Slack Windows / Linux shortcuts

START HERE

Ctrl + K / Ctrl + T
Jump to a conversation

Ctrl + G
Search

Ctrl + Shift + T
Threads view

Alt + Shift + Up / Alt + Shift + Down
Previous / next unread

Ctrl + Shift + A
All unreads

Esc
Mark conversation read

Ctrl + Shift + Y
Set status

Ctrl + Shift + H
Start or join huddle

Workspace switch with Ctrl+number
Sidebar section channels, DMs, apps
Conversation messages and threads

CONCEPTS

Keys are for the Windows and Linux desktop app. A few (Ctrl+K, Ctrl+O, Ctrl+Q) work only in the desktop app, not in the browser.

On macOS read Ctrl as ⌘ and Alt as Option. Exceptions: Home view is Ctrl+1 and More is Ctrl+0; Back/Forward are ⌘+[and ⌘+]; workspace switching by number is ⌘+number.

Message actions (E, T, P, R...) work on a focused message: click it or arrow up to it first. They are plain letters, so they only fire when the message box is not focused.

Some symbol keys (backtick, number row) vary by keyboard layout; check Preferences if one does not respond.

NAVIGATE

Ctrl + K / Ctrl + T
Jump to a conversation

Ctrl + G Search everything

Ctrl + F
Search in this conversation

Alt + Shift + Up / Alt + Shift + Down
Previous / next unread channel or DM

Alt + Up / Alt + Down
Previous / next sidebar item

Alt + Left / Alt + Right
Back / forward in history

Ctrl + J
Jump to most recent unread

Ctrl + Shift + L
Browse channels

Ctrl + Shift + 2
Browse direct messages

Ctrl + Shift + 1 Home view

Ctrl + Shift + M Activity view

Ctrl + Shift + E People view

Ctrl + Shift + 0 More view

NAVIGATE (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + I
Conversation details

Ctrl + Shift + J
View downloaded files

F6 / Shift + F6
Next / previous section of the window

Press F6 to focus the sidebar, then Left/Right resize it.

UNREADS

Esc Mark conversation read

Shift + Esc
Mark everything read

Ctrl + Shift + A
Open All unreads

Ctrl + Shift + T Threads view

Alt + Click
Mark a message unread

In All unreads the same click works; Esc there marks the focused group read.

Up / Down
Move between unread messages

Left / Right
Collapse / open an unread group

MESSAGE ACTIONS

E Edit your message

T / Right
Open or reply in thread

R Add emoji reaction

Delete Delete your message

F Forward message

P Pin or unpin message

A Save or unsave message

U
Mark messages above as unread

M
Create reminder from message

Ctrl + Z
Unsend a just-sent message

Only works right after sending, while Slack still offers to undo.

MESSAGE ACTIONS (cont.)

Ctrl + N New message

COMPOSE AND FORMAT

Shift + Enter
New line in the message box

Ctrl + B Bold

Ctrl + I Italic

Ctrl + Shift + X Strikethrough

Ctrl + Shift + U
Link selected text

Pasting a copied URL over selected text also makes a link.

Ctrl + Shift + C Inline code

Ctrl + Alt + Shift + C
Code block

Ctrl + Shift + 9 Quote

Ctrl + Shift + 8 Bulleted list

Ctrl + Shift + 7 Numbered list

Ctrl + Shift + F
Apply markdown

Ctrl + Shift + Enter
New snippet

Ctrl + O Upload file

Ctrl + Shift + `
Emoji reaction to latest message

WORKSPACES AND TABS

Ctrl + Tab Next workspace

Ctrl + Shift + Tab
Previous workspace

Ctrl + 1-9
Jump to workspace by number

Ctrl + Shift + S
Open workspace switcher

Ctrl + Page › Down Next tab

Ctrl + Page › Up
Previous tab

HUDDLES AND STATUS

Ctrl + Shift + H
Start, join, leave or end huddle

HUDDLES AND STATUS (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + Space
Mute or unmute in huddle

Ctrl + Shift + Y
Set your status

CANVAS

Ctrl + Shift + N New canvas

Ctrl + Alt + 1-3
Big to small heading

Ctrl + Alt + 0
Plain paragraph

Ctrl + Alt + Up / Ctrl + Alt + Down
Move list item up / down

Ctrl + Alt + T
View comment thread

Ctrl + Alt + R
Switch reader / edit view

Ctrl + Alt + Q
Copy link to section

WINDOW AND APP

Ctrl + , Open preferences

Ctrl + . Hide right sidebar

F1 Help

F11 Full screen

RECIPES

Clear the inbox

```
# Unreads fast
Ctrl+Shift+A  All unreads
Down          next group
Esc           group read
Shift+Esc     all read
```

Share code

```
# Select code, then:
Ctrl+Shift+C  inline
Ctrl+Alt+Shift+C
              block
Shift+Enter   new line
```

Follow up later

```
# Focus message, then:
M  reminder
A  save for later
U  unread from here
```

Quick huddle

```
Ctrl+K             find chat
Ctrl+Shift+H     start
Ctrl+Shift+Space  mute
Ctrl+Shift+H     leave
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