + F7
Decompress to left pane	Fn + F8
Duplicate	⌘ + D
Batch Rename	⇧ + ⌘ + R
Create New Folder	⇧ + ⌘ + N
Create New Folder with Selection	Cntrl + ⌘ + N
New File	Optn + ⌘ + N
New Text File	Cntrl + ⇧ + ⌘ + N
Navigating Pathfinder	
New Browser	⌘ + N
Swap Panes (move R to L or L to R)	Fn + F2
Open selected folder in next pane	Fn + F3
Open selected file	↵
Open tab	⌘ + T
Back	⌘ + [
Forward	⌘ +]
Add a Folder to Favorites	⇧ + ⌘ + T
Open Finder Window	⌘ + F
Eject	⌘ + E
Viewing Preferences	
View as icons	⌘ + 1
View as list	⌘ + 2
View as columns	⌘ + 3
Show view options	⌘ + J
Dual Browser	Fn + F1
Quick Look	⌘ + Y
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