



**Navigation, display, panels menu, and command prompt****Navigation keys — gist**

Key	Action
C-p/Up	Move selection to previous entry.
C-n/Down	Move selection to next entry.
A-g	First visible item.
A-r	Middle item.
A-j	Last visible item.
A-v/PgUp	One page up.
A-p/PgDn	One page down.
A-</Home	Top (first entry).
A->/End	Bottom (last entry).

**Directory history — gist**

Key	Action
A-y	Previous directory in directory history.
A-u	Next directory in directory history.
A-Shift-h	Show path history.

**Display — gist**

Key	Action
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	Other panel shows same directory as current.
A-o	Show highlighted directory in the other panel.
A-t	Change panel view (full/brief/long).
A-	Toggle "Show hidden files".

**Panels menu — via F9 then Left/Right**

Key	Action
(menu)	Listing mode: Full / Brief / Long / User-defined.
(menu)	Info, Quick view, Tree, Tree view.
(menu)	Sort order: name/ext/time/size/inode; reverse toggle.
(menu)	Filter (limit visible); Select group (tag by pattern).
(menu)	Rescan/reread directory; Panelize (fill from command output).

**Menus at a glance — F9**

Key	Action
Left/Right	Listing mode, sort, filter/select, quick view/info, tree, panelize, holist.
File	View/edit/copy/move/mkdir/delete, link tools, quit.
Command	Find file, quick cd, holist, compare directories, external panelize, jobs.
Options	Configuration, appearance/layout, key learning, confirmations (build dependent).

**File and directory operations — gist**

Key	Action
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	Relative symlink tool on selected or tagged.
C-x a	List active VFS directories.

**Command prompt — gist**

Key	Action
C-o	Drop to the console (toggle panels).
A-Enter	Put highlighted file name on command line.
C-t	Put selected or tagged item names on command line.
C-Shift-Enter	Put full path of highlighted file on command line.
A-a/C-x p	Put full path of panel directory on command line.
A-h	Show command history.
A-n/A-p	Move up or down through command history.
C-x	External panelize (fill panel with command output).
C-x j	Show background jobs.

**Quit variants — gist**

Key	Action
F10	Quit (normal).
Shift-F10	Quiet exit without confirmation.

**Viewer/editor, panelize recipes, user menu macros, keymaps****File view — gist**

Key	Action
C-f	View the next file.
C-b	View the previous file.

**Viewer (mcview): practical extras**

Key	Action
/	Search.
n	Next match.
Shift-n	Previous match.
A-</A->	Begin/end of file (common navigation).

**Editor (mcedit): quick survival**

Key	Action
F2	Save.
F10	Exit editor.
F7	Search.
F4	Replace.
C-y	Delete line.
C-k	Delete to end of line.

**Panelize: "virtual panels" from commands**

Key	Action
C-x	External panelize (fill panel with command output).
Example	git ls-files (repo file list).
Example	rg -l PATTERN (files matching a pattern).
Example	find -type f -size +100M -print (large files).
Example	ls -1   ... (pipelines that output one file per line).

**Background jobs — gist**

Key	Action
C-x j	Jobs list; inspect or cancel background operations.

**User menu "@" commands — gist**

Key	Action
F2-@	Run a command on the currently highlighted item.
Example	F2-@ unzip — unzip selected file.
Example	F2-@ zip -r foo.zip — zip current directory as foo.zip.
Example	F2-@ 7za x — extract selected file with 7zip.
Example	F2-@ 7za a foo.7z — 7zip current directory as foo.7z.
File	User menu file (common): ~/.config/mc/menu.

**User menu macros — mc(1)**

Key	Action
%f, %p	Current file (name/path).
%d, %D	Current directory / other panel directory.
%t, %T	Tagged file (this/other panel).
%v, %V	Tagged files with full paths.
%s, %S	Selected files (tagged if any else current).
%cd	Change directory (useful for VFS entrypoints).
%view[args]	Internal viewer (ascii/hex/nroff...).
%{prompt}	Prompt user for substitution text.
%var{ENV:default}	Env var substitution with default.

**Keymaps and Learn keys — mc(1)**

Key	Action
Learn keys	Stores terminal sequences in ~/.config/mc/init under [terminal:TERM].
-K-keymap	Load a specific keymap file.
MC_KEYMAP	Environment variable that selects a keymap.
~/.config/mc/.keymap	Common user keymap location.