VLC Media player hotkeys

START HERE

Space
Play / pause

Shift + **S**
Snapshot

F
Fullscreen

Ctrl + **O**
Open file

Shift + **Left** / **Shift** + **Right**
Seek 5 s

Ctrl + **Up** / **Ctrl** + **Down**
Volume

M
Mute

V
Cycle subtitles

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

PLAYBACK (cont.)

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

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

INFO AND CAPTURE (cont.)

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

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

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

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

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vlc --no-video lecture.mp4
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Play a clip from 1:30 to 2:00

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vlc --start-time 90 --stop-time 120 movie.mkv
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Different start per file

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vlc a.mp4 :start-time=10 b.mp4 :start-time=60
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Loop a playlist fullscreen

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