

GUIDELINES

Right-Click on Workspace	Edit Guides
Shift + Right-Click, No Selection	Delete
Double-Click	Edit Clicked Guide
Lock Guides	Edit Guides Dialog
Right-Click Ruler	Create Guide
Shift + Right-Click Object Handle	Create Guide
Shift + Right-Click Node Edit	Create Guide
Shift + Drag Guide	Constrain To Grid
Ctrl + Drag Guide	Create Parallel Guide
Alt + W	Hide Guides
Edit Guides Dialog >> Label Font	Edit the Label Fonts

CADLINK USER INTERFACES

CADlink also provides software products for the Engraving, Digital Printing, Garment Decorating, Screen Printing, and CNC Machining markets.



The user interface for all of our products is very similar, so that the learning curve when using a new product is minimal. This benefits you when transitioning to new types of production work, and when you are bringing in new employees to expand your business.

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SHORTCUTS AND HOT KEYS FOR SIGNALAB

CUSTOMIZE SHORTCUTS

Options menu >> Shortcuts

FILE MENU

Ctrl + N	New File
Ctrl + O	Open File
Ctrl + P	Windows Print
Ctrl + S	Save File
Ctrl + Shift + S	Save As

EDIT MENU

Ctrl + Z	Undo
Ctrl + Y	Redo
Ctrl + R	Repeat
Ctrl + X	Cut To Clipboard
Ctrl + D	Duplicate
Ctrl + C	Copy To Clipboard
Ctrl + V	Paste From Clipboard
Del	Clear
Ctrl + E	Edit [Object]
F3 or Ctrl + A	Select All
Alt + F3	Inverse Select
Shift + F3	Select None
F4 or Alt + D	Redraw

LAYOUT MENU

Alt + K	Alignment Controls
Ctrl + K	Apply Previous Align
Ctrl + G	Group
Alt + G	Ungroup

ARRANGE MENU

Ctrl + F	Move to Front
Ctrl + B	Move to Back
Ctrl + U	Forward
Ctrl + L	Backward
Ctrl + M	Reverse

Ctrl + H	Make Path
Ctrl + J	Break Path
Alt + B	Convert Text to Graphics
Shift + F2	Simplify
Alt + C	Clipping
Alt + U	Clipping Clear

CUT MENU

Alt + P	Plot
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TRANSFORM MENU

Shift + Ctrl +]	Make Pattern Darker
Shift + Ctrl + [.....	Make Pattern Lighter

VIEW MENU

Alt + S	Show Fill
Alt + M	Show Bitmaps Outline
Alt + N	Show Line Style
Alt + R	Show Rulers
Alt + I	Show Instant Replay

OPTIONS MENU

Ctrl + W	Snap To Grid
Alt + W	Hide Guides

FUNCTION KEYS

F1	Help
F2	Disable all colours except target colour
F3	Select All
F4	Refresh Workspace
F5	Zoom Marquee
F6	Zoom Out
Shift + F6	Zoom In
F7	Zoom To Selected Objects
F8	Zoom To Sign Blank
F9	Toggle Previous Zoom Level
F11	Center Workspace on Cursor

ALIGN TO LAST OBJECT

L Align To Left
 R Align To Right
 T Align To Top
 B Align To Bottom
 E Center Horizontal
 C Center Vertical

ALIGN SELECTED OBJECTS

Alt + 1 Align Left Edges
 Alt + 2 Center Vertically
 Alt + 3 Align Right Edges
 Alt + 4 Align
 Alt + 5 Center Horizontally
 Alt + 6 Align Bottom Edges
 Alt + 7 Center Horizontally & Vertically

ALIGN TO SIGN BLANK

Alt + NumPad Align to Sign Blank
 Alt + Delete Align To Left Edge
 Alt + PgDown Align To Right Edge
 Alt + Ins Align To Top Edge
 Alt + PgUp Align To Bottom Edge
 Alt + End Center Horizontally
 Alt + Home Center Vertically
 Ctrl + Q Space Equally Horz. & Vert.

NODE EDIT AND ARC EDIT

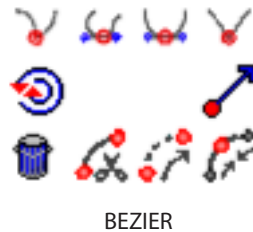
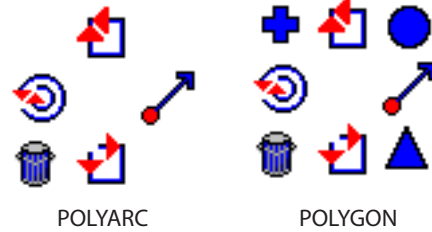
A Add Node
 C Change Node*
 R Remove Node
 L Locate Origin At Node
 G Resize Grid At Node
 S Snap Node to Nearest Intersection
 H Snap Node To Horizontal
 V Snap Node To Vertical
 J Join Two Nodes With Connecting Line
 B Break Contour At Node
 F3 Select All Nodes
 U Select Alternate Nodes (of Selection)
 D Deselect Current Node
 O Create Perfect Circle
 T Toggle Start Point (for plotting)
 K (Klick) Select Node Under Cursor*

* - Node Edit Tool Only

NODE PALETTES

Right-Click Reveal Node Palette*

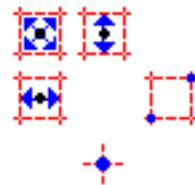
* When node editing a polyarc, polygon, or Bézier. The controls vary according to the object type.



ALIGN PALETTE

Ctrl + Right-Click Reveal Align Palette

- Either apply to selected node,
- Or apply to handle of bounding box.



To Restore the Origin and Grid

- Options menu >> Reset Origin
- Options menu >> SignLab Setup >> General Preferences

OBJECT HANDLES (NUBS)

When an object is selected, its bounding box has four corner handles, four edge handles, and one rotate handle.

Drag Edge Handle Stretch or Mirror
 Ctrl + Drag Edge 100% Increments

Right Click Handle Layout Tools
 Shift + Right Edge Proportional Scale
 Shift + Bottom Edge Proportional Scale
 Shift + Left Edge Scale Horizontally
 Shift + Top Edge Scale Vertically
 Ctrl + Rotate Handle Snap Angles
 Ctrl + Double-Click Parametric Object
 Convert to Node Object

SELECTING OBJECTS

SPACE Activate Select Tool
 Shift + Ctrl + A Lasso Select Tool Drag
 Shift + Click Add To Current Selection
 Alt + Click Select Along Contour Only
 Marquee Select Enclosed Objects
 Ctrl + Marquee Select Overlapped
 Shift + Click Palette Colour Add To Selection

RESIZE AND MOVE OBJECTS

Cursor Keys Move Object By 1 Pixel
 Shift + Cursor Keys Move By 5 Pixels
 Ctrl + Drag Object Align Vert/Horz
 TAB Select Next Object
 Shift + TAB Select Previous Object
 Alt + Drag Object Create Duplicate

+ key Press once to create duplicate upon next resize/move.

COLOUR PALETTES

Left-Click Set Fill Colour
 Right-Click Set Stroke Colour
 Shift + Click Select By Fill Colour
 Shift + Right-Click Select By Stroke Colour
 Ctrl + Click Disable Colour
 Alt + Click Disable All Other Colours
 Double Click Edit Colour Dialog

Drag Colour To Job Palette Colour
 Substitute Colour
 Drag Primer To Job Palette Colour
 Apply To Those Objects
 Double Click Primer
 Edit Primer/Highlight
 Drag Colour Onto "Primer: None"
 Create Primer/Highlight

SMARTBAR CONTROLS

Right-Click Arrows Set Default Increment
 Current Nub For Position And Scaling

SmartBar Fields Perform Simple Math:
 Convert Inches to mm Value * 25.4
 Convert mm to Inches Value / 25.4

TEXT COMPOSE

Display Entire Font:
 1. Right-Click Text Compose Tool
 2. Choose font in Font Detective
 3. Click the Select button

Change SmartBar Configuration:
 1. Click Default Settings

UPDATING SIGNLAB

Alt + H + A, then R Version and Build

To Download Latest Version:

- Close SignLab
- Go Start menu >> All Programs >> SignLab >> Update SignLab
- Click Download

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