

Neovim/NvChad Cheatsheet

BASIC VIM COMMANDS

Command	Description
<code>i</code>	Enter INSERT mode (start typing)
<code>Esc</code>	Return to NORMAL mode
<code>:</code>	Enter COMMAND mode
<code>:w</code>	Save file
<code>:q</code>	Quit
<code>:wq or :x</code>	Save and quit
<code>:q!</code>	Quit without saving
<code>u</code>	Undo
<code>Ctrl + r</code>	Redo
<code>dd</code>	Delete (cut) current line
<code>yy</code>	Copy (yank) current line
<code>p</code>	Paste after cursor
<code>P</code>	Paste before cursor
<code>v</code>	Visual mode (select text)
<code>V</code>	Visual line mode (select lines)

NAVIGATION

Command	Description
<code>h j k l</code>	Left, Down, Up, Right (or use arrow keys)
<code>w</code>	Jump forward to start of word
<code>b</code>	Jump backward to start of word
<code>e</code>	Jump to end of word
<code>0</code>	Jump to start of line
<code>\$</code>	Jump to end of line

gg	Go to first line
G	Go to last line
Ctrl + u	Scroll up half page
Ctrl + d	Scroll down half page
/	Search forward (type word, Enter)
?	Search backward
n	Next search result
N	Previous search result

NVCHAD KEYBINDINGS (Space = Leader)

Keybinding	Description
Space	Show all available commands (wait for menu)
Space + e	Toggle file explorer (NvimTree)
Space + f + f	Find files (fuzzy search)
Space + f + o	Find recent/old files
Space + f + w	Find word in project (grep)
Space + f + b	Find in open buffers
Tab	Next buffer (open file)
Shift + Tab	Previous buffer
Space + x	Close current buffer
Space + h	Horizontal terminal split
Space + v	Vertical terminal split
Alt + i	Toggle floating terminal
Ctrl + h/j/k/l	Move between window splits
Space + q	Close current split/window

LSP / CODE INTELLIGENCE

(Only works in code files with language server installed)

Keybinding	Description
k	Show documentation/hover info
gd	Go to definition
gr	Show references
gi	Go to implementation
Space + c + a	Code actions (fixes, refactors)
Space + c + r	Rename symbol
Space + c + f	Format code
[d	Go to previous diagnostic (error)
]d	Go to next diagnostic

NVIMTREE FILE EXPLORER

(Press Space + e to open)

Key	Description
Enter	Open file or expand folder
a	Create new file (add)
d	Delete file/folder
r	Rename file/folder
c	Copy file
p	Paste file
x	Cut file
y	Copy filename
Y	Copy relative path
q	Close file explorer

AUTOCOMPLETE

Key	Description
Tab	Scroll down in suggestions
Shift + Tab	Scroll up in suggestions
Enter	Accept selected suggestion
Ctrl + y	Accept suggestion (yes)
Ctrl + e	Close autocomplete menu
Ctrl + Space	Manually trigger autocomplete

TERMINAL MODE

Key	Description
Alt + i	Toggle floating terminal
Space + h	Horizontal terminal
Space + v	Vertical terminal
Ctrl + x	Exit terminal mode (back to normal mode)
:terminal	Open terminal in current window

GIT WITH LAZYGIT

(Run 'lazygit' in terminal or Space + g + g if configured)

Key	Description
Tab	Switch between panels
Enter	Stage/unstage file or expand
Space	Toggle stage/unstage
c	Commit (opens editor for message)
p	Push to remote
P	Pull from remote
x	Open command menu
?	Show help/keybindings

<code>q</code>	Quit lazygit
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USEFUL COMMANDS

Command	Description
<code>:Mason</code>	Open Mason (install language servers)
<code>:Telescope keymaps</code>	Search all keybindings
<code>:checkhealth</code>	Check Neovim/plugin health
<code>:LspInfo</code>	Show attached language servers
<code>:Lazy</code>	Open Lazy.nvim (plugin manager)
<code>:messages</code>	Show recent messages/errors
<code>:set number</code>	Show line numbers
<code>:set relativenumber</code>	Show relative line numbers

PRO TIPS

- Press Space and WAIT - the which-key menu shows all available commands
- Use `:Telescope keymaps` to search for any keybinding
- Install language servers via `:Mason` for autocomplete and code intelligence
- Most NvChad commands start with Space (the leader key)
- In terminal mode, `Ctrl+x` exits back to normal mode
- Use marks (`m + letter`) to bookmark positions, then `Space + f + m` to jump back
- `gd` (go to definition) and `K` (hover docs) are your best friends for coding