



7.2.8 Editors - 3D Viewport - Tool Shelf - Curve - Edit Mode

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Tool Shelf - Curve - Edit Mode

With a curve object in edit mode you will find some tools to edit the curve geometry in the tool shelf.

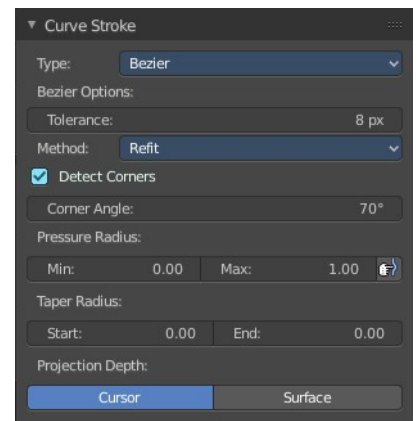
Tweak, Select, Transform, 3D Cursor Measure and Annotate tools

The tweak, select, transform, 3d cursor, measure and annotate tools at the end of the list are explained in the chapter 7.1.1 Editors - 3D View - Tool Shelf - Object Mode. We won't cover this tools again here.



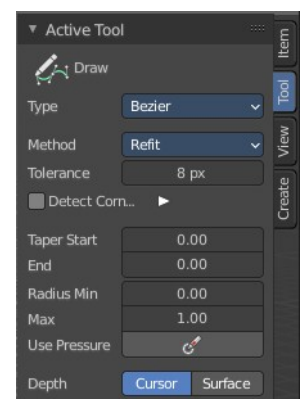
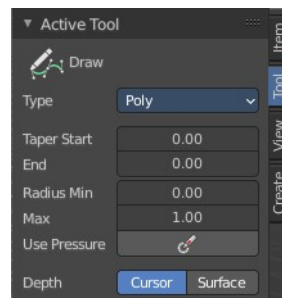
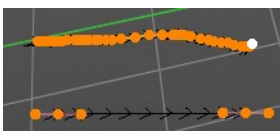
Curve Stroke Panel

The curve stroke panel is covered in the chapter 25.1.1 Editors - Properties Editor - Tools Tab - Edit Mode. We won't cover this tools again here.



Draw

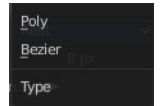
Allows you to draw a curve into the viewport.



Tool Settings

Type

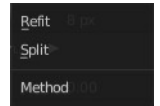
Set the draw method for the curve. Poly draws a simple polygon shape. Bezier creates a Bezier curve type with handlers.



With type Bezier you will get more options.

Method

The curve fitting method for a Bezier curve.



Refit

Incrementally refit the curve.

Split

Split the curve until it fits.

Tolerance

Allow deviation for a smoother but less precise line.

Detect Corners

Detect corners and use non aligned angles.



Corner Angle

Corners above this angle are considered as corners.

Taper Start / End

Taper factor for the radius of each curve point.

Radius Min/Max

Minimum or maximum radius when the pressure is applied.

Use Pressure

Use tablet pressure to draw the curve.

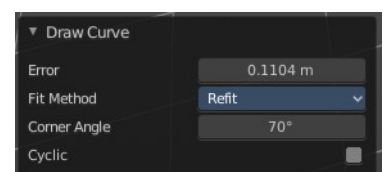
Depth

The method of projecting depth. Cursor or surface.

Last Operator Draw Curve

Error

Adjust the error distance threshold in object units



Fit Method

The curve fitting method. Choose between Refit and Split.

Corner Angle

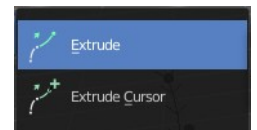
Corners above this angle are considered as corners.

Cyclic

With curve type Bezier the curve gets closed. Has no effect at curve type Poly.

Extrude Tools Group

This tools allows you to extrude out a new curve segment from the current selection



Snapping

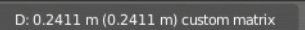
Holding down Ctrl activates temporary global snapping.

Precision movement

When you hold down shift, then you will have a much slower but also much preciser movement.

Header Values

When you move your selection then you will see some values in the header, which defines the current position of the extrude point.

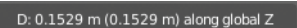
A screenshot of a header value in a software interface, displaying the text "D: 0.2411 m (0.2411 m) custom matrix".

Move without Widget

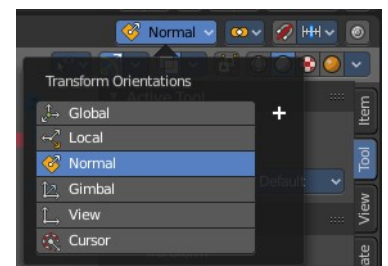
You don't have to use the widget to move the object. You can also click aside of it, and drag the object around. The mouse turns into a move cursor. The standard behavior then is to move in screen space. When you want to move into a specific axis, then press X or Y or Z to limit the movement to this axis.

Limit Axis

When you want to move along a specific axis, then press X or Y or Z to limit the movement to this axis. You usually start in global orientation. But you can change this in the Orientation settings.

A screenshot of a header value in a software interface, displaying the text "D: 0.1529 m (0.1529 m) along global Z".

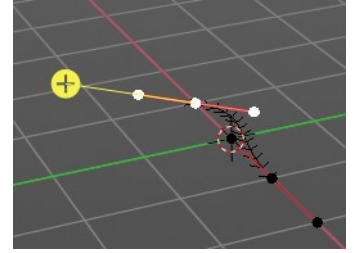
By holding down the mouse button and pressing the X, Y or Z key twice you can toggle this to local. But also to other orientations. This depends in what orientation you start. With normal you can toggle that way between Normal and Global.



Extrude

The Extrude tool extrudes the current selection in the direction of the widget.

When you activate the tool, then you will by default see a yellow widget at the selection. Drag it to extrude the selection.



D: 0.4618 m (0.4618 m) custom matrix

Header Value

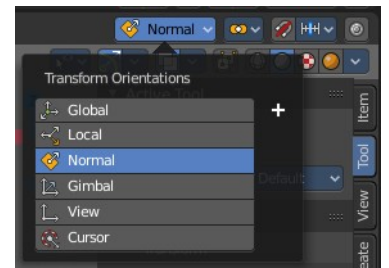
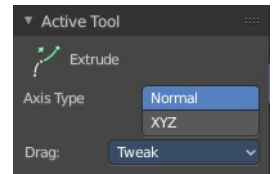
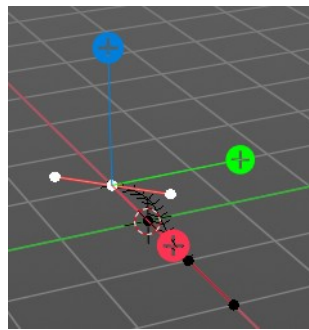
When you extrude curve points then you will see a value in the header. It tells you the current target position relative to the initial starting point(s) . This factor always starts with 0.

Tool Settings

Axis Type

You can choose between the regular axis type. That's the yellow widget with just one handler. It always points in the direction of the middle normals of the selection.

Or you can use the XYZ axis type. That's a handler with three axis. This widget can be aligned with the transform orientation methods.



Drag

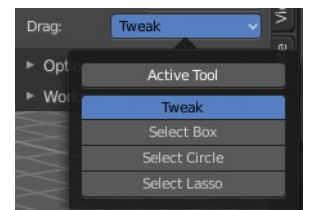
When you click at the widget of the active tool, then you perform the tool action. Adjust what should happen when you click outside of the widget, in the empty area.

Active Tool

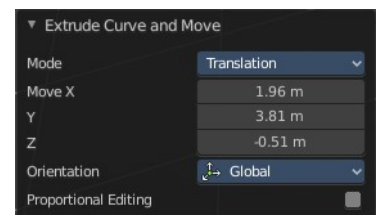
When you click off the widget then the click still does the same than clicking at the widget. It performs the active tool.

Tweak, Select Box, Circle and Lasso

When you choose this options then you will set the off click to the different select methods. Whereas tweak works more than a move tool then. Tweak is the default.



Last operator Extrude Curve and Move



Mode

A drop-down box. Choose between different extrude modes.

Default is Translation. Most other methods has no effect.

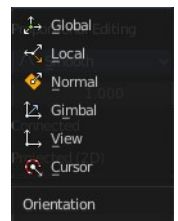


Move X , Y , Z

The position of the extruded point(s).

Orientation

Adjust the orientation of the extrusion. It usually starts with Normal.



Proportional editing

Enables proportional editing. Activating proportional editing reveals further settings.

Proportional Falloff

Adjust the falloff methods.

Proportional Size

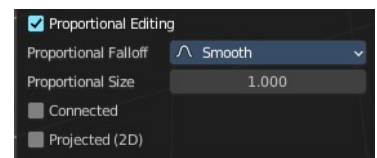
See and adjust the falloff radius.

Connected

The proportional falloff gets calculated for connected parts only.

Projected(2D)

The proportional falloff gets calculated in the screen space. Depth doesn't play a role. When it's in the radius, then it gets calculated.



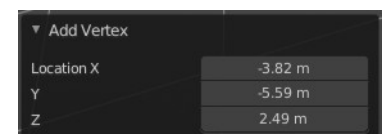
Extrude Cursor

Extrudes the control points to where you click.

Last Operator Add Vertex

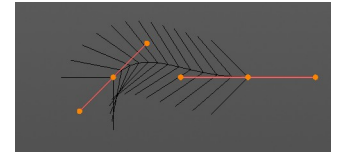
Location X Y Z

The location of the new created control point(s).



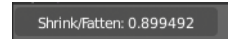
Radius

Bezier curves have a radius. This is displayed by the black lines that points away from the curve. The radius tool allows you to resize this radius.



Header Value

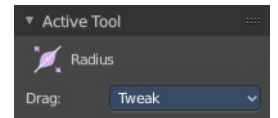
When you resize the curve radius then you will see a value in the header. It tells you the current scale factor. This factor always starts with 1.



Tool Settings

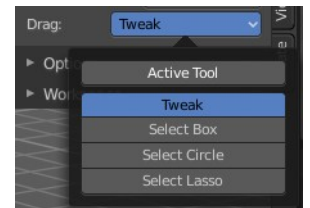
Drag

When you click at the widget of the active tool, then you perform the tool action. Adjust what should happen when you click outside of the widget, in the empty area.



Active Tool

When you click off the widget then the click still does the same than clicking at the widget. It performs the active tool.



Tweak, Select Box, Circle and Lasso

When you choose this options then you will set the off click to the different select methods. Whereas tweak works more than a move tool then. Tweak is the default.

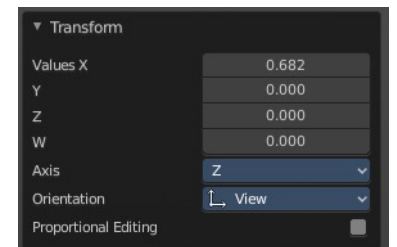
Last Operator Transform

Values X Y Z W

The axis to increase the radius. Just X has an effect with the curve radius.

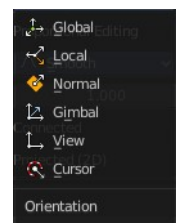
Axis

The axis to use. This has no effect with a curve object.



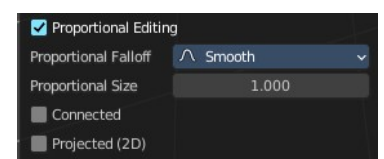
Orientation

Adjust the orientation of the extrusion. It usually starts with Normal.



Proportional editing

Enables proportional editing. Activating proportional editing reveals further settings.



Proportional Falloff

Adjust the falloff methods.

Proportional Size

See and adjust the falloff radius.

Connected

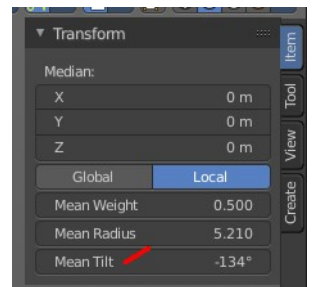
The proportional falloff gets calculated for connected parts only.

Projected(2D)

The proportional falloff gets calculated in the screen space. Depth doesn't play a role. When it's in the radius, then it gets calculated.

Tilt

With this tool you can tilt the curve. It is the mean tilt value in the Transform panel of the Sidebar.

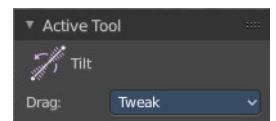


Header Value

When you rotate the curve with the tilt tool, then you will see a value in the header. It tells you the current rotation relative to the starting rotation. This value always starts with 0.

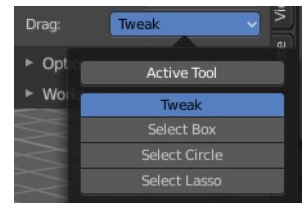


Tool Settings



Drag

When you click at the widget of the active tool, then you perform the tool action. Adjust what should happen when you click outside of the widget, in the empty area.



Active Tool

When you click off the widget then the click still does the same than clicking at the widget. It performs the active tool.

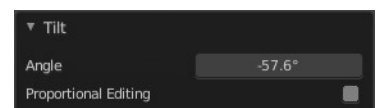
Tweak, Select Box, Circle and Lasso

When you choose this options then you will set the off click to the different select methods. Whereas tweak works more than a move tool then. Tweak is the default.

Last Operator Transform

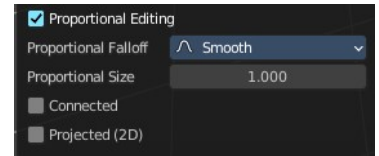
Angle

This value tells you the current rotation relative to the starting rotation. This value always starts with 0.



Proportional editing

Enables proportional editing. Activating proportional editing reveals further settings.



Proportional Falloff

Adjust the falloff methods.

Proportional Size

See and adjust the falloff radius.

Connected

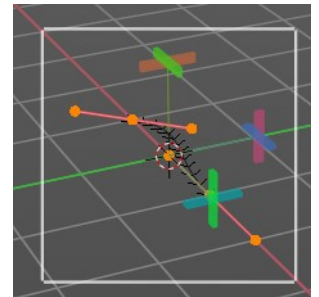
The proportional falloff gets calculated for connected parts only.

Projected(2D)

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Shear

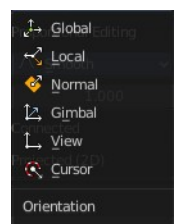
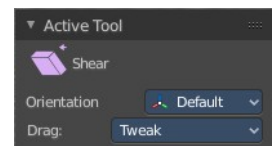
The shear tool allows you to shear the selected geometry. When you activate the tool, then a widget appears that allows you to pull in the desired direction.



Tool Settings

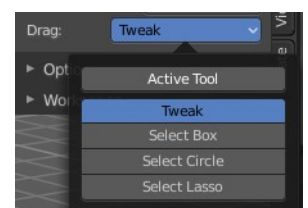
Orientation

Choose the orientation for the shear action.



Drag

When you click at the widget of the active tool, then you perform the tool action. Adjust what should happen when you click outside of the widget, in the empty area.



Active Tool

When you click off the widget then the click still does the same than clicking at the widget. It performs the active tool.

Tweak, Select Box, Circle and Lasso

When you choose this options then you will set the off click to the different select methods. Whereas tweak works more than a move tool then. Tweak is the default.

Last Operator Shear

Offset

Adjust an offset.

Axis

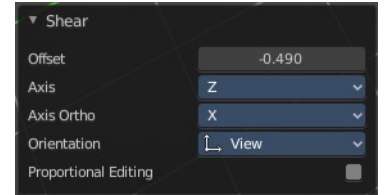
Defines one axis of the imaginary shear axis plane.

Axis Ortho

Defines the other axis of the imaginary shear axis plane.

Orientation

Choose the orientation for the shear action.



Proportional editing

Enables proportional editing. Activating proportional editing reveals further settings.

Proportional Falloff

Adjust the falloff methods.

Proportional Size

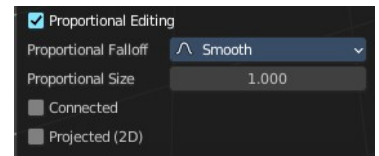
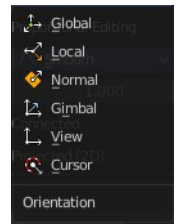
See and adjust the falloff radius.

Connected

The proportional falloff gets calculated for connected parts only.

Projected(2D)

The proportional falloff gets calculated in the screen space. Depth doesn't play a role. When it's in the radius, then it gets calculated.



Randomize

Randomize the position of the selected polygon or control points.

Header Value

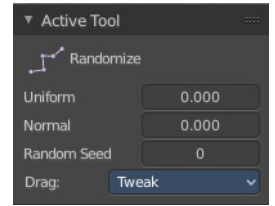
When you randomize the points, then you will see a value in the header. It tells you the current randomization amount. This value always starts with 0.

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Tool Settings

Uniform

With a value of 0 the randomization happens uniformly. The higher the value the more uniform the randomization affects the selected points.



Normal

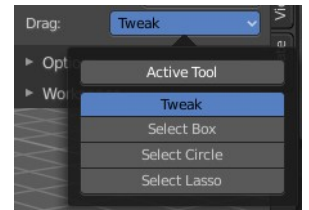
Align the offset direction to normals. This value has no effect.

Random Seed

A random seed value.

Drag

When you click at the widget of the active tool, then you perform the tool action. Adjust what should happen when you click outside of the widget, in the empty area.



Active Tool

When you click off the widget then the click still does the same than clicking at the widget. It performs the active tool.

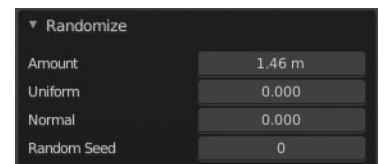
Tweak, Select Box, Circle and Lasso

When you choose this options then you will set the off click to the different select methods. Whereas tweak works more than a move tool then. Tweak is the default.

Last Operator Transform

Amount

The randomization amount.



Uniform

With a value of 0 the randomization happens uniformly. The higher the value the more uniform the randomization affects the selected points.

Normal

Align the offset direction to normals. This value has no effect.

Random Seed

A random seed value.