

MC (Midnight Commander)

Cheat Sheet

File/directory operations

F3	View file
Shift + F3	View raw file (disregard extension)
F5	Copy selected files
F6	Move selected files
Shift + F6	Rename file under cursor
Shift-F4	Create a new file
C-x d	Compare directories
C-x c	Chmod dialog
C-x o	Chown dialog
C-x C-s	Edit symlink
C-x s	Create symlink dialog
C-x l	Create hard link dialog
C-x v	Run relative symbolic link tool on selected items
C-x a	List active VFS directories

Selection

Insert / C-t	Select/deselect file
*	Invert selection on files
+	Specify file selection options (including custom pattern)
-	Same as above, but for deselecting

Navigation

TAB / / C-i	Jump from one panel to the other
F9	Select the top menu bar
Esc Esc	Quickly dismiss menus/pop-ups (skip the timeout for "Single press" from the configuration)
A-c	Quick cd dialog
A-?	Search dialog
C-s	Search for item
A-s	Incremental search (A-s again to jump to next occurrence)
A-y	Move to the previous directory in directory history
A-u	Move to the next directory in the directory history
A-Shift-h	Show path history
C-\	Directory Hotlist

Move selection bar:

C-p / Up arrow	to the previous entry in the panel
C-n / Down arrow	to the next entry in the panel
A-g	to the first visible item in the panel
A-r	to the middle item in the panel
A-j	to the last visible item in the panel
A-v / Page up	one page up
A-p / Page down	one page down
A-< / Home	to the top (first entry)
A-> / End	to the bottom (last entry)

Display

C-r	Refresh current panel
C-u	Swap panels
A-,	Toggle panel layout (horizontal/vertical)
C-x i	Toggle other panel to information mode
C-x q	Toggle other panel to quick view mode
A-i	Make the other panel show the same directory as the current
A-o	Display the contents of the highlighted dir in the other panel
A-t	Change panel view (full, brief, long)
A-.	Toggle "Show Hidden Files" feature

Command prompt

C-o	Drop to the console
A-Enter	Put the name of the highlighted file on command line
C-x t	Put the name of the selected items on command line
C-Shift-Enter	Put the full path of the highlighted file on cmd line
A-a / C-x p	Put the full path of the pane directory on the cmd line
A-h	Show command history
A-n / A-p	Navigate up/down through the command history
C-x !	External Panelize (fill current panel with the output of a command)
C-x j	Show background jobs
F2-@	Run a command on the currently highlighted item

e.g.:

F2-@ unzip	Unzip selected file
F2-@ zip -r foo.zip	Zip current directory as foo.zip
F2-@ 7za x	Extract selected file with 7zip
F2-@ 7za a foo.7z	7zip current directory as foo.7z

Others

Shift-F10 Quiet exit, without confirmation

File View

C-f	View the next file
C-b	View the previous file

Notes:

"C" means CTRL

"A" means "ALT".

You can also use "ESC" instead of "ALT", which is useful on Macbooks.

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