RTORRENT UX CHEAT SHEET

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Screen Layout Navigation

Action	Command
Switch to main view	1
Switch to name view	2
Switch to started view	3
Switch to stopped view	4
Switch to complete view	5
Switch to incomplete view	6
Switch to hashing view	7
Switch to seeding view	8
Switch to active view	9
Switch to next view	Right Arrow
Switch to previous view	Left Arrow

Cursor Movement

Action	Command	
Move up in list	Up Arrow	
Move down in list	Down Arrow	
Scroll page up	Page Up	
Scroll page down	Page Down	
Jump to first item	Home	
Jump to last item	End	

Detailed Views

Action	Command
Toggle info panel	i
Cycle through info panels	i (repeatedly)
View torrent peers	p
View torrent trackers	t
View torrent files	f
Return to main view	<pre>< or Back Space</pre>
Toggle collapsed/expanded view	*

Info Panel Screens

Panel Type	Information Displayed
Info (1st press)	General, path, size, timestamps
Info (2nd press)	Transfer rates, peers, chunks
Info (3rd press)	Performance metrics, memory usage
Peer View	Connected peers, client, address, speeds
Tracker View	Tracker URLs, status, update interval
File View	File list, sizes, priorities

File View Operations

Action	Command
Select/deselect file	Space
Set high priority	a
Set normal priority	n
Set no download (off)	z
Set high priority for all	A
Set normal priority for all	N
Set no download for all	Z

Keyboard Throttle Control

Action	Command
Increase global upload	a
Decrease global upload	s
Increase global download	d
Decrease global download	z
Increase max peers	Α
Decrease max peers	S
Increase min peers	D
Decrease min peers	Z

Status Indicators

Indicator	Meaning
*	Currently downloading/seeding
+	Complete, still seeding
-	Stopped
h	Hash checking in progress
!	Error state
msg	Message from tracker/peers

Command Mode

Action	Command
Enter command mode	:
Execute rtorrent command	:command_name=args
Execute system command	:execute=command,arg1,arg2
Cancel command mode	Esc

Status Bar Elements

Component	Description
Upper Left	Global upload/download speeds
Upper Right	Memory usage
Lower Left	Throttle settings (upload/download)
Lower Center	Number of torrents (complete/incomplete)
Lower Right	System time

Columns Display (Default View)

Column	Description
1	Status indicator
2	Name
3	Up rate
4	Down rate
5	Done percentage
6	Size
7	Peers (connected/max)
8	Priority

Example Screen Layout

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* ubuntu-24.04.iso + debian-12.2.iso - fedora-39.iso * arch-linux-2023.iso	96% 100% 45% 12%	1.2 GB 932 MB 2.4 GB 764 MB	
[Throttle: 100/0] [Tot: 5(2/3)]			+