

K9s Cheat Sheet

Launching K9s

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bash k9s # Launch using default kubeconfig k9s --kubeconfig /path
# Use specific kubeconfig k9s --context myctx # Use specific
context k9s --readonly # Launch in read-only mode k9s info # Show
config/log paths
```

Command Mode)(

- `:pod`, `:svc`, `:deploy`, etc. — Go to resource view
- `:ctx` — Change context
- `:ns` — Change namespace
- `:aliases` or `Ctrl-a` — Show resource aliases
- `:crd` — View custom resources
- `:apiservices`, `:secrets`, `:helm` — Specialized views
- `:xray RESOURCE` — Show resource graph
- `:pulse` — Cluster overview
- `:popeye` or `:pop` — Run Popeye linter
- `:dir /path` — Browse disk files (e.g., saved YAML)

Filtering

- `/pattern` — Regex filter
- `/!pattern` — Inverse regex
- `/-l key=value` — Filter by label
- `/-f value` — Fuzzy text match

Navigation

- `j / k` — Move down/up
- `h / l` — Left/right in logs
- `SPACE` — Select for bulk actions
- `Esc` — Exit view or cancel
- `Ctrl-c` or `:q` — Quit K9s

Resource Actions

- `y` — Copy YAML
- `d` — Describe
- `v` — View details
- `e` — Edit resource
- `l` — View logs
- `s` — Scale deployments or exec into container
- `x` — Decode secrets

- w — Toggle log line wrapping
- f — Toggle full-screen mode

⚙ **Shortcuts & Toggles**

- Ctrl-d — Delete (with confirmation)
- Ctrl-k — Kill immediately
- Ctrl-w — Toggle wide layout
- Ctrl-z — Toggle error log
- Ctrl-e — Hide header
- Ctrl-s — Save output to file
- Ctrl-l — Rollback last apply

Sorting (Shift + key)

- Shift-c — Sort by CPU
- Shift-m — Sort by Memory
- Shift-s — Sort by Status
- Shift-p — Sort by Namespace
- Shift-n — Sort by Name
- Shift-o — Sort by Node
- Shift-i — Sort by IP
- Shift-a — Sort by Age
- Shift-t — Sort by Restarts
- Shift-r — Sort by Readiness

Special Views & Utilities

- :helm — View Helm releases
- :xray — Visualize pod relationships
- :pulse — Cluster dashboard
- :popeye — Run linting tool
- :dir /path — Navigate file system

Help & Exit

- ? — Contextual help
- Esc — Go back/cancel
- :q or Ctrl-c — Exit K9s

Tips

- Use f to toggle full-screen view for easier YAML copying
- Use / to live filter resources
- Press ? for contextual help in every view