

CLAUDE CODE + CODEX

Commands cheat sheet

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START AND PLAN

/init

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Create the project instruction file the coding assistant should follow.

WHEN Use it the first time you bring an existing project into Claude Code or Codex.

TRY /init

PRODUCT NOTE	Claude Code	Creates a CLAUDE.md guide.
	Codex	Creates an AGENTS.md scaffold.

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START AND PLAN

/plan

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Ask for a step-by-step approach before the tool changes anything.

WHEN Use it when the work has several parts, touches important files, or needs a decision before implementation.

TRY /plan add account deletion without changing the billing flow

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START AND PLAN

/goal

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Set a concrete outcome for longer-running work.

WHEN Use it when you want the agent to keep the finish line visible across several steps.

TRY /goal ship this site; preserve content, run tests, verify the production build

PRODUCT NOTE	Claude Code	Keeps working until the stated completion condition is met or cleared.
	Codex	Keeps a persistent goal you can view, edit, pause, resume, or clear.

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MANAGE CONTEXT

/compact

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Condense a long session so the important context remains easier to work with.

WHEN Use it when the conversation is getting long or the tool warns that context is running low.

TRY /compact

PRODUCT NOTE	Claude Code	Accepts optional focus instructions after the command.
	Codex	Use the command by itself; current docs do not list inline focus instructions.

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MANAGE CONTEXT

/context

CLAUDE CODE

See what is using the current context window.

WHEN Use it when Claude Code feels crowded and you want to understand what is taking up space.

TRY /context

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MANAGE CONTEXT

/btw

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Ask a quick side question without adding it to the main conversation.

WHEN Use it when you need a small answer but do not want that detour taking up the active task's context.

TRY /btw what does this error code mean?

PRODUCT NOTE	Claude Code	Opens an ephemeral side-question overlay.
	Codex	Alias for /side in the CLI.

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Manage context + steer the session

MANAGE CONTEXT

/status

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Show the session details, context usage, and environment information available on the current surface.

WHEN Use it to confirm which session you are in and see the configuration, context, or rate-limit details that surface exposes.

TRY `/status`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Shows version, model, account, and connectivity.
		Codex	The CLI shows the active model, approval policy, writable roots, and token usage; the app and IDE show the chat ID, context usage, and rate limits.

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MANAGE CONTEXT

/clear

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Start a fresh conversation without leaving the current project.

WHEN Use it when the next task should not inherit the current chat's context.

TRY `/clear`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Starts empty context and keeps the previous conversation available to resume.
		Codex	Clears the terminal and starts a new chat.

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MANAGE CONTEXT

/usage

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Check available usage information and limits.

WHEN Use it when you need to understand current account usage, limits, or an available reset option.

TRY `/usage`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Shows session cost, plan usage limits, and activity stats; supported plans also include feature breakdowns.
		Codex	Shows daily, weekly, or cumulative token activity and, when available, lets you redeem an earned rate-limit reset.

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STEER THE SESSION

/model

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

View or change the model used for the current work.

WHEN Use it when you want a faster model for a small task or a stronger model for harder reasoning.

TRY `/model`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Can change and save the default model, depending on how it is invoked.
		Codex	Chooses the active model and available reasoning effort for the chat.

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STEER THE SESSION

/permissions

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Review or change what the assistant can do without asking first.

WHEN Use it before sensitive work or when approval prompts are either too loose or too restrictive.

TRY `/permissions`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Manages allow, ask, and deny rules for tools.
		Codex	Switches the session's approval and access profile.

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STEER THE SESSION

/mention

CODEx

Add a file to the conversation by typing part of its path.

WHEN Use it when Codex needs a specific file and you do not want to paste its contents.

TRY `/mention app/api/contact/route.ts`

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Steer + review the work

STEER THE SESSION

/skills

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Browse the reusable skills available in the current environment.

WHEN Use it when a repeatable workflow may already have instructions or tools ready to use.

TRY `/skills`

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STEER THE SESSION

/mcp

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Inspect or manage Model Context Protocol connections.

WHEN Use it when a connected tool is missing, disconnected, or needs authentication.

TRY `/mcp`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Manages server state, reconnection, and OAuth.
		Codex	Lists configured MCP tools and server details.

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STEER THE SESSION

/memory

CLAUDE CODE

Review project memory files and Claude Code memory settings.

WHEN Use it when persistent project guidance is missing, stale, or loading from the wrong place.

TRY `/memory`

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REVIEW WORK

/diff

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Show the changes made in the working project.

WHEN Use it before accepting, committing, or handing off code changes.

TRY `/diff`

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REVIEW WORK

/review

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Ask the tool to inspect code changes for defects and risks.

WHEN Use it after implementation and before you merge or deploy.

TRY `/review`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Runs a fast, read-only review of a GitHub pull request.
		Codex	Reviews local changes or compares them with a selected base branch.

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REVIEW WORK

/copy

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Copy the latest completed response without selecting terminal text.

WHEN Use it when you want to move a plan, answer, or code block into another document.

TRY `/copy`

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Continue + fix problems

CONTINUE AND PARALLELIZE

/resume

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Reopen a previous coding session and continue from its saved context.

WHEN Use it when you return to unfinished work instead of rebuilding the conversation from memory.

TRY `/resume`

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CONTINUE AND PARALLELIZE

/fork

CLAUDE CODE CODEX

Branch the current conversation so another direction can continue independently.

WHEN Use it when you want to explore another approach without losing the current thread.

TRY `/fork`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Copies the conversation into a background session.
		Codex	Copies a local chat into a new local chat.

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CONTINUE AND PARALLELIZE

/tasks

CLAUDE CODE

View and manage background work in the current Claude Code session.

WHEN Use it to check running shells and subagents without interrupting the main task.

TRY `/tasks`

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CONTINUE AND PARALLELIZE

/ps

CODEx

Check background terminal processes and their recent output.

WHEN Use it when a build, test, or server is still running in the background.

TRY `/ps`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Codex	The list may be empty unless Codex started a supported background terminal in the current session.
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CONTINUE AND PARALLELIZE

/rewind

CLAUDE CODE

Return the conversation, the code, or both to an earlier checkpoint.

WHEN Use it when a change or conversation turn took the project in the wrong direction.

TRY `/rewind`

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FIX PROBLEMS

/doctor

CLAUDE CODE

Run a setup checkup and diagnose Claude Code configuration problems.

WHEN Use it when installation, settings, plugins, skills, hooks, or permissions are behaving unexpectedly.

TRY `/doctor`

PRODUCT	NOTE	Claude Code	Reports findings first and asks before applying fixes; claude doctor outside a session prints read-only installation diagnostics.
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