Obsidian Windows / Linux hotkeys

START HERE

Ctrl + O
Quick switcher

Ctrl + Shift + F
Search the vault

Ctrl + P
Command palette

Ctrl + T
New tab

Ctrl + N
New note

Ctrl + Shift + T
Reopen closed tab

Ctrl + E
Toggle read / edit view

Ctrl + B
Bold

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
Fuzzy match; Enter on no match creates it, Shift+Enter keeps the exact typed name.

Ctrl + P Command palette

Ctrl + N New note

Ctrl + E
Toggle reading / editing view

Ctrl + Shift + F
Search all notes
Narrow with operators such as tag: or path:.

Ctrl + Enter
Quick switcher: open in new tab

Ctrl + Click
Open link in new tab
Add Shift in Source mode.

TABS & PANES

Ctrl + T New tab

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

Ctrl + 1-8 Jump to tab 1 to 8

Ctrl + 9 Jump to last tab

TABS & PANES (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + T
Reopen closed tab

Ctrl + Alt + Click
Open link in new tab group

Split a tab group via right-click on the tab (Split right / Split down); there is no default key.

EDITING

Ctrl + Z / Ctrl + Y
Undo / redo
Ctrl+Shift+Z also redoes.

Ctrl + B Bold selection

Ctrl + Shift + V
Paste without formatting

Ctrl + C / Ctrl + X
Copy / cut whole paragraph with no selection

Ctrl + Shift + K
Delete current line

Ctrl + Backspace / Ctrl + Delete
Delete previous / next word

Tab / Shift + Tab
Indent / unindent list item

Shift + Enter
Line break inside a paragraph

Ctrl + A Select all

CURSOR & SELECTION

Ctrl + Left / Ctrl + Right
Move one word

Home / End
Start / end of line

Ctrl + Home / Ctrl + End
Start / end of note

Ctrl + Shift + Left / Ctrl + Shift + Right
Extend selection one word

CURSOR & SELECTION (cont.)

Shift + Home / Shift + End
Select to line start / end

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

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
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Note properties (front matter)

```
---
tags: [project]
aliases: [Obs]
---
```