Ghostty

Native GPU terminal

START HERE

Ctrl + Shift + T
New tab

Ctrl + Shift + C / Ctrl + Shift + V
Copy / paste

Ctrl + Shift + O
Split right

Ctrl + Shift + F
Search scrollback

Ctrl + Shift + E
Split down

Ctrl + Shift + P
Command palette

Ctrl + Alt + Arrows
Move between splits

Ctrl + Shift + ,
Reload config

Window one OS window
Tab holds a split layout
Split one terminal surface

CONCEPTS

Linux keys shown. On macOS most Ctrl+Shift combos become Cmd (Cmd+T, Cmd+D, Cmd+F).

Run ghostty +list-keybinds --default to see every default binding of your build.

Keybinds are chosen in the config file as keybind = trigger=action; later lines win.

TABS AND WINDOWS

Ctrl + Shift + T New tab

Ctrl + Tab / Ctrl + Shift + Tab
Next / previous tab

Alt + 1-8 Go to tab by number
Alt+9 jumps to the last tab.

Ctrl + Shift + W Close tab
Closes the current tab together with all its splits.

Ctrl + Shift + N New window

Ctrl + PageUp / Ctrl + PageDown
Previous / next tab

Ctrl + Shift + PageUp / Ctrl + Shift + PageDown
Move tab left / right

Alt + 9 Go to last tab

Alt + F4 Close window

Ctrl + Shift + Q Quit Ghostty

Ctrl + Enter Toggle fullscreen

SPLITS

Ctrl + Shift + O Split right

Ctrl + Shift + E Split down

Ctrl + Alt + Arrows
Focus split in a direction

Ctrl + Shift + Enter
Zoom split (toggle)
Maximizes one split inside its tab; press again to restore.

SPLITS (cont.)

Ctrl + Super + [/ Ctrl + Super +]
Previous / next split

Ctrl + Super + Shift + Arrows
Resize split
Moves the divider by 10 pixels per press.

CLIPBOARD AND FONT

Ctrl + Shift + C
Copy selection

Ctrl + Shift + V Paste

Shift + Insert
Paste from selection clipboard
Middle-click does the same on Linux.

Ctrl + Insert Copy selection

Ctrl + = Increase font size
Ctrl+Plus works too.

Ctrl + - Decrease font size

Ctrl + 0 Reset font size

Ctrl + Shift + A Select all

Shift + Arrows
Extend selection

SCROLLBACK AND SEARCH

Shift + PageUp / Shift + PageDown
Scroll one page

Shift + Home / Shift + End
Scroll to top / bottom

Ctrl + Shift + F Start search

Escape End search
Only while the search bar is open.

Ctrl + Shift + Up / Ctrl + Shift + Down
Jump to previous / next prompt
Needs shell integration.

Ctrl + Shift + J
Paste path of screen dump file
Writes screen and scrollback to a temp file, then pastes its path.

SCROLLBACK AND SEARCH (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + Alt + J
Open screen dump in default app

CONFIG AND TOOLS

Ctrl + , Open config file

Ctrl + Shift + , Reload config
Some options only apply to new terminals.

Ctrl + Shift + P
Command palette
Search any action by name.

Ctrl + Shift + I
Toggle terminal inspector

`ghostty +list-keybinds`
Show active keybinds
Add --default for the built-in set.

`ghostty +show-config`
Show effective config
Add --default --docs for all options with docs.

`ghostty +list-themes`
Browse and preview themes

`ghostty +validate-config`
Check the config for errors

`ghostty +list-fonts`
List available fonts

`ghostty --<option>=<value>`
Set any config key for one run
Example: ghostty --font-size=16.

KEYBIND SYNTAX

`keybind = <trigger>=<action>`
Bind a key in the config
Modifiers: shift, ctrl, alt, super (aliases cmd, opt).

`keybind = ctrl+a>c=new_tab`
Chained key sequence
Press ctrl+a, release, then c. Use > between steps.

`keybind = <trigger>=unbind`
Remove a default binding

`keybind = clear`
Drop all default binds

KEYBIND SYNTAX (cont.)

`keybind = <trigger>=text:<s>`
Send text to the program

`all:<trigger>=<action>`
Apply to every surface

`global:<trigger>=<action>`
Work when Ghostty is unfocused
macOS only; needs Accessibility permission.

`unconsumed:<trigger>=<action>`
Also pass the key to the program

`performable:<trigger>=<action>`
Consume key only if action applies

Common actions

Action	Does
`new_tab`	open a tab
`new_split:right`	split (right/down/left/up/auto)
`goto_split:left`	focus a split
`toggle_split_zoom`	zoom a split
`goto_tab:3`	jump to tab 3
`toggle_quick_terminal`	drop-down terminal
`reload_config`	reload the file

RECIPES

Config file location

```
# Linux / macOS
~/.config/ghostty/config.ghostty
# before 1.2.3 the file was named 'config'
# macOS also reads
~/Library/Application Support/com.mitchellh.ghostty/config.ghostty
```

Vim-style split navigation

```
keybind = ctrl+h=goto_split:left
keybind = ctrl+j=goto_split:down
keybind = ctrl+k=goto_split:up
keybind = ctrl+l=goto_split:right
```

tmux-like prefix

```
keybind = ctrl+a>c=new_tab
keybind = ctrl+a>n=next_tab
keybind = ctrl+a>%=new_split:right
keybind = ctrl+a>z=toggle_split_zoom
```

Drop-down terminal (macOS)

```
keybind = global:cmd+backquote=toggle_quick_terminal
```