

Adobe FrameMaker Keyboard Reference (Windows 64-bit)

Verified Windows accelerators (Ctrl+...) and sequential Escape sequences (Esc ...) for FrameMaker 2020, 2022, and 2026. Escape sequences are pressed and released sequentially.

1. Core Display & Pod Activation Shortcuts

Pod / Window	Escape Sequence	Function / Description
Paragraph Designer	Esc Shift+F I P	Opens Paragraph Designer to edit and apply paragraph catalog tags.
Character Designer	Esc Shift+F I O (or Esc V K)	Opens Character Designer for inline styling without creating overrides.
Conditional Text	Esc V C	Opens Conditional Text pod to build Boolean expression filters.
Table Designer	Esc Shift+F I T	Opens Table Designer to format table formats, ruling, and shading.
Structure View	Esc V S	Opens Structure View window to navigate element hierarchy tree.
Element Catalog	Esc V E	Opens Element Catalog pod to insert or wrap elements in valid context.
Attributes Panel	Esc V A	Opens Attributes editor for selected XML element.
Element Validation	Esc V V	Opens Element Validation window (press F7 for next error).
Variables Panel	Esc V Y	Opens Variables pod to manage single-source system and user variables.
Cross-References	Esc S C	Opens Cross-References pod to insert and re-link markers.
Markers Panel	Esc S M	Opens Markers management window for index, hypertext, and custom markers.
Publish Pod	Esc P H	Opens Multi-Channel Publish pod (PDF, Responsive HTML5, EPUB).

2. Function Key Map (Single-Keystroke & Shift Combinations)

Key	Standard Key Action	Shift + Function Key Action
F1	Opens online FrameMaker Help	Context-sensitive help prompt
F2	Applies Plain Text character format	Selects enclosing parent element in Structure View
F3	Applies Underline character format	Applies Overline character format
F4	Applies Bold character format	Toggles capitalization (lowercase / uppercase)
F5	Applies Italic character format	Refreshes screen rendering / window redraw
F6	Moves focus to next document window	Moves focus to previous document window
F7	Executes Spelling Checker (Esc L S)	Opens Thesaurus lookup
F8	Choose Character Format by typing tag name	Set all Designer properties to As Is
F9	Choose Paragraph Format by typing tag name	Reset Designer properties to match selection

3. Structure View Navigation & XML Element Operations

Operation	Shortcut	Function / Description
Open Structure View	Esc V S	Displays interactive element hierarchy bubble tree.
Select Parent Bubble	Up Arrow	Navigates up to enclosing container element bubble.
Select First Child	Down Arrow	Moves focus into first child element of current bubble.
Select Next Sibling	Right Arrow	Moves focus to subsequent sibling element at same level.
Select Previous Sibling	Left Arrow	Moves focus to preceding sibling element at same level.
Collapse Subtree	NumPad Minus (-)	Collapses all descendants beneath current element bubble.
Expand Subtree	NumPad Plus (+)	Expands immediate child elements beneath selected bubble.
Expand Entire Tree	NumPad Multiply (*)	Expands entire document hierarchy from root to leaves.
Insert Element	Ctrl+1	Opens Element Catalog filtered for insertion at cursor.
Wrap Element	Ctrl+2	Wraps selected text or elements inside chosen container tag.
Change Element Tag	Ctrl+3	Changes element tag while preserving valid children.
Edit Attributes	Esc V A	Opens Attributes pod to inspect or set required attributes.
Validate Document	Esc V V	Runs structural parser across entire document tree.
Find Next Error	F7 (in dialog)	Jumps directly to next structural error or missing element.

4. Table Designer & Rapid Cell Manipulation

Action	Shortcut	Action	Shortcut
Insert Table	Ctrl+T or Esc T I	Select Entire Table	Esc T H A
Insert Row Above	Ctrl+I	Select Current Row	Esc T H R
Insert Row Below	Ctrl+R	Select Current Column	Esc T H L
Move to Next Cell	Tab	Select Current Cell	Esc T H C
Move to Prev Cell	Shift+Tab	Set Properties to As Is	Shift+F8 (in Designer)
Move Down One Row	Down Arrow	Match Selected Table	Shift+F9 (in Designer)

5. Document, Book Assembly & Master Template Synchronization

Operation	Shortcut	Description
New Document / New Book	Ctrl+N / Esc F N B	Creates fresh standalone document or master book container.
Save All Open Files in Book	Esc F S A	Shift + File > Save All Open Files across active book.
Update Master Book	Esc E B	Executes two-pass book update: numbering, TOC, IX, and xrefs.
Update Document References	Esc E U	Updates text insets, variables, and cross-references in active file.
Import Formats (All)	Esc F I O	Batch synchronizes paragraph, character, table, and variable catalogs.
Import Element Definitions	Esc F I E	Compiles updated EDD structure into target document or book.
Switch Page Views	Esc V M / Esc V R / Esc V B	Jumps instantly between Master Pages, Reference Pages, and Body Pages.

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