NvChad Keymap Documentation

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Insert Mode Navigation

Keymap	Action	Description
Ctrl + b	Move to beginning of line	Jump to start of current line
Ctrl + e	Move to end of line	Jump to end of current line
Ctrl + h	Move left	Move cursor one character left
Ctrl + l	Move right	Move cursor one character right
Ctrl + j	Move down	Move cursor one line down
Ctrl + k	Move up	Move cursor one line up

Normal Mode Window Navigation

Keymap	Action	Description
Ctrl + h	Switch window left	Focus window to the left
Ctrl + l	Switch window right	Focus window to the right
Ctrl + j	Switch window down	Focus window below
Ctrl + k	Switch window up	Focus window above

General Operations

Keymap	Action	Description
Esc	Clear highlights	Remove search highlights
Ctrl + s	Save file	Write current buffer to file
Ctrl + c	Copy whole file	Copy entire file content to clipboard
<leader>n</leader>	Toggle line numbers	Show/hide line numbers
<leader>rn</leader>	Toggle relative numbers	Show/hide relative line numbers
<leader>ch</leader>	Toggle cheatsheet	Open/close NvChad cheatsheet

Buffer Management

Keymap	Action	Description
<leader>b</leader>	New buffer	Create a new empty buffer
Tab	Next buffer	Switch to next buffer in tabline
Shift + Tab	Previous buffer	Switch to previous buffer in tabline
<leader>x</leader>	Close buffer	Close current buffer

Code Formatting & LSP

Keymap	Action	Description
<pre><leader>fm</leader></pre>	Format file	Format current file using Conform
<pre><leader>ds</leader></pre>	LSP diagnostics	Open diagnostic location list

File Explorer (NvimTree)

Keymap	Action	Description
Ctrl + n	Toggle NvimTree	Open/close file explorer
<pre><leader>e</leader></pre>	Focus NvimTree	Focus on file explorer window

Fuzzy Finding (Telescope)

File Operations

Keymap	Action	Description
<leader>ff</leader>	Find files	Search for files in project
<leader>fa</leader>	Find all files	Search including hidden/ignored files
<leader>fo</leader>	Find old files	Search recently opened files
<leader>fb</leader>	Find buffers	Search open buffers

Search Operations

Keymap	Action	Description
<pre><leader>fw</leader></pre>	Live grep	Search text across project files
<pre><leader>fz</leader></pre>	Fuzzy find in buffer	Search within current buffer

Git Operations

Keymap	Action	Description
<leader>cm</leader>	Git commits	Browse git commit history
<pre><leader>gt</leader></pre>	Git status	View git status

Utility Operations

Keymap	Action	Description
<leader>fh</leader>	Help tags	Search help documentation
<leader>ma</leader>	Find marks	Search vim marks
<leader>pt</leader>	Pick terminal	Select from hidden terminals
<leader>th</leader>	NvChad themes	Open theme selector

Terminal Operations

Terminal Mode

Keymap	Action	Description
Ctrl + x	Exit terminal mode	Return to normal mode from terminal

New Terminals

Keymap	Action	Description
<leader>h</leader>	Horizontal terminal	Open new horizontal split terminal
<leader>v</leader>	Vertical terminal	Open new vertical split terminal

Toggleable Terminals

Keymap	Action	Description
(Alt + h)	Toggle horizontal terminal	Show/hide horizontal terminal
(Alt + v)	Toggle vertical terminal	Show/hide vertical terminal
Alt + i	Toggle floating terminal	Show/hide floating terminal

Commenting

Keymap	Action	Description	
<leader>/ (Normal)</leader>	Toggle line comment	Comment/uncomment current line	
<leader>/ (Visual)</leader>	Toggle block comment	Comment/uncomment selected lines	

Utility Functions

Keymap Action		Description	
<leader>wK</leader>	Show all keymaps	Display all available keymaps	
<pre><leader>wk</leader></pre>	Query keymaps	Search for specific keymap	

Essential Vim Motions

Basic Movement

Keymap	Action	Description
h	Left	Move cursor left
j	Down	Move cursor down
k	Up	Move cursor up
l	Right	Move cursor right
W	Next word	Jump to beginning of next word
b	Previous word	Jump to beginning of previous word
e	End of word	Jump to end of current word
0	Line start	Jump to beginning of line
^	First non-blank	Jump to first non-whitespace character
\$	Line end	Jump to end of line

Line Navigation

Keymap	Action	Description	
gg	File start	Jump to beginning of file	
G	File end	Jump to end of file	
({line}G)	Go to line	Jump to specific line number	
H	Screen top	Jump to top of screen	
M	Screen middle	Jump to middle of screen	
L	Screen bottom	Jump to bottom of screen	

Text Objects

Keymap	Action	Description	
iw	Inner word	Select word under cursor	
aw	A word	Select word including surrounding space	
is	Inner sentence	Select current sentence	
as	A sentence	Select sentence including surrounding space	
ip	Inner paragraph	Select current paragraph	
ар	A paragraph	Select paragraph including surrounding space	
i"	Inner quotes	Select text inside double quotes	
a"	A quotes	Select text including double quotes	
i()	Inner parentheses	Select text inside parentheses	
(a()	A parentheses	Select text including parentheses	

Advanced Vim Navigation

Search and Replace

Keymap	Action	Description	
7	Search forward	Search for pattern forward	
?	Search backward	Search for pattern backward	
n	Next match	Jump to next search result	
N	Previous match	Jump to previous search result	
*	Search word forward	Search for word under cursor forward	
#	Search word backward	Search for word under cursor backward	

Marks and Jumps

Keymap	Action	Description	
(m{a-z})	Set mark	Set local mark	
(m{A-Z})	Set global mark	Set global mark	
('{mark})	Jump to mark line	Jump to line containing mark	
(\) \{\mark}	Jump to mark position	Jump to exact mark position	
11	Jump to previous line	Jump to line before last jump	
	Jump to previous position	Jump to exact position before last jump	

Folding

Keymap	Action	Description
za	Toggle fold	Open/close fold under cursor
ZA	Toggle all folds	Recursively open/close folds
ZO	Open fold	Open fold under cursor
ZC	Close fold	Close fold under cursor
ZR	Open all folds	Open all folds in buffer
ZM	Close all folds	Close all folds in buffer

Indentation

Keymap	Action	Description
>>	Indent line	Indent current line
<<	Unindent line	Unindent current line
>	Indent selection	Indent selected lines
<	Unindent selection	Unindent selected lines
=	Auto-indent	Auto-indent selection

Registers

Keymap Action		Description	
("{register})	Use register	Specify register for next command	
"* System clipboard		Use system clipboard register	
"+	Selection clipboard	Use selection clipboard register	
Command register		Last executed command	
"/	Search register	Last search pattern	

Notes

- **Leader Key**: In NvChad, the leader key is typically set to (<Space>) (spacebar)
- Mode Indicators:
 - (n) = Normal mode
 - (i) = Insert mode
 - (v) = Visual mode
 - (t) = Terminal mode
- Combo Keys: Use (Ctrl), (Alt), and (Shift) modifiers as indicated
- **Text Objects**: Can be combined with operators like (d) (delete), (c) (change), (y) (yank)

This documentation covers the essential keymaps for efficient navigation and editing in NvChad. Practice these regularly to develop muscle memory and increase your productivity.