irssi Terminal IRC client

START HERE

/connect *<network>*
Connect to a network

PgUp / PgDn
Scroll history

/join *#<channel>*
Join a channel

Tab
Complete nick or command

Ctrl + N / Ctrl + P
Next / previous window

/help *<command>*
Built-in help

Alt + 1-9
Jump to window

/quit
Leave Irssi

Network server connection
Window numbered, may be split on screen
Item channel or query inside a window

CONCEPTS

Text without a leading / goes to the active window; /<number> switches to window <number>.

/set and /toggle change settings in memory; /save writes ~/.irssi/config.

Alt+number needs a terminal that sends Alt as Meta; otherwise use /window goto <n> or Esc then the key.

Run Irssi inside tmux or screen to stay connected after you log out.

CONNECT

/network
List configured networks

/connect *<network>*
Connect to a network or server

/server add -tls -network *<net>* *<host>* **6697**
Add a TLS server to a network

/network add *<net>*
Define a network

/server list
List servers

/server modify -auto *<host>*
Connect to it at startup

/server modify -noauto *<host>*
Stop connecting at startup

/network add -sasl_username *<user>* **-sasl_password** *<pass>* **-sasl_mechanism PLAIN** *<net>*
Set SASL login for a network

/disconnect *<tag>*
Close a connection

/reconnect *<tag>*
Reconnect to a server

/quit [*<message>*]
Exit Irssi

CHANNELS & CHAT

/join *#<channel>*
Join a channel

/part [*<message>*]
Leave current channel

/cycle
Part and rejoin the channel

CHANNELS & CHAT (cont.)

/msg *<nick>* *<text>*
Send a private message

/query *<nick>*
Open a private chat window

/unquery
Close the query

/me *<text>*
Send an action

/nick *<newnick>*
Change your nickname

/names
List users in channel

/whois *<nick>*
Show info about a user

/topic [*<text>*]
Show or set the topic

/away [*<reason>*]
Mark yourself away; no argument returns

/list
List channels on the server

/invite *<nick>* *#<channel>*
Invite a user

/notice *<target>* *<text>*
Send a notice

/kick *<nick>* [*<reason>*]
Kick a user

/ban *<nick>*
Ban a user

/mode *<target>* *<modes>*
Change channel or user mode

/channel add -auto *#<channel>* *<network>*
Autojoin a channel

/channel list
Show configured channels

NAVIGATION

Ctrl + N / Ctrl + P
Next / previous window

Alt + 1-9 Jump to window 1-9

Alt + Left / Alt + Right
Previous / next window

Alt + Q-P
Jump to window 11-20

Alt + A
Go to the window with most important activity

PgUp / PgDn Scroll chat

Ctrl + L Redraw the screen

NAVIGATION (cont.)

Ctrl + X
Switch active server of the window
Useful in the status window with several networks.

/window goto *<n|name>*
Go to a window

/window close
Close the current window

/window new hide
Create a hidden window

/window move *<n>*
Renumber the window

/window name *<name>*
Name the window

/window list
List all windows

/window last
Go to previously active window

/window new split
Open a split window

Ctrl + W › Up / Ctrl + W › Down
Change active split

INPUT LINE

Tab
Complete nick, command or setting

Up / Down
Browse input history

Ctrl + A / Ctrl + E
Start / end of line

Ctrl + W
Delete previous word

Ctrl + U Delete to start of line

Ctrl + K Delete to end of line

Ctrl + Y Paste deleted text

/clear
Clear the window

/lastlog *<pattern>*
Search the window buffer

HIGHLIGHTS & LOGGING

/hilight *<word>*
Highlight a word

/ignore *<nick>*
Ignore a user

HIGHLIGHTS & LOGGING (cont.)

/unignore *<nick>*
Stop ignoring

/window hidelevel +joins +parts +quits
Hide joins, parts and quits

/set autolog on
Log all chats to files

SETTINGS & SCRIPTS

/set *<key>*
Show settings matching key

/set *<key>* *<value>*
Change a setting

/toggle *<key>*
Flip a boolean setting

/save
Write config to ~/.irssi/config

/reload
Reload the config file

/set nick *<nick>*
Default nickname

/set theme *<name>*
Use a theme

/alias *<name>* *<command>*
Define a command alias

/script load *<file>*
Load a Perl script

/help *<command>*
Show help for a command

RECIPES

First network with SASL

```
/network add -sasl_username me -
sasl_password secret -
sasl_mechanism PLAIN liberachat
/server add -tls -network
liberachat irc.libera.chat 6697
/server modify -auto
irc.libera.chat
/channel add -auto #irssi
liberachat
/save
```

Quiet busy channels

```
/window hidelevel +joins +parts
+quits
/set window_default_hidelevel
hidden joins parts quits
/save
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Autorun a script

```
# scripts live in ~/.irssi/
scripts
mkdir -p ~/.irssi/scripts/
autorun
ln -s ../nickcolor.pl ~/.irssi/
scripts/autorun/
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