

# Claude Slash Commands Cheat Sheet

10 Built-In Commands Every Claude Code User Needs

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## **/help — Discover Everything Available**

Shows every available command in one place — built-in commands and installed skills. This is your starting point in any new session.

### QUICK TIPS

- Run /help after installing new skills to confirm they show up correctly
- First command to learn, first command to run

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## **/clear — Fresh Start, Same Files**

Wipes your current conversation history and starts fresh. Your files are never affected — only the context is cleared. Use it when a conversation has drifted or you are switching to an unrelated task.

### QUICK TIPS

- Use /clear between unrelated tasks to keep Claude focused
- Does not delete any files — safe to run at any time

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## **/compact — Compress Without Losing the Thread**

Compresses conversation history into a shorter summary, freeing up context space without fully resetting. You can pass a focus instruction: /compact focus on the auth module.

### QUICK TIPS

- Run /compact at the end of each major task to keep the session lean
- Use the optional focus instruction to steer what Claude prioritises

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## **/memory — Teach Claude to Remember You**

Opens your CLAUDE.md memory file directly in the editor. This is where Claude stores persistent instructions and preferences that carry across every session.

### **QUICK TIPS**

- Add your tech stack, coding style, and folder structure so you never repeat yourself
- Update /memory whenever your project scope or preferences change

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## **/model — Switch Models Mid-Session**

Lets you view or switch your active Claude model without changing your default settings. Go powerful for architecture decisions, lighter for routine tasks.

### **QUICK TIPS**

- Use Opus for complex reasoning, Sonnet for standard coding — switching saves credits
- Check which model is active before starting a long session

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## **/cost — Track What You Are Spending**

Shows token usage and estimated cost for your current session in real time. Essential for long builds and for staying on top of usage limits.

### **QUICK TIPS**

- Check /cost before and after a heavy task to understand what complex operations cost
- Use it as a checkpoint before starting large refactors

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## **/init — Bootstrap Any New Project**

Automatically generates a CLAUDE.md file for your current project. Claude scans your folder structure and pre-fills it with relevant context — the highest-leverage setup step in Claude Code.

### **QUICK TIPS**

- Run /init first on every new project before anything else
- Follow up with /memory to review and customise what Claude generated

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## **/config — Open Settings Instantly**

Opens your Claude Code settings file in the editor — permissions, default models, hooks, and environment settings all in one place.

### QUICK TIPS

- Add tool permissions here so Claude stops asking during sessions
- Use /config after a fresh install to confirm your setup is correct

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## **/doctor — Diagnose Before You Debug**

Runs a health check on your Claude Code installation: authentication, network, and tool permissions. Always run this before digging into deeper troubleshooting.

### QUICK TIPS

- Run /doctor after any Claude Code update to catch config drift early
- If a tool is misbehaving, /doctor is step one — not step five

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## **/permissions — Control What Claude Can Touch**

Shows which tools Claude is currently allowed to use and lets you update those permissions directly. Stop mid-build interruptions and lock down exactly what Claude can access.

### QUICK TIPS

- Set broad permissions for trusted tools in .claude/settings.json
- Restrict permissions on sensitive folders or destructive tools when sharing a session

## **Ready to go deeper?**

These 10 commands are the foundation. The full system — Skills, Routines, Hooks, and a configured CLAUDE.md — is what turns Claude Code into an autonomous build machine. That is what Vibe Coding Mastery covers.

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