

## The Contextual Task Bar Explained

This feature is a floating bar that appears at the bottom of your document window by default, offering suggestions and quick action buttons that change based on what you have selected or the tool you are using. [↗](#)

### Key functions and behaviors:

- **Context-Aware Actions:** The buttons displayed in the taskbar dynamically update depending on the selected layer (e.g., pixel, type, or shape layer) or the active tool.
- **Workflow Boosters:** It provides quick access to common tasks, reducing the need to navigate through menus or remember keyboard shortcuts.
- **Examples of actions:**
  - **Selections:** Select Subject, Remove Background, Invert Selection, Refine Edge.
  - **Generative AI:** Generative Fill (if applicable to your version/subscription).
  - **Type Layers:** Change font, size, and color.
  - **Transform Operations:** Buttons for rotating or flipping objects during a transform workflow.
- **Customization:**
  - **Move:** You can click and drag the bar by its left handle to reposition it anywhere on your canvas.
  - **Hide/Show:** If you find it distracting, you can hide it by selecting **Window > Contextual Task Bar** from the Menu Bar to toggle its display on or off. [↗](#)

The Contextual Task Bar was introduced in Photoshop version 24.5 and continues to be a central part of the user experience in the current v27.1 release.