

Neovim/NvChad Cheatsheet

BASIC VIM COMMANDS

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

NAVIGATION

Command	Description
h j k l	Left, Down, Up, Right (or use arrow keys)
w	Jump forward to start of word
b	Jump backward to start of word
e	Jump to end of word
0	Jump to start of line
\$	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
<code>Space</code>	Show all available commands (wait for menu)
<code>Space + e</code>	Toggle file explorer (NvimTree)
<code>Space + f + f</code>	Find files (fuzzy search)
<code>Space + f + o</code>	Find recent/old files
<code>Space + f + w</code>	Find word in project (grep)
<code>Space + f + b</code>	Find in open buffers
<code>Tab</code>	Next buffer (open file)
<code>Shift + Tab</code>	Previous buffer
<code>Space + x</code>	Close current buffer
<code>Space + h</code>	Horizontal terminal split
<code>Space + v</code>	Vertical terminal split
<code>Alt + i</code>	Toggle floating terminal
<code>Ctrl + h/j/k/l</code>	Move between window splits
<code>Space + q</code>	Close current split/window

LSP / CODE INTELLIGENCE

(Only works in code files with language server installed)

Keybinding	Description
<code>K</code>	Show documentation/hover info
<code>gd</code>	Go to definition
<code>gr</code>	Show references
<code>gi</code>	Go to implementation
<code>Space + c + a</code>	Code actions (fixes, refactors)
<code>Space + c + r</code>	Rename symbol
<code>Space + c + f</code>	Format code
<code>[d</code>	Go to previous diagnostic (error)
<code>]d</code>	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
<code>Tab</code>	Scroll down in suggestions
<code>Shift + Tab</code>	Scroll up in suggestions
<code>Enter</code>	Accept selected suggestion
<code>Ctrl + y</code>	Accept suggestion (yes)
<code>Ctrl + e</code>	Close autocomplete menu
<code>Ctrl + Space</code>	Manually trigger autocomplete

TERMINAL MODE

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

GIT WITH LAZYGIT

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

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

q	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