

Mol* Cheat Sheet

1. Navigate the 3D Canvas:

- a. **Rotate**
 - Press left mouse button and move OR use Shift + left mouse button and drag.
- b. **Translate**
 - Press right mouse button and move OR use Control + the left mouse button and move. On a touchscreen device, use a two-finger drag.
- c. **Zoom**
 - Use the mouse wheel. On a touchpad, use a two-finger drag. On a touchscreen device, pinch two fingers.
- d. **Center and zoom**
 - Use right mouse button to click on the part of structure you wish to see.
- e. **Change clipping planes**
 - Use Shift button + the mouse wheel. On a touchpad, use the Shift button + a two-finger drag.

2. Select: first open Selection Mode and change the Picking Level (if needed)

- a. **Select Picking Level**
 - Click on objects in the 3D canvas – such as atoms, residues, chains, etc.
- b. **Select object in 3D canvas**
 - Click on residues, chains etc. in the 3D canvas based on picking level
- c. **Select object from Sequence Panel**
 - Click on residues, ligands, or entire chain in the Sequence Panel
- d. **Custom Select combinations**
 - Use the Set Operations Menu in the Selection Mode toolbar

3. See or Hide:

- a. **To add representations**
 - Create a component of the region you wish to see/hide → Go to the Components Panel and press the “eye” icon next to the component you create
- b. **To hide/remove from view**
 - Select region you wish to hide → Click on the subtract/hide icon in the Selections toolbar

4. Color:

- a. **N-terminus to C-terminus (rainbow)**
 - Components → Polymer → Set Coloring → Residue Property → Sequence Id
- b. **Heteroatom**
 - Components → Polymer → Set Coloring → Atom Property → Element Symbol
- c. **Secondary structure**
 - Components → Polymer → Set Coloring → Residue Property → Secondary Structure
- d. **Hydrophobicity**
 - Components → Polymer → Set Coloring → Residue Property → Hydrophobicity
- e. **Domain**
 - Select domain → Selections Menu → Apply Theme to Selection → Color → Apply Theme

5. Compare Structures: first upload two or more structures at rcsb.org/3D-view

- a. **By chains**
 - Select 2 or more polymer chains/residues → Superposition → By Chains → Superpose
- b. **By atoms**
 - Select 1 or more atoms → Superposition → By Atoms → Superpose

6. Make Measurements:

- a. **Distance**
 - Select 2 or more atoms/residues → Measurements → Add → Distance (for first 2 selections)
- b. **Angle**
 - Select 3 or more atoms/residues → Measurements → Add → Angle (for first 3 selections)
- c. **Dihedral**
 - Select 4 or more atoms → Measurements → Add → Dihedral (for first 4 selections)