Next.js Dev Quick Reference

Basic Workflow

Start server: npm run dev
Stop server: Ctrl+C in terminal

Restart server: npm run dev

Refresh browser: Cmd+R (normal) or Cmd+Shift+R (hard refresh)

Debug Flow

- 1. Check terminal for errors
- 2. Copy error message
- 3. Cmd+L to open AI chat
- 4. Paste error and ask for help

Dev Tools

Browser console: Cmd+Option+J
Inspect element: Cmd+Option+C

IDE Refresh

- Reload Cursor:
 - Developer menu → Reload Window
 - or Cmd+Shift+P → type "Reload Window"

Mac Git, Cursor & Next.js Install & Shortcuts:

1. Account Setup

• GitHub: Create account at github.com

• Cursor: Download and install from cursor.sh

• Anthropic: Create account at anthropic.com/console

2. Git Setup (Terminal Commands)

Create and navigate directories:

- mkdir project-name # Create new project folder
- cd project-name # Enter folder
- cd .. # Move up one directory

Clone repository:

• git clone https://github.com/username/repository.git

3. Cursor Essential Shortcuts

- Ctrl + ~ Open/close terminal
- Cmd + B Toggle sidebar/file explorer
- Cmd + L Open AI chat panel
- Cmd + K Show command palette
- Cmd + K then highlight code Get Al help for highlighted code
- Option + Z Toggle word wrap
- Cmd + S Save file
- Cmd + W Close tab
- Cmd + Shift + P Command palette (alternate)

4. Next.js with TypeScript Setup

In Cursor terminal:

- npx create-next-app@latest . --typescript
- If starting in existing directory: Use the '.' to install in current directory
- Answer prompts (generally select yes for TypeScript)
- Start development server: npm run dev

5. Development Workflow

- Start development server: npm run dev
- After making changes:
 - 1. Save files (Cmd + S)
 - 2. Check browser it should auto-refresh
 - 3. If not auto-refreshing, manually refresh browser (Cmd + R)
- If you need to restart the server:
 - 1. Stop server with Ctrl + C in terminal
 - 2. Start again with: npm run dev

6. Refreshing & Reloading

Environment actions:

- Cursor IDE:
 - Click on Developer menu (top menu bar)
 - Select "Reload Window"
 - Alternatively: Cmd + Shift + P then type "Reload Window" and select
- Browser:
 - Cmd + R for normal refresh
 - Cmd + Shift + R for hard refresh (clear cache)
- Terminal:
 - Ctrl + C to stop current process

7. Debugging Workflow

1. Check terminal for error messages

- 2. Copy error message
- 3. Press Cmd + L to open AI chat
- 4. Paste error and ask for help
- 5. Review and implement the solution

8. Browser & Developer Tools

- Cmd + Option + I Open developer tools
- Cmd + Option + J Open browser console
- F12 Alternative to open developer tools
- Cmd + Option + C Inspect element

9. Basic Git Workflow

- git status # Check changes
- git add . # Stage all changes
- git commit -m "Message" # Commit with message
- git push # Push to remote repository
- git pull # Pull latest changes

10. Anthropic API Setup

1. Get API Key:

- o Create an account at anthropic.com/console
- Navigate to the API Keys section
- Click "Create API Key"
- Name your key and copy it securely
- 2. Setup in Project:

Create a .env file in your project root: ANTHROPIC API KEY=your api key here

> Make sure to add .env to your .gitignore file to keep your API key privateInstall required packages: npm install @anthropic-ai/sdk dotenv

Common Problems & Solutions

- Node modules issues: Try rm -rf node_modules && npm install
- Changes not showing in browser: Try hard refresh (Cmd + Shift + R)
- IDE seems frozen or unresponsive: Use Developer menu > Reload Window
- API key not working: Double-check that .env is in the correct location and properly formatted