

# Gemini CLI Keyboard Shortcuts

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## Starting & Approval Modes

| Action                                                  | Mac                                                          | Windows                                                      | Linux                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Run without installing                                  | <code>npx https://github.com/google-gemini/gemini-cli</code> | <code>npx https://github.com/google-gemini/gemini-cli</code> | <code>npx https://github.com/google-gemini/gemini-cli</code> |
| Install globally with npm                               | <code>npm install -g @google/gemini-cli</code>               | <code>npm install -g @google/gemini-cli</code>               | <code>npm install -g @google/gemini-cli</code>               |
| Start Gemini CLI                                        | <code>gemini</code>                                          | <code>gemini</code>                                          | <code>gemini</code>                                          |
| Submit your prompt                                      | <code>Enter</code>                                           | <code>Enter</code>                                           | <code>Enter</code>                                           |
| Cycle approval modes (Default → Auto-Edit → Plan)       | <code>Shift + Tab</code>                                     | <code>Shift + Tab</code>                                     | <code>Shift + Tab</code>                                     |
| Toggle YOLO mode (auto-approve all tool calls)          | <code>Ctrl + Y</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + Y</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + Y</code>                                        |
| Switch to Plan mode (read-only) and view the plan       | <code>/plan</code>                                           | <code>/plan</code>                                           | <code>/plan</code>                                           |
| Cancel the current request, or quit when input is empty | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + C</code>                                        |
| Exit when the input buffer is empty                     | <code>Ctrl + D</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + D</code>                                        | <code>Ctrl + D</code>                                        |
| Dismiss a dialog or cancel focus                        | <code>Esc</code>                                             | <code>Esc</code>                                             | <code>Esc</code>                                             |

## Input & Editing

| Action                                          | Mac                   | Windows               | Linux                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Insert a newline without submitting             | <code>Ctrl + J</code> | <code>Ctrl + J</code> | <code>Ctrl + J</code> |
| Move cursor to start / end of line              | <code>Ctrl + A</code> | <code>Ctrl + A</code> | <code>Ctrl + A</code> |
| Move cursor to end of line                      | <code>Ctrl + E</code> | <code>Ctrl + E</code> | <code>Ctrl + E</code> |
| Delete from cursor to end of line               | <code>Ctrl + K</code> | <code>Ctrl + K</code> | <code>Ctrl + K</code> |
| Delete from cursor to start of line             | <code>Ctrl + U</code> | <code>Ctrl + U</code> | <code>Ctrl + U</code> |
| Delete the previous word                        | <code>Ctrl + W</code> | <code>Ctrl + W</code> | <code>Ctrl + W</code> |
| Clear all input text                            | <code>Ctrl + C</code> | <code>Ctrl + C</code> | <code>Ctrl + C</code> |
| Open the prompt in an external editor           | <code>Ctrl + G</code> | <code>Ctrl + G</code> | <code>Ctrl + G</code> |
| Clear the screen and redraw the UI              | <code>Ctrl + L</code> | <code>Ctrl + L</code> | <code>Ctrl + L</code> |
| Toggle the shortcuts panel (on an empty prompt) | <code>?</code>        | <code>?</code>        | <code>?</code>        |

## History, Suggestions & Navigation

| Action                                                | Mac        | Windows    | Linux      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Previous entry in history                             | Ctrl + P   | Ctrl + P   | Ctrl + P   |
| Next entry in history                                 | Ctrl + N   | Ctrl + N   | Ctrl + N   |
| Reverse-search through history                        | Ctrl + R   | Ctrl + R   | Ctrl + R   |
| Accept the inline suggestion                          | Tab        | Tab        | Tab        |
| Queue the prompt to run after the current task        | Tab        | Tab        | Tab        |
| Rewind: edit input, or step back through interactions | Esc + Esc  | Esc + Esc  | Esc + Esc  |
| Scroll content up / down                              | Shift + Up | Shift + Up | Shift + Up |
| Toggle the full TODO list                             | Ctrl + T   | Ctrl + T   | Ctrl + T   |

## Slash Commands

| Action                                                | Mac       | Windows   | Linux     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Display help and available commands                   | /help     | /help     | /help     |
| Clear the screen and session scrollback               | /clear    | /clear    | /clear    |
| Replace the chat context with a summary (save tokens) | /compress | /compress | /compress |
| Browse and resume previous sessions                   | /resume   | /resume   | /resume   |
| Generate a tailored GEMINI.md context file            | /init     | /init     | /init     |
| Manage instructional memory (GEMINI.md)               | /memory   | /memory   | /memory   |
| Manage model configuration                            | /model    | /model    | /model    |
| Navigate backward and revert chat or file changes     | /rewind   | /rewind   | /rewind   |
| Undo file edits a tool made (restore checkpoint)      | /restore  | /restore  | /restore  |
| Manage configured MCP servers                         | /mcp      | /mcp      | /mcp      |
| List currently available tools                        | /tools    | /tools    | /tools    |
| Copy Gemini's last output to the clipboard            | /copy     | /copy     | /copy     |
| Show detailed session statistics                      | /stats    | /stats    | /stats    |
| Toggle vim mode (NORMAL / INSERT)                     | /vim      | /vim      | /vim      |
| Change the visual theme                               | /theme    | /theme    | /theme    |
| Exit Gemini CLI                                       | /quit     | /quit     | /quit     |

## File References & Shell

| Action                                       | Mac                     | Windows                 | Linux                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Reference a file or directory in your prompt | @ + <b>path/to/file</b> | @ + <b>path/to/file</b> | @ + <b>path/to/file</b> |
| Run a single shell command                   | ! + <b>command</b>      | ! + <b>command</b>      | ! + <b>command</b>      |
| Toggle persistent shell mode                 | !                       | !                       | !                       |
| Paste from the clipboard                     | <b>Cmd + V</b>          | <b>Ctrl + V</b>         | <b>Ctrl + V</b>         |