

NAME

dmenu – dynamic menu

SYNOPSIS

dmenu [**-bfiv**] [**-l** *lines*] [**-m** *monitor*] [**-p** *prompt*] [**-fn** *font*] [**-nb** *color*] [**-nf** *color*] [**-sb** *color*] [**-sf** *color*] [**-w** *windowid*]

dmenu_run ...

DESCRIPTION

dmenu is a dynamic menu for X, which reads a list of newline-separated items from stdin. When the user selects an item and presses Return, their choice is printed to stdout and dmenu terminates. Entering text will narrow the items to those matching the tokens in the input.

dmenu_run is a script used by *dwm*(1) which lists programs in the user's \$PATH and runs the result in their \$SHELL.

OPTIONS

- b** dmenu appears at the bottom of the screen.
- f** dmenu grabs the keyboard before reading stdin. This is faster, but will lock up X until stdin reaches end-of-file.
- i** dmenu matches menu items case insensitively.
- l** *lines* dmenu lists items vertically, with the given number of lines.
- m** *monitor*
dmenu is displayed on the monitor number supplied. Monitor numbers are starting from 0.
- p** *prompt*
defines the prompt to be displayed to the left of the input field.
- fn** *font*
defines the font or font set used.
- nb** *color*
defines the normal background color. *#RGB*, *#RRGGBB*, and X color names are supported.
- nf** *color*
defines the normal foreground color.
- sb** *color*
defines the selected background color.
- sf** *color*
defines the selected foreground color.
- v** prints version information to stdout, then exits.
- w** *windowid*
embed into windowid.

USAGE

dmenu is completely controlled by the keyboard. Items are selected using the arrow keys, page up, page down, home, and end.

Tab Copy the selected item to the input field.

Return Confirm selection. Prints the selected item to stdout and exits, returning success.

Ctrl-Return

Confirm selection. Prints the selected item to stdout and continues.

Shift-Return

Confirm input. Prints the input text to stdout and exits, returning success.

Escape Exit without selecting an item, returning failure.

Ctrl-Left

Move cursor to the start of the current word

Ctrl-Right

Move cursor to the end of the current word

C-a	Home
C-b	Left
C-c	Escape
C-d	Delete
C-e	End
C-f	Right
C-g	Escape
C-h	Backspace
C-i	Tab
C-j	Return
C-J	Shift-Return
C-k	Delete line right
C-m	Return
C-M	Shift-Return
C-n	Down
C-p	Up
C-u	Delete line left
C-w	Delete word left
C-y	Paste from primary X selection
C-Y	Paste from X clipboard
M-b	Move cursor to the start of the current word
M-f	Move cursor to the end of the current word
M-g	Home
M-G	End
M-h	Up
M-j	Page down
M-k	Page up
M-l	Down

SEE ALSO

dwm(1), *stest(1)*