Maya User Interface Overview

1 Menu Sets –

While Maya's first seven menus are always available, the remaining menus change depending on which Menu Set you choose. This helps focus your work on related tools.

2 Menus –

Menus contain tools and actions for creating and editing objects and setting up scenes. There is a main menu at the top of the Maya window and individual menus for the panels and option windows.

3 Status Line –

The Status Line contains shortcuts for a number of menu items as well as tools for setting up object selection and snapping. A Quick Selection field is also available that can be set up for numeric input.

4 Shelf –

The Shelf is available to you to set up customized tool sets that can be quickly accessed with a single click. You can set up shelves to support different workflows. Press Shift+Ctrl when selecting a menu item to add it to a Shelf.

8 QWERTY Tool Box –

The QWERTY hot keys can be used to Select ( ), Move ( ), Rotate ( ), Scale ( ) and Show Manipulators ( ), as well as access the last tool used ( ) in the scene.

9 Quick Layout Buttons –

The Quick Layout Buttons provide predefined configurations of the Maya Workspace. Hold the Right Mouse button over these buttons to give access to more options.

10 Help Line –

The Help Line gives a short description of tools and menu items as you scroll over them in the UI. This bar also prompts you with the steps required to complete a certain tool workflow.

11 Time Slider –

The Time Slider shows you the time range as defined by the range slider, the current time, and the keys on selected objects or characters. You can also use it to "scrub" through an animation.

12 Range Slider –

This bar lets you set up the start and end time of the scene's animation and a playback range if you want to focus on a smaller portion of the time.

11 Command Line –

This bar has an area to the left for inputting simple MEL commands and an area to the right for feedback. You will use these areas if you choose to become familiar with Maya's MEL scripting language.

14 Playback –

The Playback controls let you move around time and preview your animations as defined by the Time Slider range.

15 Anim/Character –

The Animation or Character menus allow you to quickly switch the animation layer or current character set.

5 Panel Toolbar –

The panel toolbar rests below the panel menu in each view panel. It lets you readily access many of the frequently used items in the panel menu with a button click. You can toggle view the toolbar by pressing Shift+Ctrl+M.
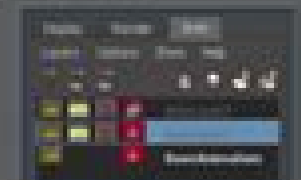
6 Channel Box –

The Channel Box lets you edit and key values for selected objects.

7 Layers –

Maya has three types of Layers.

Display Layers used to manage a scene.

Render Layers used to set up render passes for compositing.

Anim Layers used to blend, lock, or mute multiple levels of animation.

In all cases, there is a default layer where objects are initially placed upon creation.

Workspace –

The workspace consists of multiple panels that offer different ways of creating and evaluating your scenes.

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