mpv Keyboard media player

CONCEPTS

mpv has almost no visible UI: everything is a key. Hover the window to see the on-screen controller, or press ? for the list of bindings.

Command line options map 1:1 to mpv.conf lines (--fs becomes fs). Command line beats config, config beats built-in defaults.

PLAYBACK

Space / **p** Pause / resume

Left / **Right**
Seek back / forward 5 s

Up / **Down**
Seek forward / back 1 min

q Quit

Q Quit and remember position

Shift + **Left** / **Shift** + **Right**
Seek 1 s, exact

Shift + **Up** / **Shift** + **Down**
Seek 5 s, exact

. / **,**
Step one frame forward / back

Home Jump to start of file

PgUp / **PgDn**
Previous / next chapter

Shift + **BackSpace**
Undo last seek

SPEED AND LOOP

[/ **]** Speed down / up 10%

BackSpace
Reset speed to normal

{ / **}** Halve / double speed

l Set A-B loop points

L Toggle infinite loop of the file

mpv --speed=<n>
Start at a given speed

mpv --loop=inf <file>
Loop forever

AUDIO AND VOLUME

9 / **0** Volume down / up

m Mute

Cycle audio tracks

mpv --aid=<n>
Start with audio track n

mpv --volume=<0-130>
Start volume

SUBTITLES

j / **J**
Cycle subtitle track forward / back

v Subtitles on / off

z / **Z** Subtitle delay -/+ 0.1 s

r / **R** Move subtitles up / down

G / **F** Subtitle size +/- 10%

mpv --sub-file=<file>
Load an external subtitle file

mpv --sid=<n>
Start with subtitle track n

VIDEO AND WINDOW

f Toggle fullscreen

Alt + **0** / **Alt** + **1** / **Alt** + **2**
Window half / original / double size

T Keep window on top

A Cycle aspect ratio override

Alt + **Plus** / **Alt** + **Minus**
Zoom in / out

mpv --fs
Start fullscreen

mpv --no-video <file>
Audio only, no window

PLAYLIST

> / **Enter** Next file in playlist

< Previous file in playlist

F8 Show playlist

mpv --shuffle <files>
Play in random order

PLAYLIST (cont.)

mpv <dir>
Play every file in a folder

INFO AND SCREENSHOTS

s Screenshot with subtitles

S Screenshot without subtitles

o Show progress and time

i Show stats overlay

? Show key binding overlay

` Open the console

MOUSE

Double-click Toggle fullscreen

Right-click Pause / resume

Scroll › **up** / **Scroll** › **down**
Volume up / down

COMMAND LINE

mpv <file or URL>
Play a file or stream

mpv --start=<time>
Start at a time

CONFIGURATION

~/.config/mpv/mpv.conf
Options, one per line

~/.config/mpv/input.conf
Your key bindings

option=value
Config syntax

KEY command
Binding syntax in input.conf

RECIPES

Starter mpv.conf

```
# ~/.config/mpv/mpv.conf
hwdec
save-position-on-quit
keep-open=yes
screenshot-directory=~/Pictures
sub-auto=fuzzy
```

Audio player for a folder

```
mpv --no-video --shuffle ~/Music
# q quits, > skips
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