T01

Essential Commands

Technical Beginner

Keyboard shortcuts & indispensable slash commands

Keyboard shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
Shift+Tab	Cycle permission mode (Manual, acceptEdits, Plan, auto); sessions start in auto since v2.1.283 unless overridden
Ctrl+O	Toggle verbose transcript
Ctrl+C	Interrupt (idle: clears input)
Esc	Interrupt Claude or close a dialog; Esc Esc opens rewind
↑ / ↓	Message history
Tab	Accept autocomplete suggestion
Ctrl+X Ctrl+K	Stop background subagents
Ctrl+Enter / Ctrl+X Ctrl+S	Send queued messages now

Core slash commands

```
/help       Help and available commands
/clear      Clear context (reset)
/compact    Compress history
/model      Choose model; Enter saves, s applies once
/cost       Session cost (alias of /usage)
/status     Status tab: version, model, account
/context    Context usage breakdown
```

Permission modes

```
claude                    Interactive mode (default)
claude --dangerously-skip-permissions
                          Bypass permission prompts; requires isolation
claude --allowedTools "Edit,Read,Bash"
                          Pre-approve tools; --tools restricts availability
```

Quick start

```
# Launch Claude Code
claude

# CLAUDE.md is loaded automatically at startup
# To add a file during the session:
@src/auth.ts Look at this function

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

# Continue last session
claude --continue
```

Session commands

```
/new        New session (alias for /clear)
/resume     Resume a session (opens the picker)
/branch     Branch the conversation here
```

Context navigation

Command	Effect
/compact	Summarize and free up space
/clear	Full reset
@file	Reference a file in the prompt

Custom slash commands

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

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

Essential tips

Verbosity control: use `--verbose` at launch, or `Ctrl+O` in session, to see the full turn-by-turn transcript.

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

Vim mode: `/config` → Editor mode, or `{"editorMode": "vim"}` in `~/.claude/settings.json`. The `/vim` command was removed in v2.1.92.