Glow Markdown in the terminal

START HERE

glow
Browse Markdown files

`glow` *<url>*
Render a remote file

`glow` *<file.md>*
Render a file

<cmd> **|** **glow -**
Render stdin

`glow` **-p** *<file.md>*
Read in a pager

`glow` **-s dark**
Pick a style

`glow` *<owner>*/*<repo>*
Show a GitHub README

?
Show keys in the viewer

CONCEPTS

Glow has two modes: a TUI file browser (no argument) and a plain renderer (with a source).

Source file, stdin, repo, URL
↓ `glamour`
Styled text -s, -w
↓ `-p`
Terminal or pager less -r by default

Without -s, Glow guesses a dark or light style from your terminal background.

RENDERING

glow
Browse Markdown in the current directory

`glow` *<file.md>*
Render a file to the terminal

`glow` *<dir>*
Browse a specific directory

<cmd> **| glow -**
Render Markdown from stdin

`glow` *<owner>*/*<repo>*
Show a GitHub or GitLab README

`glow` **github.com/***<owner>*/*<repo>*
Same, with explicit host

`glow` **https://***<host>*/*<file>***.md**
Fetch and render a URL

`glow` **-t**
Force the TUI browser

`glow` **--version**
Print the version

RENDERING (cont.)

`glow` **--help**
List flags and the config path

OUTPUT OPTIONS

`glow` **-p** *<file.md>*
Show output in a pager

`glow` **-s** *<style>*
Choose a style by name or JSON path

`glow` **-s dark**
Use the dark style

`glow` **-s light**
Use the light style

`glow` **-s** *<file>***.json**
Use a custom style file

`glow` **-w** *<cols>*
Wrap lines at a width

`glow` **-n**
Keep single newlines as line breaks

`glow` **-a**
Include hidden and ignored files in TUI

`glow` **-l**
Show line numbers in the TUI viewer

`glow` **-m**
Enable mouse wheel in the TUI

KEYS (BROWSER AND VIEWER)

j / k
Move or scroll down / up

Enter
Open the selected document

/
Filter the file list

KEYS (BROWSER AND VIEWER) (cont.)

Esc
Back to the list; clear the filter

g / G
Jump to top / bottom

Tab / Shift+Tab
Next or previous section

e
Edit the selected or open file

F
Reload the local file search

f / b
Page down / up

?
Toggle the key help

q
Quit

d / u
Viewer: half page down / up

c
Viewer: copy document to clipboard

r
Viewer: reload file from disk

In the viewer, Esc returns to the file list; q quits only after you are back in the list.

CONFIG AND ENVIRONMENT

`glow` **config**
Open glow.yml in your editor

PAGER=*<cmd>* **glow -p** *<file.md>*
Use another pager for -p

GLOW_STYLE=*<style>*
Set the default style via env

CONFIG AND ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

GLOW_WIDTH=*<cols>*
Set the default wrap width via env

`glow` **completion** *<shell>*
Generate shell completions

`glow` **man**
Print a man page

Keys in glow.yml

Key	Effect
style	default style (auto)
width	wrap width
pager	always use the pager
tui	always open the TUI
showLineNumbers	line numbers in TUI
preserveNewLines	keep newlines

Flags override the config file; GLOW_ environment variables use the same key names in upper case.

RECIPES

Read a project README in a pager

```
glow -p README.md
glow -p -w 80 docs/guide.md
```

Preview Markdown from a command

```
git show HEAD:README.md | glow -
curl -s https://<host>/notes.md
| glow -
```

Try a style or a custom theme

```
glow -s light README.md
glow -s ./mytheme.json README.md
```

Browse docs in a monorepo

```
cd <repo>
glow docs
```