

Kdenlive

If you're spending your weeks in the timeline, you'll want to know a more efficient way of navigating it. There are all the usual video editing conventions in Kdenlive, albeit with some variation in keyboard assignments.

jkl

The now classic and ubiquitous "jkl" keyboard sequence is also present in Kdenlive. To play your timeline, you may press "l" (lowercase L) once for standard speed, "ll" for double speed, "lll" for triple speed. "K" stops playback. Press "j" for reverse playback, "jj" for double speed reverse, and "jjj" for triple speed reverse.

move by frame

You can also move by frame or by second. The left or right arrow will advance or rewind by one frame; shift-leftArrow or shift-rightArrow will move forward or back by one second.

jump

To move your playhead to the beginning of a video region, use the Home key; for the end of the region, use End.

To move along the timeline by splices, use Alt-leftArrow or Alt-rightArrow. And finally, you can jump to the beginning or end of the Timeline with control-Home or control-End.

By using these navigational tools, you'll find that for very long stretches of video editing, you won't need to bother with your mouse, which, as any Unix guru knows, is the real key to efficiency.

edit

cut: shift-r

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