

# Codex CLI Keyboard Shortcuts

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## Starting & Core Keys

| Action                                                | Mac                                       | Windows                                   | Linux                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Install with npm                                      | <code>npm install -g @openai/codex</code> | <code>npm install -g @openai/codex</code> | <code>npm install -g @openai/codex</code> |
| Start the Codex TUI                                   | <code>codex</code>                        | <code>codex</code>                        | <code>codex</code>                        |
| Send the current message                              | <code>Enter</code>                        | <code>Enter</code>                        | <code>Enter</code>                        |
| Insert a newline (reliable across terminals)          | <code>Ctrl + J</code>                     | <code>Ctrl + J</code>                     | <code>Ctrl + J</code>                     |
| Insert a newline (alternate binding)                  | <code>Alt + Enter</code>                  | <code>Alt + Enter</code>                  | <code>Alt + Enter</code>                  |
| Interrupt the running task                            | <code>Esc</code>                          | <code>Esc</code>                          | <code>Esc</code>                          |
| Inject instructions into the current turn             | <code>Enter</code>                        | <code>Enter</code>                        | <code>Enter</code>                        |
| Queue follow-up input for the next turn               | <code>Tab</code>                          | <code>Tab</code>                          | <code>Tab</code>                          |
| Edit your previous message (walk back the transcript) | <code>Esc + Esc</code>                    | <code>Esc + Esc</code>                    | <code>Esc + Esc</code>                    |
| Exit the interactive session                          | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                     | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                     | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                     |

## Editing & View

| Action                                              | Mac                   | Windows               | Linux                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Open the current draft in an external editor        | <code>Ctrl + G</code> | <code>Ctrl + G</code> | <code>Ctrl + G</code> |
| Copy the last agent response to the clipboard       | <code>Ctrl + O</code> | <code>Ctrl + O</code> | <code>Ctrl + O</code> |
| Clear the terminal UI (keeps the conversation)      | <code>Ctrl + L</code> | <code>Ctrl + L</code> | <code>Ctrl + L</code> |
| Open the transcript overlay                         | <code>Ctrl + T</code> | <code>Ctrl + T</code> | <code>Ctrl + T</code> |
| Toggle raw scrollbar mode (copy-friendly)           | <code>Alt + R</code>  | <code>Alt + R</code>  | <code>Alt + R</code>  |
| Open a side conversation without derailing the task | <code>Ctrl + /</code> | <code>Ctrl + /</code> | <code>Ctrl + /</code> |
| Toggle the shortcut overlay (cheat sheet)           | <code>?</code>        | <code>?</code>        | <code>?</code>        |
| Move to start of line                               | <code>Ctrl + A</code> | <code>Ctrl + A</code> | <code>Ctrl + A</code> |
| Move to end of line                                 | <code>Ctrl + E</code> | <code>Ctrl + E</code> | <code>Ctrl + E</code> |
| Jump back one word                                  | <code>Alt + B</code>  | <code>Alt + B</code>  | <code>Alt + B</code>  |
| Jump forward one word                               | <code>Alt + F</code>  | <code>Alt + F</code>  | <code>Alt + F</code>  |
| Delete to start of line                             | <code>Ctrl + U</code> | <code>Ctrl + U</code> | <code>Ctrl + U</code> |
| Delete to end of line                               | <code>Ctrl + K</code> | <code>Ctrl + K</code> | <code>Ctrl + K</code> |

| Action                           | Mac      | Windows  | Linux    |
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| Delete the previous word         | Ctrl + W | Ctrl + W | Ctrl + W |
| Paste back what you just deleted | Ctrl + Y | Ctrl + Y | Ctrl + Y |

## History & Reasoning

| Action                                            | Mac          | Windows      | Linux        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Reverse-search command history                    | Ctrl + R     | Ctrl + R     | Ctrl + R     |
| Next match in reverse search                      | Ctrl + S     | Ctrl + S     | Ctrl + S     |
| Raise reasoning effort a step                     | Alt + .      | Alt + .      | Alt + .      |
| Lower reasoning effort a step                     | Alt + ,      | Alt + ,      | Alt + ,      |
| Raise reasoning effort (alternate binding)        | Shift + Up   | Shift + Up   | Shift + Up   |
| Lower reasoning effort (alternate binding)        | Shift + Down | Shift + Down | Shift + Down |
| Edit the most recently queued message             | Shift + Left | Shift + Left | Shift + Left |
| Edit the most recently queued message (alternate) | Alt + Up     | Alt + Up     | Alt + Up     |

## Slash Commands

| Action                                          | Mac          | Windows      | Linux        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Choose the active model and reasoning effort    | /model       | /model       | /model       |
| Set what Codex can do without asking first      | /permissions | /permissions | /permissions |
| Switch to plan mode (optionally with a prompt)  | /plan        | /plan        | /plan        |
| Ask Codex to review your working tree           | /review      | /review      | /review      |
| Show the Git diff (including untracked files)   | /diff        | /diff        | /diff        |
| Clear the terminal and start a fresh chat       | /clear       | /clear       | /clear       |
| Summarize the conversation to free tokens       | /compact     | /compact     | /compact     |
| Copy the latest completed output                | /copy        | /copy        | /copy        |
| Start a new conversation in the same session    | /new         | /new         | /new         |
| Resume a saved conversation                     | /resume      | /resume      | /resume      |
| Fork the current conversation into a new thread | /fork        | /fork        | /fork        |
| Generate an AGENTS.md scaffold                  | /init        | /init        | /init        |
| Show session config and token usage             | /status      | /status      | /status      |
| List configured MCP tools                       | /mcp         | /mcp         | /mcp         |
| Remap TUI keyboard shortcuts                    | /keymap      | /keymap      | /keymap      |

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| Toggle Vim mode for the composer | <code>/vim</code>  | <code>/vim</code>  | <code>/vim</code>  |
| Exit the CLI                     | <code>/quit</code> | <code>/quit</code> | <code>/quit</code> |

## File References, Shell & Modes

| Action                                            | Mac                                          | Windows                                      | Linux                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Fuzzy-search and attach a workspace file          | <code>@</code>                               | <code>@</code>                               | <code>@</code>                               |
| Run a local shell command (prefix the line)       | <code>! + command</code>                     | <code>! + command</code>                     | <code>! + command</code>                     |
| Read-only sandbox (browse, no edits)              | <code>codex --sandbox read-only</code>       | <code>codex --sandbox read-only</code>       | <code>codex --sandbox read-only</code>       |
| Workspace-write sandbox (edit within the project) | <code>codex --sandbox workspace-write</code> | <code>codex --sandbox workspace-write</code> | <code>codex --sandbox workspace-write</code> |
| Bypass all approvals and sandbox (use sparingly)  | <code>codex --yolo</code>                    | <code>codex --yolo</code>                    | <code>codex --yolo</code>                    |