Kdenlive Video editor shortcuts

START HERE

Space
Play / stop

X / **S**
Razor / selection tool

I / **O**
Set zone in / out

Ctrl + **Z**
Undo

V
Insert zone in timeline

Ctrl + **Return**
Render

Shift + **R**
Cut clip at playhead

Ctrl + **Alt** + **I**
Find action

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

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

ZONES AND GUIDES (cont.)

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

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

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

Alt + **T** / **Alt** + **R** / **Alt** + **E**
Titler: add text / rectangle / ellipse

Alt + **I** / **Alt** + **S**
Titler: insert image / selection tool

TRACKS

A Toggle track active

Shift + **A**
Toggle all tracks active

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

Ctrl + **1-9**
Select target track 1-9

1-9 Select video track 1-9

Alt + **1-9**
Select audio track 1-9

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

PROJECT AND GENERAL (cont.)

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

F11 Monitor fullscreen

Ctrl + **M** Show menu bar

Ctrl + **Shift** + **,**
Configure Kdenlive

Ctrl + **Alt** + **,**
Configure keyboard shortcuts

F1 Open handbook

Ctrl + **Tab** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Tab**
Next / previous sequence

Ctrl + **W** Close extra bins

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
```