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version 1.something

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add, move, remove

What is it?

Guides is a utility tool for Adobe After Effects v16.1 (CC2019) and up.

It adds more power when working with guides inside the app, such as copy/pasting guides around multiple compositions, moving, rotating, saving, quickly adding guides around objects and more.

Installation

Follow these two simple steps to install script:

1. Unpack the archive you have downloaded and copy/paste "Guides.jsx" into the "ScriptUI Panels" folder:

- Windows: [Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects <version>\Support Files\Scripts](#)
- Mac OS: [Applications/Adobe After Effects <version>/Scripts](#)

If folder [ScriptUI Panels](#) does not exist, create a folder and name it "ScriptUI Panels". Then paste the copied files into it.

2. Allow script to access network to avoid unnecessary problems while loading UI. This option is under [General](#) tab of After Effects [Preference](#) panel:

- Windows: [Edit > Preferences > General](#)
- Mac: [After Effects > Preferences > General](#)

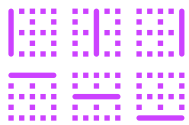
Once Installation is finished run the script in After Effects by clicking [Window > Guides](#)

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copy, paste, save, share



Lock Guides / Snap to Guides / Show Guides options. Sets respective feature ON or OFF. Hold ALT to set the value OFF. Applies to the active item in the Composition viewer, or selected items in the Project panel, or all the items in the project. A drawback of this action is that an item needs to be opened in the viewer. Hold CMD to close the viewer after the action is finished.



Adds left/middle/right/top/center/bottom guides to all selected compositions or layers.



Adds vertical or horizontal guides in the center of all selected compositions or at the anchor point of each selected layer.



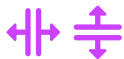
Target selector - toggle buttons that define on what direction should operations be performed: Horizontal & Vertical, Horizontal only, Vertical only.



Copies guides from active composition or a selected layer. When copying from a layer, the guides position is based in respect of the layers' position in the active composition.



Pastes guides into all selected compositions or layers. When pasting onto layers, then the top-left corner of each selected layer becomes the origin for the guides. Optionally, guides can be placed responsively, by remapping guides source data (width & height) into an active composition, or a selected layer.



Moves guides by 1px, SHIFT click moves by 10 pixels, CMD click moves by 100 pixels. ALT click move guides into the opposite direction.



Rotates guides by swapping their orientation. Optionally, position value in composition scope becomes value in percent, therefore guides can be swapped responsively.



Removes guides from all selected compositions



Saves guides into the file for later reuse. Behaviour is similar to Copy Guides action.



Apply guides for selected compositions or layers. Behaviour is similar to Paste Guides action.



Removes guides file from the disk.

Grid

Adds guides every X pixels for all selected compositions or layers. Accepts multiple values, separated by comma: 10, 5, 20, 55, etc.

Divide

Adds guides for all selected composition or layers by dividing them into X peaces.

Wrap

Adds guides for all selected compositions or layers at the borders (left, top, right, bottom). Accepts multiple values, separated by comma: 10, 5, 20, 55, etc.

Custom

Adds guides for all selected composition or layers at the selected origin. Accepts multiple values, separated by comma: 10, 5, 20, 55, etc.

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keys

Keyboard shortcuts

Most of the buttons have custom keyboard modifiers assigned to them. Get to know them here.

	no key	SHIFT	CMD	ALT	
Lock Guides	ON		Close view	OFF	
Snap to Guides	ON		Close view	OFF	
Show Guides	ON		Close view	OFF	
Add Left guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add Center guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add Right guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add Top guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add Middle guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add Bottom guide	Composition	Selected Layers			
Add guide at Anchor Point	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert		
Target selector					
Copy guides	Composition	Selected Layers			
Paste guides	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert	Responsive	
Move guides Left/Right	1px	10px	100px	Reverse	
Move guides Top/Bottom	1px	10px	100px	Reverse	
Rotate guides			Hor & Vert	Responsive	
Clear guides			Hor & Vert		
Save guides	Composition	Selected Layers		Open Folder	
Apply guides	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert	Responsive	
Remove guide file					
Grid	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert		
Divide	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert		
Wrap	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert		
Custom	Composition	Selected Layers	Hor & Vert		

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