

# RANGER KEYBINDINGS (HAUG)

Esc abort		F1 help		F2		F3 inspect file		F4 edit		F5 copy		F6 cut		F7 :mkdir		F8 :delete		F9		F10 :quit		F11		F12			
~		! :shell		@ :shell %s		# :shell -p		\$		%		^		&		*		(		)		-		+ chmod (2)		Backspace	
‘ book-marks		1 (1)		2 (1)		3 (1)		4 (1)		5 (1)		6 (1)		7 (1)		8 (1)		9 (1)		0 (1)		- chmod (2)		= chmod (2)			
Tab switch pane		Q quit		W show log		E edit		^R reset ranger		T :touch		Y inspect file		^U move up half page		I :rename(app. after ext.)		O :search_next ...		P		{		{		traverse sub-directories	
		q close tab		w show tasks		e :plocate /		r :plocate		t newtab		y yank (3)		u forward in history		i back in history		o sort		p paste (3)		[ move up in parent dir		]		move down in parent dir	
Esc Abort		^A :rename (new)		S open shell		^D move down half page		^F :plocate ...		G go to top		H toggle hidden files		^J move down two pages		^K move up two pages		^L redraw		: console		" tag files (custom tag)		Enter enter dir open file			
		A :rename (keep suffix)				D :filter_stack ...		F travel (fuzzy)						J move down half page		K move up half page		L :open_with		; console		' open bookmarks					
Shift		a :rename (append)		s :shell		d cut (3, 4)		f travel		g :cd ...		h go up 1 directory		j move down		k move up		l enter dir open file									
		Z ZZ/ZQ quit		X extract archive		^C abort task		^V invert selection		^B move up one page		^N new tab															
Ctrl		z toggle options		x tag files		C compress files		V visual mode unselect		B change linemode(5)		N search previous		M :mkdir				. :filter_stack ...		? show help		Shift					
						c :filter		v visual mode		b toggle hidden files		n search next		m save bookmark				/ :search									
				Alt		Space select file												Alt				Menu		Ctrl			

## Macros

Macros can be used in commands. They are like global variables with dynamic content.

- **%f** – The base name of the current file
- **%d** – The path of the current directory
- **%s** – The names of the currently selected files
- **%t** – The names of all tagged files in this directory
- **%c** – The paths of the currently copied files
- **%any** – The key used in a key binding with **<any>**. Example: `map x<any> shell -w echo %any`
- **%rangerdir** – The path to the ranger python module
- **%space** – Just a space, to avoid typing trailing spaces

Example: `map yp shell echo %d/%f | xsel -i`  
They can be escaped by replacing **%** with **%%**.

## Hints

Various helpful things

- `:eval fm.copy_buffer.clear()` Empties the copy buffer (maybe there is a better method though)

## Config files

run `ranger --copy-config=all` to copy the default config files to `~/.config/ranger/`.

- **rc.conf** – A list of commands that are executed when ranger starts. Options, key bindings and aliases are found here. Pro tip: Adding `export RANGER_LOAD_DEFAULT_RC=FALSE` to your shell rc will skip loading the default `rc.conf` before your own.
- **commands.py** – A python script containing custom commands
- **rifle.conf** – Rules for rifle, the file opener. Each lines looks like `list of conditions = command`. When ranger opens a file, it tests those conditions. The first command where all conditions are true will be executed.
- **scope.sh** – The script that generates file previews. Plugins can be put in the `plugins/` subdirectory, colorschemes in `colorschemes/`. See `/usr/share/doc/ranger/examples`.

## Commands

Commands can be typed in by pressing **:** or added to `~/.config/ranger/rc.conf` to apply then whenever ranger starts. All commands are listed in the man page. Some important ones:

- `:shell [<flags>] <command>` calls the given **<command>** with the shell specified in the environment variable `$$SHELL`. **<flags>** can be **f** to fork the process or **p** to pipe the output to a pager. Macros like **%f** and **%s** are especially useful here. Example: `:shell -f inkscape %f` or `:shell sudo cp %c ./`
- `:alias <new> <old>` creates the command **<new>** that calls **<old>**. The neat thing is that you can pass arguments to the next command. Example: `:alias touch shell touch` will allow you to type `:touch FILE`, which will be translated to `:shell touch FILE`.
- `:map <key> <command>` makes the **<key>** run **<command>** when pressed. This is the typical way to define key bindings in `rc.conf`. There is also `pmap` to define keys in the pager and `unmap` and `punmap` to remove key bindings.

## (1) quantifiers

numbers can be used as a quantifier in various commands, for example `5j` will move the cursor down 5 by lines, `3<space>` selects 3 files, `4<TAB>` moves you to the 4th tab.

## (2) chmod

the keys **-**, **=** and **=** change the permissions of files. See `man chmod`.

- `[+–][augo][rwx]st` (e.g. `+gw` means ”add write permissions to the group”)
- `[+–][rwx]st` (e.g. `-x` means ”remove execute permissions from everybody”)
- `<octal>=` (e.g. `777=` means ”give full permissions to everybody”)

## (3) yank, copy, paste

To copy files, select them with the cursor (or **<space>**, in case of multiple files). Type `dd` (to cut) or `yy` (to copy). Move to the destination and type `pp`. Type `da` (or `ya`) to add files to the copy buffer, allowing you to copy from multiple folders.

## (4) d\*

**d** also starts the keybindings

- **dc** (calculate size of the content of a directory)
- **du/dU** (calculate directory size with the `du` program)
- **dD** (open the console with `”:delete”`)

## (5) linemode

**M<key>** changes the linemode, the way files are drawn.

- **Mf** draws just the file name
- **Mp** draws permissions
- **Mi** draws file type information
- **Mt** draws metadata, as defined with the `:meta` command.

You can add custom linemodes as described in `/usr/share/doc/ranger/examples/plugin_linemode.py`.

## (6) U\*

**U** also starts the keybindings

- **Um<key>** delete bookmark `|key|`
- **Uv** unmark all files (clear selection)
- **UV** visual unselect
- **Uq** restore closed tab
- **UT/Ut** remove tag
- **Ud/Uy** uncut