Alacritty GPU terminal emulator

Normal keys reach the shell — `Ctrl+Shift+Space` → — **Vi mode** move cursor, select, copy — `/` or `?` → — **Search** type a pattern, Enter to jump

Where keys go

CONCEPTS

Alacritty has no tabs or splits by design: pair it with tmux or zellij for sessions and panes.

Every binding here is a default and can be rebound in the [keyboard] bindings of alacritty.toml. The file is read from $XDG_CONFIG_HOME/alacritty/alacritty.toml and live-reloads on save.

COPY AND PASTE

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `C`
Copy selection

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `V`
Paste from clipboard

`Shift` + `Insert`
Paste primary selection

`Middle` › `click`
Paste primary selection

`Right` › `click`
Extend selection to pointer

SCROLLING

`Shift` + `PageUp` / `Shift` + `PageDown`
Scroll one page

SCROLLING (cont.)

`Shift` + `Home` / `Shift` + `End`
Jump to top / bottom

`Ctrl` + `L`
Clear screen and log notice

SEARCH

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `F`
Search forward

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `B`
Search backward

`Enter`
Confirm / jump to next match

`Esc` / `Ctrl` + `C`
Cancel search

`Ctrl` + `U` / `Ctrl` + `W`
Clear line / delete word

`Ctrl` + `P` / `Ctrl` + `N`
Previous / next search history

VI MODE

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Space`
Toggle vi mode

`i` / `Ctrl` + `C`
Leave vi mode

VI MODE (cont.)

`h` › `j` › `k` › `l`
Move cursor

`v`
Start character selection

`Shift` + `V`
Select whole lines

`y`
Copy selection and clear it

`Ctrl` + `V` Block selection

`g` / `Shift` + `G`
Jump to top / bottom

`Ctrl` + `U` / `Ctrl` + `D`
Half page up / down

`Ctrl` + `B` / `Ctrl` + `F`
Page up / down

`w` / `b` / `e`
Next / previous / end of word

`0` / `Shift` + `4` / `Shift` + `6`
Line start / end / first non-blank

`f` / `t`
Jump to / before a character

`/` / `?`
Search forward / backward

`n` / `Shift` + `N`
Next / previous match

FONT AND WINDOW

`Ctrl` + `=`
Increase font size

`Ctrl` + `-`
Decrease font size

`Ctrl` + `0` Reset font size

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `O`
Open link by hint

No default key on Linux

Action	Bind it as
`New window`	SpawnNewInstance
`Fullscreen`	ToggleFullscreen
`Clear history`	ClearHistory
`Quit`	Quit

COMMAND LINE

`alacritty -e <cmd>`
Run a command instead of the shell

`alacritty --working-directory <dir>`
Start shell in a directory

`alacritty -T <title>`
Set the window title

`alacritty -o <key>=<value>`
Override a config option

`alacritty --config-file <file>`
Use another config file

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

`alacritty --hold -e <cmd>`
Keep window open after exit

`alacritty msg create-window`
Open window in running instance

RECIPES

Bind new window and fullscreen (alacritty.toml)

```
[keyboard]
bindings = [
  { key = "N", mods =
"Control|Shift", action =
"SpawnNewInstance" },
  { key = "F11", action =
"ToggleFullscreen" },
]
```

Run a command and stay open

```
alacritty --hold -e htop
alacritty --working-
directory ~/src -e tmux new
-As dev
```

Copy from scrollback by keyboard

```
# Ctrl+Shift+Space  enter vi
mode
# ?error  Enter     search
upwards
# v  move  y        select
and copy
# i                 back to
shell
```