

Mutt Cheatsheet

This document describes some of the most common commands I use to manage my email with Mutt. It is intended to be a living document, and I update it periodically based on what I find myself using most. What works for me may not work for you.

Table 1: General Commands

| Standard | Description |
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| ctrl-q | cancel current action |
| ? | list all keybindings for the current menu |

Table 2: Message Index Commands

| Standard | Alternate | Description |
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| m | | compose a new message |
| d | D | delete the current message (delete matching a pattern) |
| u | U | undelete the current message (undelete matching a pattern) |
| r | R | reply to sender (reply to all) |
| L | | reply to mailing list |
| f | b | forward message (bounce message) |
| F | | flag message as important |
| v | | view attachments |
| gg | G | move to first entry (move to last entry) |
| return | | display message |
| space | | collapse thread |
| tab | | sync mailbox |
| O | o | sync all mail (sync only inbox) |
| C | M | copy message to a mailbox (move message to a mailbox) |

Table 3: Search Commands

| Standard | Alternate | Description |
|----------|-----------|---|
| l | | limit messages shown in the index to those matching a pattern |
| a | | show all messages by removing all limits |
| / | | search for messages matching a pattern |
| n | N | move to the next match based on the search (move to the previous match) |
| S | | perform a full text search and show results in a temporary folder |

Table 4: Search Patterns

| Pattern | Alternate | Description |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| new | ~N | new messages |
| flagged | ~F | flagged messages |
| all | ~A | all messages |
| old | ~O | old messages |
| ~p | | messages addressed directly to you (e.g. not in a mailing list) |
| ~b WORD | | messages with WORD in their body text |
| ~B WORD | | messages which contain WORD in the whole message |
| ~c USER | | messages carbon-copied to USER |
| ~d MIN-MAX | | messages in a Date range |
| ~f USER | | messages originating from USER |
| ~s SUBJECT | | messages having SUBJECT in the "Subject" field. |
| ~t USER | | messages addressed to USER |
| replied | | messages which have been replied to |
| tagged | | tagged messages |
| read | | read messages |
| unread | | unread messages |
| M-N | | messages in the range "M" through "N" |
| ~c USER | | messages carbon-copied to USER |
| ~C EXPR | | message is either to: or cc: EXPR |
| ~D | | deleted messages |
| ~d [MIN]-[MAX] | | messages with "date-sent" in a Date range |
| ~E | | expired messages |
| ~e EXPR | | message which contains EXPR in the "Sender" field |
| ~f USER | | messages originating from USER |
| ~g | | PGP signed messages |
| ~G | | PGP encrypted messages |
| ~h EXPR | | messages which contain EXPR in the message header |
| ~k | | message contains PGP key material |
| ~i ID | | message which match ID in the "Message-ID" field |
| ~L EXPR | | message is either originated or received by EXPR |
| ~l | | message is addressed to a known mailing list |
| ~m [MIN]-[MAX] | | message in the range MIN to MAX *) |
| ~n [MIN]-[MAX] | | messages with a score in the range MIN to MAX *) |
| ~p | | message is addressed to you (consults \$alternates) |
| ~P | | message is from you (consults \$alternates) |
| ~Q | | messages which have been replied to |
| ~R | | read messages |
| ~r [MIN]-[MAX] | | messages with "date-received" in a Date range |
| ~S | | superseded messages |
| ~s SUBJECT | | messages having SUBJECT in the "Subject" field. |
| ~T | | tagged messages |
| ~t USER | | messages addressed to USER |
| ~U | | unread messages |
| ~v | | message is part of a collapsed thread. |
| ~x EXPR | | messages which contain EXPR in the 'References' field |
| ~y EXPR | | messages which contain EXPR in the 'X-Label' field |
| ~z [MIN]-[MAX] | | messages with a size in the range MIN to MAX *) |
| ~= | | duplicated messages (see \$duplicate threads) |

| Table 5: Pager Commands | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Standard | Alternate | Description |
| k | j | move to previous line (move to next line) |
| gg | G | move to first line (move to last line) |
| ctrl-u | | call urlview to open links |
| T | | hide quoted material |