

# Midnight Commander cheat sheet

## General

Ctrl + R	Refresh active panel
Ctrl + X then C	Opens chmod dialog for marked file
Ctrl + X then O	Opens chown dialog for marked file
Alt + ?	Opens search dialog
Ctrl + X then A	Open VFS list. If a ftp session times out, you can use this to free the open vfs so you can log in again.

## File panel actions

Up arrow	move the selection bar to the previous entry in the panel
Down arrow	move the selection bar to the next entry in the panel
Left arrow	move the selection bar to the left
Right arrow	move the selection bar to the right
Page Up or Alt + V	move the selection bar one page up
Page Down or Alt + P	move the selection bar one page down
Home or A then 1 or Alt + <	move the selection bar to the first entry in the panel
End or C then 1 or Alt + >	move the selection bar to the last entry in the panel
Alt + G	move the selection bar to the first visible entry in the panel
Alt + R	move the selection bar to the middle visible entry in the panel
Alt + J	move the selection bar to the last visible entry in the panel
Alt + S	start a quick filename search in the directory listing
Alt + E	change charset of current panel
Alt + H	show the directory history
Alt + U	move to the next directory in the history
Alt + Y	move to the previous directory in the history
+	select (tag) a group of files

\	unselect a group of files
Alt + *	invert selection on the current panel
Alt + I	make the current directory of the current panel also the current directory of the other panel
Alt + O	If the currently selected file is a directory, load that directory on the other panel and moves the selection to the next file. If the currently selected file is not a directory, load the parent directory on the other panel and moves the selection to the next file
Alt + L	If the currently selected file is a link to the directory, load that directory on the other panel and moves the selection to the next file
Ctrl + Page Down	move to the child directory
Ctrl + Page Up	move to the parent directory
Insert or Ctrl + T	tag or untag files. To untag files, just retag a tagged file
Shift + Down arrow	tag file and move the selection bar to the next entry
Shift + Up arrow	tag file and move the selection bar to the previous entry

## Shell functions

Alt + Enter	Copies selected filename in command line
Ctrl + Shift + Enter	Copies full path of selected file in the command line
Alt + H	Shows command line history

## Function keys

F1	Help
F2	Opens user menu
F3	View selected file content
F4	Opens file in internal text editor
F5	Copies selected file. Default is to another panel, but it asks first.
F6	Moving file. Default is to another

panel, but it asks first.

F7	Make directory
F8	Delete file or directory
F9	Opens main menu at the top of the screen
F10	Ends current action; editor, viewer, dialog window or ends mc program

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*More information:* [defkey.com/gnu-midnight-commander-shortcuts](https://defkey.com/gnu-midnight-commander-shortcuts)

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