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.

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 + **T**
Jump to a time

SPEED AND LOOP

Plus / **Minus**
Faster / slower

=
Normal speed

L
Cycle loop, repeat one, off

AUDIO AND VOLUME

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

M
Mute

AUDIO AND VOLUME (cont.)

B
Cycle audio track

SUBTITLES

V
Cycle subtitle track

H / **G**
Subtitle delay up / down

VIDEO AND WINDOW

F
Toggle fullscreen

Esc
Leave fullscreen

A
Cycle aspect ratio

PLAYLIST

Ctrl + **L**
Show / hide playlist

Ctrl + **O**
Open file

Ctrl + **N**
Open network stream

INFO AND CAPTURE

Shift + **S**
Take snapshot

Shift + **R**
Start / stop recording

Ctrl + **I**
Media information

Ctrl + **P**
Preferences

COMMAND LINE

vlc › *<file>*
Play a file

vlc › **--start-time** › *<sec>* › *<file>*
Start at a time in seconds