CLAUDE CODE REFERENCE

Claude Code cheat sheet for beginners

Find what to type or click for 20 everyday tasks in the desktop Code tab and terminal. In the terminal, enter commands that begin with `claude` before starting a session. Enter slash commands at the prompt inside Claude Code.

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Start a session

When you want to	Desktop Code tab	Terminal
Work in a folder Run it from your project folder.	Choose Local and pick the project folder.	`claude`
See available commands Type it at the Claude prompt to open the menu.	`/`	`/`
Check the version Use the shell for the terminal version.	`/status`	`claude --version`
Name this session	Click the session title.	`/rename draft`
Return to earlier work Choose the conversation to reopen.	Pick the session in the sidebar.	`/resume`

Manage the conversation

When you want to	Desktop Code tab	Terminal
See what fills the chat See how much of the session's context is in use.	`/context`	`/context`
Shorten a long chat Claude condenses the session so you can keep going.	`/compact`	`/compact`
Start a fresh task Starts a fresh conversation. Files stay as they are.	Open a new Code session.	`/clear`
Check plan usage	Click the usage ring.	`/usage`
Point to a file Add your question after the file reference.	Type @ and choose the file.	Type @ and enter the file path.

Plan and review

When you want to	Desktop Code tab	Terminal
Plan before editing Ask for a plan before approving file edits.	Choose Plan in the permission menu.	`/plan`
Stop a response Review any edits already made.	Press Esc or click Stop.	Press Esc.
See what changed Review edits before keeping them.	Open Changes or click the line counts.	`/diff`
Change model Choose a model in the menu.	Use the model picker.	`/model`
Adjust reasoning effort Set how much reasoning Claude uses.	Use the effort picker.	`/effort medium`

Find skills and settings

When you want to	Desktop Code tab	Terminal
Find a skill Available skills depend on your setup.	Type / and search for its name.	`/skills`
Browse plugins In Desktop, look for Add plugins or Browse plugins.	Open Plugins or use + beside the prompt.	`/plugin`
Check connectors In Desktop, the Plugins sidebar may list connectors too.	Use + beside the prompt and find Connectors.	`/mcp`
Open settings Desktop opens Code settings. The terminal opens its settings panel.	`/config`	`/config`
See keyboard shortcuts Terminal help lists commands and shortcuts.	Press Cmd+/ on Mac or Ctrl+/ on Windows.	`/help`

See Anthropic's Desktop guide, slash commands, terminal commands and shortcuts.

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