Photoshop

- Panels & Workspace
  - Save workspace - personal favourites
  - Full screen mode (TAB)
  - Mouseover to show tabs
  - Shift + Tab
- Zoom
  - Scrubby zoom (turn it off)
  - [Ctl] [+], [Ctl] [-], [Ctl] [0], [Ctl] [Spacebar}
  - Click & draw zoom area
- Auto corrections
  - RAW color mode - white colour tool
  - Image menu
  - Auto tone (dark to light)
  - Auto colour (hue, e.g. red to green)
  - Auto contrast (brighten image)
  - Try auto feature in different order for different effects
  - Info Panel [F8]
  - RGB (web) or CMYK (printing)
- Selection
  - Save selection
  - Lasoo
  - Quick selection
  - Magic wand
  - Add to [Shift] or remove [Alt] from selection
  - Refine selection (e.g. feather)
  - Select/Modify/Expand (better edge)
- Other
  - History panel - create new doc, revert, etc
  - Post crop vignetting (Camera Raw [fx] effect)
  - Blend modes & opacity for cloning etc
  - Layer masks
  - Path to selection
  - [fx] layers
  - Fill colours - [Alt][backspace] or [Ctl][backspace]
  - Brush size - [Ctl] left or right bracket ([or])
  - Canvass & image size
  - Want same resolutions if merging images
- Masks
  - Masks panel
  - Selection - lasso, quick selection etc
  - Refine masks
  - Paint brush (black/white)
- Layers
  - [Ctl] and left/right bracket ([or]) to move layer
  - [Ctl] [move tool] to duplicate selection
  - Select multiple layers
  - Adjustment layers (non-destructive)
  - Create new fill or adjustment layers button
  - [fx] effects button
  - Layer panel
  - Adjustments can affect below or all layers
  - Flatten layers
  - Text layers, text effects, Insert line in text [Shift][Enter], Color of text, opacity etc
  - Double click selects text
  - [Ctl][+] or [-] to increase/decrease font size
  - [Alt][uarrow] or [darrow] to increase/decrease leading
  - Decreasing size of image layer can lose information, better to use smart object
- Mini Bridge
  - Edit data in mini bridge (and bridge)
    - Edit meta data
    - Camera raw
    - White balancing
    - Grain/noise etc
  - Open/organize files in PS
  - Arrange window/layout as required
  - Favourites
  - Preview panel
  - Raw camera mode (also Bridge)
  - Open multiple files
  - Show/hide in toolbar
- Bridge
  - Same functionality as MB + auoto merge etc
  - Can runs outside PS
  - Camera Raw
- Healing, Clone, Adjustments
  - Patch tool
    - opacity
    - Can repeat patch, or brush or healing etc
    - Marching ants
    - Be careful (can auto correct)
  - Healing brush
  - Spot healing tool
  - Red eye removal
  - Crop & straighten (File/Automate)
  - Adjustments panel (non-destructive)
  - Adjustment presets (e.g. lighten)
  - Adjustments histogram
  - Black & White Adjustments - image/greyscale (old method) better to use Adjustment panel and you can dial up the colours you want to highlight etc
  - Specular highlights = very bright areas (e.g. sparkle on jewellery)
  - Clone
- Effects
  - Dodge & burn
  - Auto merge (bridge etc)
  - Exposure
  - Whiten (e.g. eye whites)
  - Edit/Fill/Content Aware
  - Content Aware scale
  - Protect selection in content aware scale (have to Save selection first)
  - Resize
  - Free transform (shift to constrain)
  - Specify width on crop or marquee
  - 3D Postcard from Layer (single layer hence convert to smart object)
  - 3D effects, e.g. rotate etc
  - Filters & effects
  - Art effects
  - Blur e.g. Gaussian blur
  - Shadow creation
- Clipping Mask
  - Add text layer (big)
  - Add image layer above
  - Create clipping mask [Alt][Ctl][G]
  - Move/transform etc available
  - Layer release clipping mask

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