Default shortcuts

Scrolling

Action	Shortcut
Scroll line up	ctrl+shift+up (also ⌥+⌘+↕ and ⌘+↑ on macOS)
Scroll line down	ctrl+shift+down (also ⌥+⌘+↕ and ⌘+↓ on macOS)
Scroll page up	ctrl+shift+page_up (also ⌘+↕ on macOS)
Scroll page down	ctrl+shift+page_down (also ⌘+↕ on macOS)
Scroll to top	ctrl+shift+home (also ⌘+↖ on macOS)
Scroll to bottom	ctrl+shift+end (also ⌘+↘ on macOS)

Tabs management

Action	Shortcut
New tab	ctrl+shift+t (also ⌘+t on macOS)
Close tab	ctrl+shift+q (also ⌘+w on macOS)
Next tab	ctrl+shift+right (also ^+→ and ⇧+⌘+] on macOS)
Previous tab	ctrl+shift+left (also ⇧+^+→ and ⇧+⌘+[on macOS)
Next layout	ctrl+shift+l
Move tab forward	ctrl+shift+.
Move tab backward	ctrl+shift+,
Set tab title	ctrl+shift+alt+t (also ⇧+⌘+i on macOS)

Other keyboard shortcuts

Action	Shortcut
Copy to clipboard	ctrl+shift+c (also ⌘+c on macOS)
Paste from clipboard	ctrl+shift+v (also ⌘+v on macOS)
Paste from selection	ctrl+shift+s
Increase font size	ctrl+shift+equal (also ⌘++ on macOS)
Decrease font size	ctrl+shift+minus (also ⌘+- on macOS)
Restore font size	ctrl+shift+backspace (also ⌘+0 on macOS)
Toggle fullscreen	ctrl+shift+f11 (also ^+⌘+f on macOS)
Toggle maximized	ctrl+shift+f10
Input unicode character	ctrl+shift+u (also ^+⌘+space on macOS)
Click URL using the keyboard	ctrl+shift+e
Reset the terminal	ctrl+shift+delete
Reload kitty.conf	ctrl+shift+f5 (also ^+⌘+f5 on macOS)
Debug kitty.conf	ctrl+shift+f6 (also ⌘+option+f6 on macOS)
Pass current selection to program	ctrl+shift+o
Edit kitty config file	ctrl+shift+f2
Open a kitty shell	ctrl+shift+escape
Increase background opacity	ctrl+shift+a>m
Decrease background opacity	ctrl+shift+a>l
Full background opacity	ctrl+shift+a>1
Reset background opacity	ctrl+shift+a>d

Windows management

Action	Shortcut
New window	ctrl+shift+enter (also ⌘+↵ on macOS)
New OS window	ctrl+shift+n (also ⌘+n on macOS)
Close window	ctrl+shift+w (also ⇧+⌘+d on macOS)
Next window	ctrl+shift+]
Previous window	ctrl+shift+[
Move window forward	ctrl+shift+f
Move window backward	ctrl+shift+b
Move window to top	ctrl+shift+'
Focus specific window	ctrl+shift+1, ctrl+shift+2 ... ctrl+shift+0 (also ⌘+1, ⌘+2 ... ⌘+9 on macOS) (clockwise from the top-left)

Mappable actions

Copy/Paste

- **copy_and_clear_or_interrupt**: Copy the selected text from the active window to the clipboard and clear selection, if no selection, send Ctrl-C
- **copy_or_interrupt**: Copy the selected text from the active window to the clipboard, if no selection, send Ctrl-C
- **copy_to_clipboard**: Copy the selected text from the active window to the clipboard. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+c
- **pass_selection_to_program**: Pass the selected text from the active window to the specified program. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+o
- **paste**: Paste the specified text into the current window
- **show_scrollback**: Show scrollback in a pager like less. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+h
- **copy_to_buffer**: Copy the selection from the active window to the specified buffer.
- **paste_from_buffer**: Paste from the specified buffer to the active window.
- **paste_from_clipboard**: Paste from the clipboard to the active window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+v
- **paste_from_selection**: Paste from the clipboard to the active window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+s

Marks

- **remove_marker**: Remove a previously created marker
- **scroll_to_mark**: Scroll to the next or previous mark of the specified type
- **toggle_marker**: Toggle the current marker on/off
- **create_marker**: Create a new marker

Mouse actions

- **mouse_click_url**: Click the URL under the mouse
- **mouse_click_url_or_select**: Click the URL under the mouse only if the screen has no selection
- **mouse_selection**: Manipulate the selection based on the current mouse position
- **paste_selection**: Paste the current primary selection
- **paste_selection_or_clipboard**: Paste the current primary selection or the clipboard if no selection is present

Scrolling

- **scroll_end**: Scroll to the bottom of the scrollback buffer. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+end
- **scroll_home**: Scroll to the top of the scrollback buffer. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+home
- **scroll_line_down**: Scroll down by one line. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+down
- **scroll_line_up**: Scroll up by one line. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+up
- **scroll_page_down**: Scroll down by one page. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+page_down
- **scroll_page_up**: Scroll up by one page. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+page_up

Windows management

- **close_other_windows_in_tab**: Close all windows in the tab other than the currently active window.
- **close_window**: Close the currently active window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+w
- **move_window**: Move the window in the specified direction. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+b
- **move_window_forward**: Move active window forward (swap it with the next window). Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+f
- **move_window_to_top**: Move active window to the top (make it the first window). Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+'
- **neighboring_window**: Focus the neighboring window in the current tab. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+]
- **nth_window**: Focus the nth window if positive or the previously active windows if negative. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+[
- **reset_window_sizes**: Reset window sizes undoing any dynamic resizing of windows.
- **resize_window**: Resize the active window by the specified amount.
- **change_font_size**: Change the font size for the current or all OS Windows. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+minus, ctrl+shift+equal, ctrl+shift+backspace
- **close_os_window**: Close the currently active OS Window. Default shortcuts using this action: shift+cmd+w
- **detach_window**: Detach a window, moving it to another tab or OS Window.
- **new_os_window_with_cwd**: New OS Window with the same working directory as the currently active window.
- **new_window**: Create a new window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+enter
- **new_window_with_cwd**: Create a new window with working directory same as that of the active window.
- **quit**: Quit, closing all windows
- **set_background_opacity**: Set the background opacity for the active OS Window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+a>l, ctrl+shift+a>1, ctrl+shift+a>m, ctrl+shift+a>d
- **start_resizing_window**: Resize the active window interactively. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+r
- **toggle_fullscreen**: Toggle the fullscreen status of the active OS Window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+f11
- **toggle_maximized**: Toggle the maximized status of the active OS Window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+f10

Tab management

- **detach_tab**: Detach a tab, moving it to another OS Window
- **goto_tab**: Go to the specified tab, by number, starting with 1. Zero and negative numbers go to previously active tabs
- **move_tab_backward**: Move the active tab backward. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+,
- **move_tab_forward**: Move the active tab forward. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+.
- **new_tab**: Create a new tab. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+t
- **new_tab_with_cwd**: Create a new tab with working directory for the window in it set to the same as the active window.
- **next_tab**: Make the next tab active. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+right
- **previous_tab**: Make the previous tab active. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+left
- **select_tab**: Interactively select a tab to switch to
- **set_tab_title**: Change the title of the active tab. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+alt+t

Miscellaneous

- **send_text**: Send the specified text to the active window. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+alt+h
- **signal_child**: Send the specified SIGNAL to the foreground process in the active window.
- **clear_terminal**: Clear the terminal. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+delete.
- **combine**: Combine multiple actions and map to a single keypress. The syntax is: map key combine action1 action2 action3 ...
- **disable_ligatures_in**: Turn on/off ligatures in the specified window.
- **discard_event**: Discard this event completely ignoring it.
- **edit_config_file**: Edit the kitty.conf config file in your favorite text editor. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+f2
- **input_unicode_character**: Input an arbitrary unicode character.
- **kitten**: Run the specified kitten. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+p>n, ctrl+shift+u, ctrl+shift+p>h, ctrl+shift+p>l, ctrl+shift+p>f, ctrl+shift+p>w, ctrl+shift+p>y, ctrl+shift+p>shift+f
- **kitty_shell**: Run the kitty shell to control kitty with commands. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+escape
- **launch**: Launch the specified program in a new window/tab/etc.
- **load_config_file**: Reload the config file. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+f5
- **open_url_with_hints**: Click a URL using the keyboard. Default shortcuts using this action: ctrl+shift+e
- **remote_control**: Run a remote control command.
- **set_colors**: Change colors in the specified windows.
- **show_kitty_env_vars**: Show the environment variables that the kitty process sees.