Claude Code cheat sheet

Commands, shortcuts and flags · checked 2026-11-16

Sessions and context

`/clear`	Start a fresh conversation with empty context
`/compact [focus]`	Summarize the conversation to free up context
`/context`	Show how full the context window is
`/resume [name]`	Pick up an earlier conversation
`/rename [name]`	Name the current session
`/branch [name]`	Try a different direction without losing this one
`/rewind`	Undo the conversation and code to an earlier point (also /undo)
`/btw [question]`	Ask a side question without adding it to the conversation
`/recap`	One-line summary of the session so far
`/export [file]`	Save the conversation as plain text
`/copy [N]`	Copy Claude's last (or Nth-last) reply
`/exit`	Leave Claude Code (also /quit)

Model, cost and status

`/model [model]`	Switch model and save it as your default
`/effort [level]`	Set how hard Claude thinks: low to max, or auto
`/fast [on|off]`	Toggle fast mode
`/usage`	Session cost, plan limits and stats (also /cost, /stats)
`/status`	Version, model, account and connection
`/rate-limit-options`	Ways to keep working when you hit a usage limit

Project setup

`/init`	Create a CLAUDE.md guide for this project
`/memory`	Edit CLAUDE.md files and auto memory
`/add-dir <path>`	Give Claude access to another folder
`/cd <path>`	Move the session to another folder
`/permissions`	Manage allow, ask and deny rules
`/config`	Open settings (or /config key=value)
`/hooks`	View hook configurations
`/agents`	Create or manage subagents
`/skills`	List skills and choose which Claude can use
`/plugin`	Install and manage plugins
`/mcp`	Manage MCP servers and their logins
`/import`	Bring settings over from Codex, Gemini CLI or Cursor
`/doctor`	Check your install and settings, and fix problems

Plan, review and ship

`/plan [task]`	Enter plan mode: Claude proposes before it edits
`/diff`	Review all changes in your working tree
`/code-review`	Review the current diff for bugs (also /review)
`/security-review`	Check your branch for security problems
`/simplify`	Find and apply cleanups in changed code
`/install-github-app`	Set up Claude for GitHub pull requests and Actions

Background, cloud and automation

`/tasks`	See background work and subagents
`/subtask <task>`	Hand a task to a background subagent and keep working
`/background`	Send this session to the background and free the terminal
`/loop [interval] [prompt]`	Repeat a prompt while the session is open
`/schedule`	Create scheduled cloud tasks
`/goal <condition>`	Keep working across turns until a condition is met
`/desktop`	Continue this session in the desktop app
`/teleport`	Pull a cloud session into this terminal
`/remote-control`	Control this session from claude.ai or your phone

Look and feel, help

`/theme`	Change colors, including colorblind-friendly themes
`/statusline`	Set up the status line
`/terminal-setup`	Make Shift+Enter add a new line in your terminal
`/keybindings`	Edit your keyboard shortcuts
`/help`	Show help and all commands
`/powerup`	Short interactive lessons on Claude Code features
`/release-notes`	See what changed in each version
`/passes`	Share a free week of Claude Code (eligible plans)
`/bug`	Report a bug to Anthropic

Keyboard shortcuts

`Esc`	Stop Claude mid-answer so you can redirect it
`Esc Esc`	Clear your draft, or open rewind when the prompt is empty
`Shift+Tab`	Cycle permission modes (Manual, Accept edits, Plan, Auto)
`Shift+Enter`	New line without sending (run /terminal-setup if it doesn't work)
`Ctrl+C`	Interrupt, or clear input; press twice to exit
`Ctrl+D`	Exit (press twice)
`Ctrl+O`	Show the full transcript with tool details
`Ctrl+R`	Search your prompt history
`Ctrl+B`	Move a running command or agent to the background
`Ctrl+T`	Show or hide Claude's task checklist
`Ctrl+S`	Stash your draft prompt, press again to restore it
`Ctrl+G`	Edit your prompt in your text editor
`Ctrl+V`	Paste an image (Cmd+V in iTerm2, Alt+V on Windows)
`Ctrl+L`	Redraw the screen
`Option+P / Alt+P`	Switch model without losing your prompt
`Option+T / Alt+T`	Toggle extended thinking
`Option+O / Alt+O`	Toggle fast mode
`Up / Down`	Move through your previous prompts

Prompt prefixes

`/`	Run a command or skill
`!`	Shell mode: run a command and let Claude see the output
`@`	Mention a file or folder
`?`	Show the shortcut help (on an empty prompt)

Command line

`claude`	Start an interactive session
`claude "task"`	Start with a first prompt
`claude -p "task"`	Answer once and exit (scripts, CI)
`claude -c`	Continue the last conversation in this folder
`claude -r "name"`	Resume a session by name or ID
`claude -w [name]`	Start in its own git worktree
`claude -n "name"`	Name the session
`--model sonnet`	Choose the model: sonnet, opus, haiku, fable
`--permission-mode plan`	Start in a permission mode
`--effort high`	Set the effort level for this session
`--add-dir ../lib`	Give access to another folder
`--allowedTools "Bash(npm test)"`	Allow tools without asking
`--append-system-prompt "…"`	Add your own instructions
`--output-format json`	JSON output in print mode
`--max-turns 5`	Limit turns in print mode
`claude update`	Update to the latest version
`claude doctor`	Check your installation
`claude mcp add …`	Add an MCP server
`claude plugin install …`	Install a plugin
`claude agents`	Watch and manage background sessions
`claude auth login`	Sign in from the terminal

Type **/** in Claude Code to see every command available to you. Full guide: claudeagents.co/docs/guide/claude-code-cheat-sheet · claudeagents is independent and not affiliated with Anthropic.