

Ranger Cheat Sheet

Navigation

h/j/k/l or ArrowKeys ... vim-like keys to go left/down/up/right
l open current file
r call function :open_with if no default app
Ctrl-b or PageUp go up a page
Ctrl-u or K go up half page
Ctrl-f or PageDown go down a page
Ctrl-d or J go down half page
gg or HOME move to top
G or END move to bottom

cd change the working directory to specific directory
gh change the working directory to your home

H history move back
L history move forward

Showing/marking/sorting files

zh or BACKSPACE show hidden files
SPACE mark a file/directory
v mark all files/directories; revert marking
uv unmark all selected files/directories

Sorting operations starts with o key. Just press o and choose preferred sorting option.

Files operations

yy copy
ya add files/directories to current *copy*
yr remove files/directories from current *copy*

dd cut
da add files/directories to current *cut*
dr remove files/directories from current *cut*

pp paste copied/cutted files
po to paste file with overwriting

Hint: After typing the first letter of operation you'll see all options

DELETE delete selected files/directories
cw rename a file/directory
I change name of file/directory, from the beginning
A change name of file/directory, from the end

Search

/ or f search a file/directory
n search next file/directory
N search previous file/directory

Tabs

Ctrl-n or gn open new tab (in your home)
gc close current tab
TAB or gt move to next tab
Shift-TAB or gT move to previous tab
Alt-Num switch to tab “Num”

Bookmarks

mKey create bookmark Key
`Key jump to bookmarked location Key
`` jump back

Ranger commands

:deletedeletes selected files
:renamerenames current file
:mkdir create directory
:cd change current path

Using bash shell

S pause ranger and open bash shell
exit return to ranger from bash shell

s or :shell run bash command inside ranger window
..... For example, :shell chmod a+rw FILENAME.

Hint: You can use macros from below instead of actual filenames.
For example, :shell chmod a+rw %f

Using macros

%s all selected files
%f highlighted file only
%d the path of the current directory

Miscellanies

q quit
s launch shell
? help

User-defined keybindings

Note: these keybindings rely on the author’s rc.conf. If you like to use these bindings, you have to configure them first.

gw go to ~/Public/Dropbox/Workspace/Matlab
ga go to ~/Public/Dropbox/Academia
gp go to ~/Papers
gr go to ~/Books/References
em open file with Emacs in light theme
ec open file with Emacs in dark theme

*The configuration files of ranger are in ~/.config/ranger/, where rc.conf defines the keybindings and rifle.conf sets how files should be opened or executed.