VLC Media player hotkeys

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.

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

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

SPEED AND LOOP (cont.)

] / [— 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 + 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
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

INFO AND CAPTURE

Shift + S — Take snapshot
Shift + R — Start / stop recording
Ctrl + I — Media information
Ctrl + J — Codec information
Ctrl + R — Convert / save
Ctrl + P — Preferences
Ctrl + E — Extended settings

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 › -I › *<module>* — Pick the interface module
vlc › *<a>* › :start-time=<sec> › *<b>* — Option for one item only
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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