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

```
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
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