Kdenlive Video editor shortcuts

START HERE

- **Space** — Play / stop
- **Ctrl** + **Return** — Render
- **I** / **O** — Set zone in / out
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **I** — Find action
- **V** — Insert zone in timeline
- **Shift** + **R** — Cut clip at playhead
- **X** / **S** — Razor / selection tool
- **Ctrl** + **Z** — Undo

Project Bin import clips | **Clip monitor** set zone I / O | **Timeline** V insert, B overwrite | **Project monitor** play, review | **Render** Ctrl+Return

CONCEPTS

Press Ctrl+Alt+I and type: every menu action is searchable, even ones without a shortcut.

The workflow: set a zone (I/O) in the clip monitor, then V inserts it into the timeline at the playhead, B overwrites.

Shortcuts are the defaults of 26.08 and are rebindable in Settings > Configure Keyboard Shortcuts (Ctrl+Alt+,).

PLAYBACK

- **Space** Play / stop
- **K** Pause
- **L** — Play forward (press again to speed up)
- **J** — Rewind (press again to speed up)
- **Left** / **Right** — Back / forward 1 frame
- **Shift** + **Left** / **Shift** + **Right** — Back / forward 1 second
- **Home** / **End** — Go to clip start / end
- **Ctrl** + **Home** / **Ctrl** + **End** — Go to project start / end

PLAYBACK (cont.)

- **Alt** + **Left** / **Alt** + **Right** — Previous / next snap point
- **Ctrl** + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Right** — Previous / next guide
- **Shift** + **I** / **Shift** + **O** — Go to zone start / end
- **Ctrl** + **Space** Play zone
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Space** — Loop zone
- **P** — Move playhead to mouse position
- **T** — Switch clip / project monitor
- **=** Focus timecode field

ZONES AND GUIDES

- **I** Set zone in
- **O** Set zone out
- **V** Insert clip zone in timeline
- **B** — Overwrite clip zone in timeline
- **Ctrl** + **I** — Add zone to project bin as subclip
- **Shift** + **Z** — Adjust timeline zone to selection
- **G** Add / remove guide

ZONES AND GUIDES (cont.)

- **Num** + ***** — Add marker quickly (numpad)
- **Z** — Lift timeline zone (leave a gap)
- **Shift** + **X** — Extract timeline zone (close the gap)

TIMELINE EDITING

- **Shift** + **R** — Cut clip at playhead
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **R** — Cut all clips at playhead
- **Del** Delete selected item
- **Shift** + **Del** — Extract clip (close the gap)
- **Ctrl** + **D** Duplicate clip
- **Ctrl** + **G** Group clips
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **G** — Ungroup clips
- **U** Mix clips (crossfade)
- **Shift** + **S** Add subtitle
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **A** Deselect all
- **Shift** + **G** — Grab current item (move by keys)
- **(** / **)** — Resize item start / end to playhead

TIMELINE EDITING (cont.)

- **Ctrl** + **drag** Adjust clip speed
- **Shift** + **drag** — Resize only audio or video part
- **Alt** + **drag** — Move audio or video part to another track
- **Ctrl** + **click** — Edit one clip inside a group

TOOLS

- **S** Selection tool
- **X** Razor tool
- **M** — Spacer tool (move all later clips)
- **Esc** Back to selection tool
- **F12** Multitrack view
- **Ctrl** + **MW** Zoom timeline
- **Ctrl** + **=** / **Ctrl** + **-** — Zoom timeline in / out
- **Ctrl** + **drag** / **MMB** + **drag** — Pan the timeline
- **Shift** + **Return** — Start preview render

TRACKS

- **A** Toggle track active
- **Shift** + **A** — Toggle all tracks active

TRACKS (cont.)

- **Shift** + **L** Toggle track lock
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **L** — Toggle lock on all tracks
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **H** — Toggle track hidden / mute
- **Shift** + **H** — Toggle track disabled
- **Shift** + **T** Toggle track target

PROJECT AND GENERAL

- **Ctrl** + **Z** Undo
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Z** Redo
- **Ctrl** + **S** Save
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **S** Save as
- **Ctrl** + **N** / **Ctrl** + **O** — New / open project
- **Ctrl** + **Q** Quit
- **Ctrl** + **Return** Render
- **Ctrl** + **C** / **Ctrl** + **X** / **Ctrl** + **V** — Copy / cut / paste
- **Ctrl** + **A** Select all
- **F2** Rename
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **I** Find action
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **F** — Full screen mode

PROJECT AND GENERAL (cont.)

- **F11** Monitor fullscreen
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **,** — Configure keyboard shortcuts

RECIPES

Rough cut from a long clip

```
# double-click clip in bin to open it
J / K / L   # scrub to the start
I           # zone in
O           # zone out
V           # drop it at the playhead
```

Trim a gap out

```
Space       # find the dead part
Shift+R     # cut at its start
Right x N   # step to its end
Shift+R     # cut again
S, click part # select the middle
Shift+Del   # extract, gap closes
```

Insert a shot mid-timeline

```
# set zone in the clip monitor
Alt+Right   # jump to the next snap point
V           # insert, later clips shift
B           # or overwrite instead
```

Quick export

```
Shift+Return # preview render for smooth playback
Ctrl+Return  # open the render dialog
# pick a preset, then Render to File
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