Codex shortcuts & commands

Desktop app / documented defaults

Selected defaults: Cmd = Command; Alt = Mac Option; Ctrl = Control. Some actions need a feature.
Find, rebind or reset keys in Settings > Keyboard Shortcuts. Focus and keyboard layout matter.

NAVIGATION AND CONTROLS

Action	macOS	Windows / Linux
Command menu	Cmd+Shift+P	Ctrl+Shift+P
Settings	Cmd+,	Ctrl+,
Shortcut reference	Cmd+/	Ctrl+/
Open folder	Cmd+O	Ctrl+O
Sidebar	Cmd+B	Ctrl+B
Bottom panel	Cmd+J	Ctrl+J
Terminal	Ctrl+`	Ctrl+`
Model picker	Ctrl+Shift+M	Ctrl+Shift+M
Activity (when available)	Cmd+Alt+U	Ctrl+Alt+U

CHATS AND ATTENTION

Action	macOS	Windows / Linux
New chat	Cmd+N	Ctrl+N
Find in this chat	Cmd+F	Ctrl+F
Archive chat	Cmd+Shift+A	Ctrl+Shift+A
Mark chat unread	Cmd+Shift+U	Ctrl+Shift+U
Pin / unpin	Cmd+Alt+P	Ctrl+Alt+P
Rename chat	Cmd+Alt+R	Ctrl+Alt+R
Next chat needing attention	Cmd+Alt+A	Ctrl+Alt+A
Clear all unread indicators	Shift+Esc	Shift+Esc

FILES, REVIEW AND BROWSER

Action	macOS	Windows / Linux
Search files	Cmd+P	Ctrl+P
File tree	Cmd+Shift+E	Ctrl+Shift+E
Review tab	Ctrl+Shift+G	Ctrl+Shift+G
New browser tab (if available)	Cmd+T	Ctrl+T
Line / browser address bar	Cmd+L	Ctrl+L
Reload focused browser	Cmd+R	Ctrl+R
Full workspace view	Cmd+Shift+F	Ctrl+Shift+F
Cycle workspace layout	Cmd+Shift+B	Ctrl+Shift+B

Focus matters. Cmd+K / Ctrl+K also opens the command menu, but clears a focused terminal. Cmd+L / Ctrl+L goes to a line in an editor or the address bar in a browser.

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Desktop app / all 28 slash commands in the current reference

Type / in the composer and choose a listed action. Type $ to invoke a skill.
Some commands need a local project, Git repository, cloud access or an eligible account.

Plan, inspect and configure

`/plan`
Plan a multi-step task.

`/goal`
Set a persistent objective.

`/review`
Review local changes or a base diff.

`/status`
Show chat ID, context and limits.

`/model`
Choose the chat model.

`/reasoning`
Choose reasoning effort.

`/fast`
Toggle a Fast tier if offered.

`/compact`
Summarize context to free room.

`/init`
Scaffold project AGENTS.md.

`/mcp`
Inspect connected MCP servers.

`/memories`
Configure memory, where available.

`/ide-context`
Toggle shared editor context.

`/feedback`
Open feedback; logs are optional.

`/approve`
Allow one retry after auto-review denial.

Choose a workspace or manage chats

`/project`
Choose a project for new chats.

`/chat`
Choose a projectless new chat.

`/new`
Blank chat in the same workspace, if offered.

`/local`
Use the selected local project.

`/worktree`
Use a new Git worktree.

`/cloud`
Use cloud execution, if available.

`/cloud-environment`
Choose a cloud environment.

`/fork`
Copy a local chat to a chat or worktree.

`/side`
Open a temporary side chat.

`/archive`
Archive this chat.

`/pin`
Toggle pinning, if available.

`/rename`
Change the chat name.

`/pet`
Show or hide the desktop pet.

`/usage`
Open usage/billing, if available.

Settings > General controls Enter vs Cmd+Enter (Mac) / Ctrl+Enter (Windows/Linux), and steer vs queue. Use the goal row to pause, resume or edit an active goal.

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CLI / terminal keys, slash commands and shell commands

INTERACTIVE TERMINAL KEYS

`@`	Find and add a workspace file path.
`Up / Down`	Recall draft history.
`Ctrl+R`	Search prompt history; Enter selects, Esc cancels.
`Ctrl+O`	Copy the latest completed output.
`Enter while running`	Steer the active turn with new instructions.
`Tab while running`	Queue a message, slash command or shell line.
`Esc twice, empty input`	Edit the previous message and fork there.
`! at line start`	Run a shell command under current permissions.

SELECTED CLI SLASH COMMANDS / TYPE INSIDE CODEX

`/status`	Session setup and context use.
`/model`	Model and available effort.
`/plan`	Plan mode.
`/goal`	Manage a persistent goal.
`/permissions`	Change approval/access controls.
`/keymap`	Inspect or remap TUI shortcuts.
`/diff`	Inspect Git changes and new files.
`/review`	Review the working tree.
`/mention`	Attach a file.

`/copy`	Copy the last completed output.
`/resume`	Pick a saved chat.
`/fork`	Fork the current chat.
`/new`	Start a fresh chat.
`/compact`	Summarize earlier context.
`/ps`	Inspect background terminals.
`/stop`	Stop this chat's background terminals.
`/pwd`	Show the working directory.
`/exit`	Leave the CLI; save important work first.

SHELL COMMANDS / TYPE AT YOUR TERMINAL PROMPT

`codex --help`	Installed command reference.
`codex --version`	Installed CLI version.
`codex`	Start an interactive CLI session.
`codex --cd /path/to/repo`	Start in a chosen directory.
`codex resume`	Pick a saved CLI chat.
`codex fork`	Pick a saved chat to fork.
`codex exec "TASK"`	Run a non-interactive task; may edit files.
`codex review --uncommitted`	Review the working changes.

Use /keymap for custom CLI bindings and codex --help for your installed release. /stop stops background terminals; /exit leaves the CLI. Shell commands run under the current permissions.

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VS Code extension / commands and custom key bindings

Open the Command Palette: Cmd+Shift+P on Mac or Ctrl+Shift+P on Windows/Linux.
Run Preferences: Open Keyboard Shortcuts, then search Codex or a command ID below.

EXTENSION COMMAND IDS / BIND THESE IN THE EDITOR

`chatgpt.addToThread`	Add selected lines; unassigned.
`chatgpt.addFileToThread`	Add the whole file; unassigned.
`chatgpt.newChat`	New chat; Cmd+N / Ctrl+N.
`chatgpt.newCodexPanel`	New panel; unassigned.
`chatgpt.openCommandMenu`	Codex command menu; unassigned.
`chatgpt.openSidebar`	Codex sidebar; unassigned.

EXTENSION SLASH COMMANDS / TYPE IN ITS COMPOSER

Work and execution

`/approve`
Retry an automatic-review denial.

`/cloud`
Use cloud execution if available.

`/cloud-environment`
Choose cloud setup.

`/compact`
Compact chat context.

`/fast`
Toggle an offered Fast tier.

`/feedback`
Feedback and optional logs.

`/fork`
Copy a local chat.

`/goal`
Set a persistent goal.

`/ide-context`
Toggle automatic editor context.

`/init`
Scaffold AGENTS.md.

`/local`
Use the local workspace.

Tools and chat controls

`/mcp`
View connected servers.

`/memories`
Memory controls, if available.

`/model`
Choose the chat model.

`/personality`
Response style, if supported.

`/plan`
Toggle planning.

`/project`
Project for new chats.

`/reasoning`
Choose effort.

`/review`
Review edits or a base diff.

`/side`
Temporary side chat.

`/status`
Chat ID, context and limits.

`/worktree`
New Git worktree.

Defaults apply in the extension context; editor or custom bindings may intercept them. Desktop app keys and CLI-only commands do not automatically apply in VS Code.

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