Lynx Text-mode web browser

START HERE

`lynx <url>`
Open a page

/
Search page

Down / Up
Next / previous link

q
Quit

Right / Enter
Follow link

Left
Back

Space / b
Page down / up

g
Go to a URL

Page rendered as text → `Down / Up` → **Link** highlighted → `Right / Enter` → **New page** stacked in history

CONCEPTS

Lynx has no mouse pointer: the cursor jumps from link to link, and the highlighted link is the one you act on.

Left goes back one page, Backspace opens the History list, V the list of visited links.

Lynx shows no images or JavaScript; it is handy over SSH and for reading pages as plain text.

Press ? or h inside Lynx for the built-in help, k for the key map.

NAVIGATION

Down / Up
Next / previous link

Right / Enter Follow link

Left Go back

Space / PgDn Page down

b / PgUp Page up

g Go to a URL

NAVIGATION (cont.)

q Quit, with confirmation

Backspace History list

V Visited links list

m Back to the start page

Ctrl + A / Ctrl + E
Top / bottom of page

(/)
Half page back / forward

Ctrl + N / Ctrl + P
Two lines down / up

G Edit current URL, then go

E
Edit current link URL, then go

Jump to toolbar or banner

{ / } Scroll left / right

LINKS AND PAGES

l List links on this page

A Show addresses of links

= Info on page and link

LINKS AND PAGES (cont.)

\ Toggle HTML source view

Ctrl + R Reload page

x Reload bypassing cache

Ctrl + L Redraw screen

d Download current link

p Print, mail or save page

] Send HEAD request

[Toggle line wrapping

* Toggle image links

z Interrupt a transfer

! Spawn a shell

i Document index

e Edit local file in editor

SEARCH

/ Search in page

n Repeat search forward

s Search index document

FORMS

Down / Up / Tab
Move between fields

Enter
Activate field or press button

Ctrl + V Leave line editing

Ctrl + X › e
Edit textarea in external editor

Ctrl + X › g Grow textarea

Ctrl + X › i
Insert file into textarea

BOOKMARKS AND OPTIONS

a
Add page or link to bookmarks

v View bookmarks

r
Remove bookmark under cursor

o Open the options menu

> Save options to .lynxrc

Ctrl + K Cookie jar

Ctrl + X Cache jar

BOOKMARKS AND OPTIONS (cont.)

Ctrl + T Toggle trace mode

COMMAND LINE

`lynx -dump <url>`
Print rendered page to stdout

`lynx -source <url>`
Print raw HTML to stdout

`lynx -dump -nolist <url>`
Dump without the links list

`lynx -dump -width=<n> <url>`
Set dump line width

`lynx -head -dump <url>`
Show response headers only

`lynx -accept_all_cookies <url>`
Accept cookies without asking

`lynx -useragent=<string> <url>`
Send another User-Agent

`lynx -auth=<id>:<pw> <url>`
Credentials for protected page

`lynx -number_links <url>`
Number links for quick selection

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

`lynx -vikeys <url>`
Use vi movement keys

`lynx -stdin`
Read the start page from stdin

`lynx -cmd_script=<file> <url>`
Replay keystrokes from a file

`lynx -post_data <url>`
Read POST data from stdin

`lynx -cfg=<file> <url>`
Use another config file

RECIPES

Page text to a file

```
lynx -dump -nolist https://
example.org > page.txt
```

Extract every link address

```
lynx -dump https://example.org
| sed -n '/^References/,$p'
```

Render a local HTML file on the terminal

```
lynx -dump -width=100 page.html
```

Pipe through a pager

```
lynx -dump https://example.org
| less
```