lf — Terminal file manager

START HERE

- **j** / **k** — Move down / up
- **h** / **l** — Parent dir / open
- **Space** — Select file
- **y** / **d** / **p** — Copy / cut / paste
- **/** — Search
- **z** › **h** — Show hidden files
- **$** — Run shell command
- **q** — Quit

CONCEPTS

Select Space, v, V
↓ y / d
Buffer copy or cut
↓ p
Paste into current dir

Copy, cut and delete act on the selection; with none, on the file under the cursor.

Press : to type a command; every key here is a map for one such command.

Press F1 for the built-in help; lf -doc prints the full documentation.

Defaults can be changed with map in lfrc; Windows uses cmd syntax for shell keys.

MOVE

- **j** / **k** — Cursor down / up
- **h** / **l** — Parent dir / enter or open
- **Arrows** — Same as h j k l
- **g** › **g** — Jump to top
- **G** — Jump to bottom
- **H** / **M** / **L** — Top / middle / bottom of screen

MOVE (cont.)

- **Ctrl** + **d** / **Ctrl** + **u** — Half page down / up
- **Ctrl** + **f** / **Ctrl** + **b** — Page down / up
- **Ctrl** + **e** / **Ctrl** + **y** — Scroll down / up
- **]** / **[** — Next / previous selected file
- **g** › **h** — Go to home dir
- **:cd** › *<path>* — Go to a path
- **Ctrl** + **l** — Redraw screen
- **Ctrl** + **r** — Reload files
- **q** — Quit

SELECT

- **Space** — Toggle selection, move down
- **v** — Invert selection
- **u** — Unselect all
- **V** — Visual mode: select a range
- **o** — In visual mode: swap range end
- **t** — Toggle tag on file

SELECT (cont.)

- **:glob-select** › *<glob>* — Select files matching glob

FILES

- **y** — Copy selection
- **d** — Cut selection
- **p** — Paste here
- **c** — Clear copy / cut buffer
- **r** — Rename file
- **:delete** — Delete selection permanently
- **e** — Open file in $EDITOR
- **i** — View file in $PAGER
- **w** — Open $SHELL here
- **l** — Open file with opener
- **:calcdirsize** — Compute size of directories

SEARCH AND FIND

- **/** — Search forward
- **?** — Search backward
- **n** / **N** — Next / previous match
- **f** — Find by name prefix, jump

SEARCH AND FIND (cont.)

- **F** — Find backward
- **;** / **,** — Next / previous find match
- **:filter** › *<text>* — Show only matching files
- **:setfilter** › *<text>* — Set filter immediately

SORT AND VIEW

- **z** › **h** — Toggle hidden files
- **z** › **r** — Toggle reverse order
- **s** › **n** — Sort naturally
- **s** › **s** — Sort by size
- **s** › **t** — Sort by modified time
- **s** › **e** — Sort by extension
- **s** › **a** / **s** › **c** / **s** › **b** — Sort by access / change / birth time
- **z** › **n** — Show no file info
- **z** › **s** — Show size
- **z** › **t** — Show time
- **z** › **a** — Show size and time
- **:set** › **ratios** › **1:2** — Change pane width ratios

SORT AND VIEW (cont.)

- **:set** › **preview!** — Toggle preview pane

BOOKMARKS

- **m** — Save dir under next key
- **'** — Jump to mark of next key
- **'** › **'** — Jump to previous dir
- **"** — Remove mark of next key

SHELL AND COMMANDS

- **:** — Open command line
- **$** — Run shell command
- **!** — Run shell command, wait for key
- **%** — Run command, show output in bar
- **&** — Run command in background
- **Tab** — Complete in command line
- **Ctrl** + **u** — Clear command line to start
- **Ctrl** + **w** — Delete word before cursor

SHELL AND COMMANDS (cont.)

- **Ctrl** + **p** / **Ctrl** + **n** — Previous / next command history
- **Esc** — Cancel command line
- **F1** — Open help
- **:source** › *<file>* — Load a config file
- **:quit** — Quit

RECIPES

Config in ~/.config/lf/lfrc

```
# options
set hidden true
set icons true
set ratios 1:2:3
# own key
map D delete
```

Define a command

```
cmd mkdir ${{
  mkdir -p "$@"
}}
# use: :mkdir newdir
```

Act on the selection

```
cmd zipsel ${{
  zip out.zip $fx
}}
# $f file, $fs selected, $fx
selected or current
```

cd to last dir on exit

```
# shell: use the dir lf ended
in
cd "$(lf -print-last-dir)"
```