VLC Media player hotkeys

START HERE

- **Space** Play / pause
- **M** Mute
- **F** Fullscreen
- **V** Cycle subtitles
- **Shift** + **Left** / **Shift** + **Right** Seek 5 s
- **Shift** + **S** Snapshot
- **Ctrl** + **Up** / **Ctrl** + **Down** Volume
- **Ctrl** + **O** Open file

Open media file, disc, stream | **Playlist** queue of items | **Playback** seek, speed, tracks | **Output** window, snapshot, record

CONCEPTS

Hotkeys act on the video or main window when it has focus; the Qt interface is assumed, and bindings can be changed in Preferences, Hotkeys.

Shortcuts shown are for Windows and Linux. On macOS many use Cmd instead of Ctrl (for example Cmd+O, Cmd+Up) and some differ, so check the menus.

Plain-letter hotkeys can be remapped; list yours in Tools, Preferences, Show All, Hotkeys.

PLAYBACK

- **Space** Play / pause
- **S** Stop
- **N** Next item
- **P** Previous item
- **Shift** + **Left** / **Shift** + **Right** Back / forward 5 seconds
- **Alt** + **Left** / **Alt** + **Right** Back / forward 10 seconds
- **Ctrl** + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Right** Back / forward 1 minute
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **Right** Back / forward 5 minutes
- **E** Step one frame forward
- **Ctrl** + **T** Jump to a time
- **T** Show position and time
- **Ctrl** + **Q** Quit

SPEED AND LOOP

- **Plus** / **Minus** Faster / slower
- **=** Normal speed
- **]** / **[** Faster / slower, fine steps

SPEED AND LOOP (cont.)

- **L** Cycle loop, repeat one, off
- **R** Toggle random order

AUDIO AND VOLUME

- **Ctrl** + **Up** / **Ctrl** + **Down** Volume up / down
- **M** Mute
- **B** Cycle audio track
- **J** / **K** Audio delay down / up
- **Shift** + **A** Cycle audio device

SUBTITLES

- **V** Cycle subtitle track
- **Shift** + **V** Toggle subtitles on / off
- **H** / **G** Subtitle delay up / down
- **Ctrl** + **0** Reset subtitle scale
- **Ctrl** + **Wheel** Scale subtitles

VIDEO AND WINDOW

- **F** Toggle fullscreen
- **Esc** Leave fullscreen
- **A** Cycle aspect ratio
- **C** Cycle crop ratio
- **Z** / **Shift** + **Z** Zoom in / out
- **O** Toggle original size and fit
- **Alt** + **1** / **Alt** + **2** / **Alt** + **3** / **Alt** + **4** Scale 1:4 / 1:2 / 1:1 / 2:1
- **D** Cycle deinterlacing
- **I** Show controls in fullscreen
- **Ctrl** + **H** Hide / show menus and controls

PLAYLIST

- **Ctrl** + **L** Show / hide playlist
- **Ctrl** + **O** Open file
- **Ctrl** + **F** Open folder
- **Ctrl** + **N** Open network stream
- **Ctrl** + **V** Paste a location and play it
- **Ctrl** + **D** Open disc
- **Ctrl** + **C** Open capture device
- **Ctrl** + **W** Clear playlist
- **Ctrl** + **X** / **Ctrl** + **Y** Load / save playlist
- **Ctrl** + **F1** / **Ctrl** + **F2** / **Ctrl** + **F3** Set playlist bookmark 1 / 2 / 3

Works up to Ctrl+F10; F1 to F10 then play the matching bookmark.

INFO AND CAPTURE

- **Shift** + **S** Take snapshot
- **Shift** + **R** Start / stop recording
- **Ctrl** + **I** Media information
- **Ctrl** + **J** Codec information
- **Ctrl** + **M** Messages (log window)
- **Ctrl** + **R** Convert / save
- **Ctrl** + **S** Streaming
- **Ctrl** + **P** Preferences
- **Ctrl** + **E** Extended settings
- **Ctrl** + **B** Bookmarks

DVD AND DISCS

- **Shift** + **M** Disc menu
- **Shift** + **N** / **Shift** + **P** Next / previous chapter
- **Shift** + **B** / **Shift** + **O** Next / previous title

DVD AND DISCS (cont.)

- **Enter** Select highlighted menu entry

COMMAND LINE

- **vlc** › *<file>* Play a file
- **vlc** › *<url>* Play a stream or network URL
- **vlc** › **-f** › *<file>* Start fullscreen
- **vlc** › **--start-time** › *<sec>* › *<file>* Start at a time in seconds
- **vlc** › **--stop-time** › *<sec>* › *<file>* Stop at a time in seconds
- **vlc** › **--no-video** › *<file>* Play audio only
- **vlc** › **--loop** › *<files>* Loop the whole playlist
- **vlc** › **--random** › *<files>* Play in random order
- **vlc** › **-I** › *<module>* Pick the interface module
- **vlc** › *<a>* › **:start-time=<sec>** › *<b>* Option for one item only

A colon option applies only to the item before it; global options use --.

- **vlc** › **-vv** › *<file>* Show debug messages
- **vlc** › **--help** List options

RECIPES

Listen to a video's audio only

```
vlc --no-video lecture.mp4
```

Play a clip from 1:30 to 2:00

```
vlc --start-time 90 --stop-time
120 movie.mkv
```

Different start per file

```
vlc a.mp4 :start-time=10
b.mp4 :start-time=60
```

Loop a playlist fullscreen

```
vlc -f --loop ~/Videos/*.mp4
```