

Claude at Maximum Efficiency

5 models. 5 thinking modes. 30+ slash commands. The toolkit most Claude users barely scratch.

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MODELS

5

THINKING MODES

30+

SLASH COMMANDS

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PLAN TIERS

• Pick the right model

FLAGSHIP

Opus 4.7

Hard reasoning, architecture, code review. Most expensive — use when quality matters.

Opus 4.7 1M

Same Opus, 1M token context. Long sessions + large codebases only. Pricey.

Long Ctx

Sonnet 4.6

Default for most coding. 80% of Opus, 5× cheaper. Workhorse.

Default

Haiku 4.5

Fast, cheap, surprisingly capable. Batch + high-volume + automation loops.

Speed

• Thinking effort & daily commands

Thinking Modes

Low — greetings, quick edits

Medium — chat, drafts, simple code

High ☆ default for serious dev

Extra high — hard debug, architecture

Max — rare; expensive; "I'll wait"

5 Slash Commands You'll Use Weekly

/usage — see your quota

/context — how full is the window

/compact — summarize & continue

/clear — fresh start, same project

/model — swap mid-session

PRO TIP

Default to Sonnet. Promote to Opus only when the task is hard enough to justify 5× the cost.

COMMON MISTAKE

Adding 50 MCP servers. Each one costs context window before the conversation starts. Keep 5-8 daily-use; install niche ones per-project.

DAILY PLAYBOOK

- 1 **Open Claude Code in project root**
— CLAUDE.md auto-loads
- 2 **Pick model intentionally**
Sonnet default, Opus for hard work
- 3 **State the goal up-front**
Claude works better with a stated goal
- 4 **Watch /context at 60%**
Compact before you hit the wall
- 5 **End: update CLAUDE.md**
Decisions + conventions for next session

WHEN TO UPGRADE PLAN

- 1 **Free → Pro \$20**
When Free cap blocks your day
- 2 **Pro → Max \$100**
When Pro caps hit weekly
- 3 **Max \$100 → Max \$200**
When /usage hits 80% daily

Read the full guide: djenterprises.ai/blog/claude-maximum-efficiency → Pick your model → Tune thinking mode →

Ship more.

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