



# RasMol Quick Reference

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## Mouse Buttons (PC)

Clicking on an atom identifies that atom in the command window.

Left Button	Rotate X-Y
Right Button	Translate X-Y
Shift Left Button	Zoom
Shift Right Button	Rotate Z
Control Left Button	Z-Clipping (Slab)

## General Commands

**load [format] <filename>** Load a molecule  
**pdb** Brookhaven Protein Databank  
**others** see documentation

**zap** Delete molecule  
**exit** Exit from RasMol

**help [topic [subtopic]]** Display on-line help  
 topic

## Selection

**select <expression>** Update part of molecule  
**restrict <expression>** Display only part of mol.

\* All atoms  
 cys Atoms in cysteines  
 hoh Atoms in water molecules  
 as? Atoms in asparagine or aspartic acid  
 \*120 Atoms at residue 120 of all chains  
 \*p Atoms in chain P  
 \*.n? Nitrogen atoms  
 cys.sg Sulphur atoms in cysteine residues  
 ser70.c? Carbon atoms in serine-70  
 hem\*p.fe Iron atoms in the Heme of chain P  
 \*.\*;A Atoms in alternate conformation A  
 \*/4 All atoms in model 4

## Atom Expressions

**Predefined Sets:** alpha  
 hydrophobic  
 3,16,12  
 9-20

**Residue Ranges:**

**Boolean Operators:** backbone and not alpha  
 ligand or 196-199  
 not (hydrogen or hetero)  
 not \*.FE and hetero

**Primitive Expressions:** cys, glu, arg, as?  
 ser70a, \*\*p, glu24:1  
 hem\*p.fe, \*.sg

**Comparison Operators:** atomno=4,atomno=6  
 temperature>=900

**Within Expressions:** within(8.0,ligand)

## Predefined Sets

<b>at</b>	<b>acidic</b>	<b>acyclic</b>	<b>aliphatic</b>
<b>alpha</b>	<b>amino</b>	<b>aromatic</b>	<b>backbone</b>
<b>basic</b>	<b>bonded</b>	<b>buried</b>	<b>cg</b>
<b>charged</b>	<b>cyclic</b>	<b>cystine</b>	<b>helix</b>
<b>hetero</b>	<b>hydrogen</b>	<b>hydrophobic</b>	<b>ions</b>
<b>large</b>	<b>ligand</b>	<b>medium</b>	<b>neutral</b>
<b>nucleic</b>	<b>polar</b>	<b>protein</b>	<b>purine</b>
<b>pyrimidine</b>	<b>selected</b>	<b>sheet</b>	<b>sidechain</b>
<b>small</b>	<b>solvent</b>	<b>surface</b>	<b>turn</b>
<b>water</b>			

**define <identifier> <expression>** User-defined sets

## Rendering Commands

**background <colour>** Set background colour  
**set ambient [value]** Depth-cueing/lighting  
**set shadows [boolean]** Enable/disable shadows  
**set specular [boolean]** Enable atom highlights  
**set specpower [value]** Control atom 'shininess'

## Display Commands

**thickness values are in 1/250 Å units**

**wireframe [boolean]** Display wireframe  
**wireframe <value>** Display stick bonds

**spacefill [boolean]** Display spacefill spheres  
**spacefill <value>** Specify atom sphere radius  
**spacefill temperature**

**backbone [boolean]** Display alpha backbone  
**backbone <value>** Specify backbone radius

**ribbons [boolean]** Display solid ribbons  
**ribbons <value>** Specify ribbon width

**cartoon [boolean]** Display ribbon & direction  
**cartoon <value>** Specify width

**label [boolean]** Draw default atom labels  
**label <string>** Label with arbitrary text  
**set fontsize <value>** Set label font height

**ssbonds [boolean]** Display disulphide bonds  
**ssbonds <value>** Specify ssbond radius

**set ssbonds backbone** SSBonds between alphas  
**set ssbonds sidechain** SSBonds between sulphurs

**hbonds [boolean]** Display hydrogen bonds  
**hbonds <value>** Specify hbond radius

**set hbonds backbone** HBonds between alphas  
**set hbonds sidechain** HBonds donor/acceptor

**monitor <#>, <#>** Draw bond and distance between arbitrary atoms

**monitor [boolean]** Turn monitor on and off  
**set monitor [boolean]** Turn monitor label on/off

**dots [boolean]** Display dot surface  
**dots <value>** Specify dot density

**set solvent [boolean]** VDW or solvent surface  
**set radius <value>** Specify probe sphere rad.

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## Colour Commands

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**colour** [object] <colour>      Colour representation

### Objects:

<b>atoms</b>	<b>bonds</b>	<b>backbone</b>
<b>ribbons</b>	<b>labels</b>	<b>hbonds</b>
<b>ssbonds</b>	<b>dots</b>	<b>axes</b>
<b>ribbons1</b>	<b>ribbons2</b>	

### Predefined Colours:

<b>blue</b>	<b>black</b>	<b>cyan</b>	<b>green</b>
<b>greenblu</b>	<b>magenta</b>	<b>orange</b>	<b>purple</b>
<b>e</b>			
<b>red</b>	<b>redorange</b>	<b>violet</b>	<b>white</b>
<b>yellow</b>			

### Atom Colour Schemes:

<b>cpk</b>	<b>amino</b>	<b>shapely</b>
<b>group</b>	<b>chain</b>	<b>structure</b>
<b>temperature</b>	<b>charge</b>	<b>user</b>

**colour hbonds type**      Colour hbonds by offset  
**colour dots potential**      Display potential surface

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## Colour Schemes

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### CPK Atom Colours

Carbon	<b>light grey</b>	[200,200,200]
Oxygen	<b>red</b>	[240,0,0]
Nitrogen	<b>light blue</b>	[143,143,255]
Hydrogen	<b>white</b>	[255,255,255]
Sulphur	<b>yellow</b>	[255,200,50]
Phosphorous	<b>orange</b>	[255,165,0]
Chlorine	<b>green</b>	[0,255,0]
Ca, Metals	<b>dark grey</b>	[128,128,144]
Unknown	<b>deep pink</b>	[255,20,147]

### Amino Acid Colours

ASP, GLU	<b>bright red</b>	[230,10,10]
CYS, MET	<b>yellow</b>	[230,230,0]
LYS, ARG	<b>blue</b>	[20,90,255]
SER, THR	<b>orange</b>	[250,150,0]
PHE, TYR	<b>mid blue</b>	[50,50,170]
ASN, GLN	<b>cyan</b>	[0,220,220]
GLY	<b>light grey</b>	[235,235,235]
LEU, VAL, ILE	<b>green</b>	[15,130,15]
ALA	<b>dark grey</b>	[200,200,200]
TRP	<b>pink</b>	[180,90,180]
HIS	<b>pale blue</b>	[130,130,210]
PRO	<b>flesh</b>	[220,150,130]

### Secondary Structure Colours

Alpha Helix	<b>magenta</b>	[240,0,128]
Beta Sheet	<b>yellow</b>	[255,255,0]
Turns	<b>pale blue</b>	[96,128,255]
Other	<b>white</b>	[255,255,255]

### Hydrogen Bond Type Colours

Offset +2	<b>white</b>	[255,255,255]
Offset +3	<b>magenta</b>	[255,0,255]
Offset +4	<b>red</b>	[255,0,0]
Offset +5	<b>orange</b>	[255,165,0]
Offset -3	<b>cyan</b>	[0,255,255]
Offset -4	<b>green</b>	[0,255,0]
default	<b>yellow</b>	[255,255,0]

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## Manipulation Commands

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**rotate** <axis> [-] <value>      Rotate molecule  
**translate** <axis> [-] <value>      Translate molecule  
**zoom** [boolean]                      Scale molecule  
**zoom** <value>                        Specify magnification  
**slab** [boolean]                        Enable/disable slabbing  
**slab** <value>                         Move Z-clipping plane  
**centre** [expression]                 Set centre of rotation  
**reset**                                    Initial transformation

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## Export Commands

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**write** [format] <filename>      Output image file  
**gif**                                      CompuServe GIF format  
**ps, epsf**                                Encapsulated PostScript  
**monops**                                 Monochrome PostScript  
**vectps**                                 'Cartoon' PostScript  
**bmp**                                      Microsoft Bitmap format  
**pict**                                     Apple 'PICT' file  
**ppm**                                     Portable Pixmap  
**sun,**                                     Sun Rasterfile  
**sunrle**

**set vectps** <boolean>      Enable cartoon outlines

**write script** <filename>      Generate RasMol script  
**write molscript** <filename>      Output MolScript script  
**write kinemage** <filename>      Output Kinemage file  
**set kinemage** <boolean>      Set Mage file detail

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## Misc. Commands

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**structure**                                DSSP secondary structure  
**connect** [boolean]                      Recalculate connectivity  
**renumber**                                Sequentially number chains  
**show information**                        Display molecule statistics  
**show sequence**                         Display molecule sequence  
**show symmetry**                         Display crystal space group

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## Command Line Editing

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In addition to the cursor keys, the following 'emacs' control keys may be used to edit the command line.

Ctrl-H / Ctrl-D Delete previous/next character  
Ctrl-B / Ctrl-F Move backward/forward a character  
Ctrl-A / Ctrl-E Move to beginning/end of line  
Ctrl-P / Ctrl-N Display previous/next history