aerc — Terminal email client

CONCEPTS

Everything is a command. Keys just run commands; press : to type one yourself, with Tab completion.

Message list folders in the sidebar
↓ Enter
Viewer one tab per message
↓ r / f / C
Composer editor opens in a tab
↓ Esc, then y
Review send, attach, postpone

The composer runs $EDITOR in an embedded terminal tab, so editor keys go to the editor. Ctrl+x there opens the : prompt.

MOVING AROUND

`j` / `k` Next / previous message

`Ctrl` + `d` / `Ctrl` + `u`
Half a page down / up

`Ctrl` + `f` / `Ctrl` + `b`
Full page down / up

`g` / `G` First / last message

`J` / `K` Next / previous folder

`Ctrl` + `n` / `Ctrl` + `p`
Next / previous tab

`:cf <folder>`
Jump to a folder by name

`z` › `z` Centre the selection

READING

`Enter`
Open message in the viewer

`q`
Close viewer / quit from the list

`Ctrl` + `Down` / `Ctrl` + `Up`
Next / previous message part

`H` Toggle all headers

`o` Open part with its handler

`:help keys`
Open the key reference

WRITE AND REPLY

`C` / `m`
Compose a new message

WRITE AND REPLY (cont.)

`r` › `r` Reply to all

`R` › `r` Reply to sender only

`r` › `q`
Reply to all, quoting the message

`R` › `q`
Reply to sender, quoting the message

`f` Forward (in the viewer)

`Ctrl` + `j` / `Ctrl` + `k`
Next / previous header field

`Ctrl` + `x`
Type a : command from the editor

`:cc <addr>`
Add a Cc recipient

`Ctrl` + `o` Complete an address

REVIEW AND SEND

`y` Send the message

Other keys on the review screen

Key	Action
`n`	Discard, no confirmation
`p`	Postpone to Drafts
`e`	Edit body and headers
`a` / `d`	Add / remove attachment
`v`	Preview
`s` / `x`	Toggle sign / encrypt

DELETE AND TAG

`d` Delete, asking first

`D` Delete immediately

`a` Archive the message

`v`
Mark message for a bulk action

`Space` Mark and move on

`V` Visual mark mode

`:read` / `:unread`
Set read state

`:flag`
Flag a message

`:move <folder>`
Move to a folder

`:copy <folder>`
Copy to a folder

THREADS

`T` Toggle threaded view

`z` › `c` / `z` › `o`
Fold / unfold thread

`z` › `a` Toggle fold of the thread

`:sort -r date`
Sort newest first

SEARCH AND FILTER

`/` Search in the folder

`n` / `N` Next / previous result

`\` Filter the list

`Esc` Clear search or filter

`:filter -u`
Show unread only

`:filter -f <from>`
Messages from a sender

`:filter -d <range>`
By date, e.g. last week

FOLDERS, SAVING AND PIPES

`:check-mail`
Fetch new mail now

`S` Save attachment to a path

`|` Pipe message to a command

`:attach <path>`
Attach a file to the draft

COMMAND LINE

`aerc`
Start the client

`aerc mailto:<addr>`
Open a composer for an address

`aerc -a <account>`
Start on one account

`:new-account`
Run the account wizard

`:quit`
Leave aerc

CONFIG FILES

Files live in ~/.config/aerc: aerc.conf (look and behaviour), accounts.conf (credentials, keep private) and binds.conf (keys).