Konsole KDE terminal emulator

CONCEPTS

Terminal programs own plain Ctrl keys, so Konsole puts its shortcuts on Ctrl+Shift. Shift+Left/Right switches tabs without Ctrl.

Window one Konsole window
- **Tab** one or more sessions
  - **Split view** a view of a session
    - **Profile** font, colours, scrolling

Splits are views: split view shows every tab in each half, with output duplicated. For independent shells use tabs or separate windows.

Missing a key? Settings > Configure Keyboard Shortcuts rebinds everything, including entries with no default such as Clone Tab.

TABS AND WINDOWS

Ctrl + Shift + T New tab

Ctrl + Shift + N New window

Ctrl + Shift + W
Close current session

Ctrl + Shift + Q Quit Konsole

Shift + Left / Shift + Right
Previous / next tab

Ctrl + Alt + Left / Ctrl + Alt + Right
Move tab left / right

Ctrl + Alt + S
Configure tab: name, colour

Ctrl + Shift + L
Detach tab into its own window

F11 Toggle full screen

Ctrl + Shift + M
Show / hide menu bar

Ctrl + Shift + F12
Bring background Konsole to front

SPLIT VIEW

Ctrl + (Split left / right

Ctrl +) Split top / bottom

SPLIT VIEW (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + E
Maximise / restore current view

Ctrl + Shift +]
Expand current view

Ctrl + Shift + [
Shrink current view

Ctrl + Shift + \
Make all views equal size

COPY AND PASTE

Ctrl + Shift + C
Copy selection

Ctrl + Shift + V / Shift + Insert
Paste clipboard

Ctrl + Shift + Ins
Paste the selection

Middle-click Paste selection

Double-click / Triple-click
Select word / line

Ctrl + Drag
Select as stream, breaks become spaces

Ctrl + Alt + Drag
Select a rectangular block

Ctrl + Shift + D
Toggle keyboard selection mode

SCROLLBACK AND SEARCH

Shift + PageUp / Shift + PageDown
Scroll a page up / down

Shift + Up / Shift + Down
Scroll one line

Ctrl + Shift + F Find in output

F3 Find next

Shift + F3 Find previous

Ctrl + Shift + S
Save output as text or HTML

Ctrl + Shift + K
Clear scrollback and reset terminal

Ctrl + Shift + B
Add bookmark for this location

ZOOM AND MONITORING

Ctrl + Plus Enlarge font

Ctrl + Minus Shrink font

Ctrl + 0 Reset font size

Ctrl + Wheel
Zoom text with the mouse

Ctrl + Shift + A
Notify on next activity

Ctrl + Shift + I
Notify after silence (10 s)

Ctrl + Shift + .
Copy input to chosen tabs

Ctrl + Shift + /
Stop copying input

LAUNCHING AND PROFILES

`konsole --new-tab`
Open a tab in an existing window

`konsole --workdir <dir>`
Start in a directory

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

`konsole --profile <name>`
Start with a profile

`konsole --hold -e <command>`
Keep the window open after the command ends

`konsole --list-profiles`
List available profiles

`konsole --tabs-from-file <file>`
Open one tab per line of a file

RECIPES

Three tabs at once

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# tabs.txt, one tab per line
title: build;; workdir: ~/src;;
command: make watch
title: logs;; command: journalctl
-f
# start it
konsole --tabs-from-file tabs.txt
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Run something and keep the output

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konsole --hold --workdir ~/src -e
make test
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