lf — Terminal file manager

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

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

: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

F Find backward

; / ,
Next / previous find match

:filter › *<text>*
Show only matching files

SORT AND VIEW

z › h Toggle hidden files

SORT AND VIEW (cont.)

z › r Toggle reverse order

s › n Sort naturally

s › s Sort by size

s › t Sort by modified time

BOOKMARKS

m Save dir under next key

' Jump to mark of next key

' › ' Jump to previous dir

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

Esc Cancel command line

F1 Open help

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

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

cd to last dir on exit

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