Essential Commands

Keyboard shortcuts & indispensable slash commands

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Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
`Ctrl+J` / `Cmd+J`	Open Claude Code
`Shift+Tab`	Toggle auto-accept mode
`Ctrl+C`	Interrupt generation
`Esc`	Cancel current action
`↑` / `↓`	Message history
`Tab`	Path completion

Core Slash Commands

```
/help        Help and available commands
/clear       Clear context (reset)
/compact     Compress history
/model       Switch model
/cost        View session costs
/status      Context status
```

Permission Modes

```
claude                      Interactive mode
(default)
claude --dangerously-skip-permissions
                            Full bypass (CI/CD)
claude --allowedTools "Edit,Read,Bash"
                            Tool whitelist
```

Quick Start

```
# Launch Claude Code
claude

# With context file
claude --context CLAUDE.md

# Non-interactive mode (scripts)
claude -p "Analyze this file" < input.txt

# Continue last session
claude --continue
```

Session Commands

```
/new         New session
/resume      Resume previous session
/sessions    List sessions
```

Context Navigation

Command	Effect
`/compact`	Summarize and free up space
`/clear`	Full reset
`#file`	Add file to context

Custom Slash Commands

```
# Invoke a custom command
/command-name [args]

# Defined in:
.claude/commands/command-name.md
```

Essential Tips

Verbosity control — Use `--no-stream` to see the full response at once.

Multiline — `Shift+Enter` in the terminal to add a new line without submitting.

Vim mode — Add `{"vim": true}` to `~/.claude/settings.json` for Vim keybindings.