Glow Markdown in the terminal

START HERE

glow
Browse Markdown files

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

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

?
Show keys in the viewer

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

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

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

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

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

RENDERING (cont.)

`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

`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

OUTPUT OPTIONS (cont.)

`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

Esc
Back to the list; clear the filter

KEYS (BROWSER AND VIEWER) (cont.)

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

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

CONFIG AND ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

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
```