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 + **S** Streaming

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

```
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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