Obsidian Windows / Linux hotkeys

Vault a folder of notes
Note one Markdown file
Block paragraph, list or heading you can link to

CONCEPTS

Almost everything is a command: open the palette with Ctrl+P and type its name.

Keys shown are for Windows and Linux. On macOS read Ctrl as Cmd and Alt as Option.

Many commands have no default key. Assign one in Settings, Hotkeys: search the command, click +, press keys.

NAVIGATE

Ctrl + O
Quick switcher: open or create a note

Ctrl + P
Command palette

Ctrl + N New note

Ctrl + E
Toggle reading / editing view

Ctrl + Shift + F
Search all notes

NAVIGATE (cont.)

Ctrl + Enter
Quick switcher: open in new tab

Ctrl + Click
Open link in new tab

TABS & PANES

Ctrl + T New tab

Ctrl + Tab / Ctrl + Shift + Tab
Next / previous tab

Ctrl + 1-8
Jump to tab 1 to 8

Ctrl + Shift + T
Reopen closed tab

EDITING

Ctrl + Z / Ctrl + Y
Undo / redo

Ctrl + B Bold selection

Ctrl + Shift + V
Paste without formatting

Ctrl + Shift + K
Delete current line

Tab / Shift + Tab
Indent / unindent list item

CURSOR & SELECTION

Ctrl + Left / Ctrl + Right
Move one word

LINKS & SYNTAX

Links

Syntax	Result
`[[Note]]`	Link to a note
`[[Note|Label]]`	Link with display text
`[[Note#Heading]]`	Link to a heading
`[[Note#^id]]`	Link to a block
`![[Note]]`	Embed a note or file
`[[#`	List headings of this note
`[[##`	Search headings in the vault

Formatting

Syntax	Result
`**bold**`	Bold
`*italic*`	Italic
`~~text~~`	Strikethrough
`==text==`	Highlight
`` `code` ``	Inline code
`- [ ] task`	Task item
`%%text%%`	Comment (editing view only)
`text[^1]`	Footnote reference

LINKS & SYNTAX (cont.)

Avoid # | ^ : %% [[ ]] in note names, they break links.

COMMANDS TO KNOW

Command palette entries

Command	Use
`Add internal link`	Insert a link
`Backlinks: Show`	Backlinks pane
`Open local graph`	Note graph
`Open today's daily note`	Daily note
`Templates: Insert`	Insert template
`Note composer: Merge...`	Merge notes
`Note composer: Extract...`	Selection to note
`Canvas: Create new canvas`	New canvas
`Bookmark heading under cursor`	Bookmark

SEARCH

Search operators

Operator	Matches
`file:`	Filenames
`path:`	File paths
`content:`	File content
`tag:`	Tag (ignores code blocks)
`line:`	Terms on one line
`section:`	Terms within one section
`task-todo:`	Open tasks
`task-done:`	Done tasks

RECIPES

Callout with a task list

```
> [!todo] This week
> - [ ] Write draft
> - [x] Outline
```

Link to a block

```
Key claim in this note
^claim

[[Source note#^claim]]
```

Template (Templates plugin)

```
# {{title}}
Created: {{date:YYYY-MM-DD}}
{{time}}

## Notes
```