

Kilo CLI Keyboard Shortcuts

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Starting & Core Keys

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Install with npm	npm install -g @kilocode/cli	npm install -g @kilocode/cli	npm install -g @kilocode/cli
Check the installed version	kilo --version	kilo --version	kilo --version
Start Kilo in the current project	kilo	kilo	kilo
Add your provider credentials (run this first)	/connect	/connect	/connect
Send the current message	Enter	Enter	Enter
Insert a new line without sending	Shift + Enter	Shift + Enter	Shift + Enter
Exit Kilo CLI	Ctrl + C	Ctrl + C	Ctrl + C
Exit Kilo CLI (empty input box)	Ctrl + D	Ctrl + D	Ctrl + D

Leader-Key Chords

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Leader key — the prefix for the chords below	Ctrl + X	Ctrl + X	Ctrl + X
Quit Kilo (leader chord)	Ctrl+X then Q	Ctrl+X then Q	Ctrl+X then Q
Start a new session (leader chord)	Ctrl+X then N	Ctrl+X then N	Ctrl+X then N

Sub-Agent Sessions

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Jump to the first child session (leader chord)	Ctrl+X then ↓	Ctrl+X then ↓	Ctrl+X then ↓
Cycle forward through child sessions	→	→	→
Cycle backward through child sessions	←	←	←
Go back to the parent session	↑	↑	↑

Undo, Suspend & Scrolling

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Undo in the input box	Ctrl + -	Ctrl + Z	Ctrl + -
Suspend Kilo to the shell (not available on Windows)	Ctrl + Z	—	Ctrl + Z
Scroll the conversation up a page	PageUp	PageUp	PageUp
Scroll up a page without leaving the home row	Ctrl + Alt + B	Ctrl + Alt + B	Ctrl + Alt + B

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Remap any keybind (global config)	<code>~/l.config/kilo/tui.json</code> <code>c</code>	<code>~/l.config/kilo/tui.json</code> <code>c</code>	<code>~/l.config/kilo/tui.json</code> <code>c</code>
Remap any keybind (per project)	<code>.kilo/tui.json</code>	<code>.kilo/tui.json</code>	<code>.kilo/tui.json</code>

Slash Commands — Sessions

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Start a new session	<code>/new</code>	<code>/new</code>	<code>/new</code>
Switch between saved sessions	<code>/sessions</code>	<code>/sessions</code>	<code>/sessions</code>
Resume the last session	<code>/resume</code>	<code>/resume</code>	<code>/resume</code>
Fork a new session from a chosen message	<code>/fork</code>	<code>/fork</code>	<code>/fork</code>
Jump to an earlier message in the session	<code>/timeline</code>	<code>/timeline</code>	<code>/timeline</code>
Compact the session to free up context	<code>/compact</code>	<code>/compact</code>	<code>/compact</code>
Undo the last message	<code>/undo</code>	<code>/undo</code>	<code>/undo</code>
Redo an undone message	<code>/redo</code>	<code>/redo</code>	<code>/redo</code>
Rename the current session	<code>/rename</code>	<code>/rename</code>	<code>/rename</code>
Share the session (or /unshare to stop)	<code>/share</code>	<code>/share</code>	<code>/share</code>
Copy the latest agent response	<code>/copy</code>	<code>/copy</code>	<code>/copy</code>
Copy the whole session transcript	<code>/copy-session</code>	<code>/copy-session</code>	<code>/copy-session</code>
Export the session to a file	<code>/export</code>	<code>/export</code>	<code>/export</code>
Show or hide the model's thinking blocks	<code>/thinking</code>	<code>/thinking</code>	<code>/thinking</code>
Show or hide message timestamps	<code>/timestamps</code>	<code>/timestamps</code>	<code>/timestamps</code>

Slash Commands — Agents, Models & System

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Switch agent mode (Architect, Ask, Debug, Orchestrator, custom)	<code>/agents</code>	<code>/agents</code>	<code>/agents</code>
Switch the model — Kilo is not tied to one vendor	<code>/models</code>	<code>/models</code>	<code>/models</code>
Turn MCP servers on or off	<code>/mcps</code>	<code>/mcps</code>	<code>/mcps</code>
Review your staged, unstaged, and untracked changes	<code>/review</code>	<code>/review</code>	<code>/review</code>
Create or update AGENTS.md for this project	<code>/init</code>	<code>/init</code>	<code>/init</code>
Open your external editor	<code>/editor</code>	<code>/editor</code>	<code>/editor</code>
Reload config and skills without restarting	<code>/reload</code>	<code>/reload</code>	<code>/reload</code>

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Switch the terminal UI theme	<code>/themes</code>	<code>/themes</code>	<code>/themes</code>
View the current status	<code>/status</code>	<code>/status</code>	<code>/status</code>
Toggle remote mode	<code>/remote</code>	<code>/remote</code>	<code>/remote</code>
Switch organization or team	<code>/teams</code>	<code>/teams</code>	<code>/teams</code>
Show the built-in help	<code>/help</code>	<code>/help</code>	<code>/help</code>
Exit Kilo CLI	<code>/exit</code>	<code>/exit</code>	<code>/exit</code>

Terminal Commands

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Run a single message without the TUI	<code>kilo run "your message"</code>	<code>kilo run "your message"</code>	<code>kilo run "your message"</code>
Manage stored credentials	<code>kilo auth</code>	<code>kilo auth</code>	<code>kilo auth</code>
List the available models	<code>kilo models</code>	<code>kilo models</code>	<code>kilo models</code>
Start the web interface	<code>kilo web</code>	<code>kilo web</code>	<code>kilo web</code>
Start an ACP server (editor integration)	<code>kilo acp</code>	<code>kilo acp</code>	<code>kilo acp</code>
Update to the latest version	<code>kilo upgrade</code>	<code>kilo upgrade</code>	<code>kilo upgrade</code>