
ELLM

How to Stop, Pause and Continue a Run

Learn how to effectively manage a running request or Plan Mode build using eLLM Code's Stop, Pause, and Continue features. Understand when and why the assistant pauses, and how to guide it to ensure efficient task completion.

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Estimated time: 3 minutes

Difficulty: Beginner

Why you'd use this

An agent that can run commands and edit files needs clear brakes. eLLM Code gives you a Stop button that halts everything immediately, and it pauses itself with a stated reason whenever it detects that it is going in circles, so that a stuck model cannot burn through time or gateway credits unattended. Knowing what each pause means lets you decide in seconds whether to push on, steer, or stop.

Before you start

Permissions required:

- None.

You'll need:

- A running request or a Plan Mode build in progress.

Steps

1. While a reply streams, the **Send** button becomes **Stop**. Click it to abort the request. Any commands the assistant started, foreground or background, are killed, and no result from them restarts the run.
2. When the assistant pauses on its own, a note explains why and a bar with **Continue** and **Stop** buttons appears above the composer.

3. Read the reason. The common ones are: it stopped writing code or ticking tasks while tasks remain; it repeated itself without progress; it rewrote the same file repeatedly; it marked tasks done without saving any file; it reached the per-task command limit; or it reached the overall step limit.
4. Click **Continue** to send a nudge tailored to that reason. The task list is kept as it is; nothing is marked done that was not.
5. Instead of Continue, you can type guidance in the composer, for example "The config file is in `config/app.json`, use that", which resumes the run with your steer.
6. In a Plan Mode build, typing **done** tells the assistant the work is finished and skips straight to completion; typing **stop** halts the plan.
7. To leave Plan Mode entirely, click **Exit** on the plan banner at the top of the panel.

What you should see

After Stop, a "Stopped" note confirms nothing else will run until you type a message. After Continue, the run resumes and the pause bar disappears. A command that finishes after you pressed Stop is shown with a "Result held" line and is included with your next message.

Troubleshooting

- **The pause keeps coming back with the same reason:** the model is stuck on that task. Open the task list, tell the assistant exactly what to do for the current item, or do that step by hand and say "done with task 3".
- **You pressed Stop but a build is still running in a terminal:** only commands started by the assistant are killed. Anything you started yourself is untouched.

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