VLC Media player hotkeys

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

PLAYBACK (cont.)

`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

`L`
Cycle loop, repeat one, off

`R` Toggle random order

AUDIO AND VOLUME

`Ctrl` + `Up` / `Ctrl` + `Down`
Volume up / down

`M` Mute

AUDIO AND VOLUME (cont.)

`B` Cycle audio track

`J` / `K`
Audio delay down / up

SUBTITLES

`V` Cycle subtitle track

`Shift` + `V`
Toggle subtitles on / off

`H` / `G`
Subtitle delay up / down

VIDEO AND WINDOW

`F` Toggle fullscreen

`Esc` Leave fullscreen

`A` Cycle aspect ratio

`C` Cycle crop ratio

`Z` / `Shift` + `Z`
Zoom in / out

`Ctrl` + `H`
Hide / show menus and controls

PLAYLIST

`Ctrl` + `L`
Show / hide playlist

PLAYLIST (cont.)

`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

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

`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
```

Loop a playlist fullscreen

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