Midnight Commander

Two-panel file manager

CONCEPTS

Active panel (source)	Other panel (target)

Two panels: source and target

Copy and move go from the active panel to the other one; the dialog lets you change the target.

No function keys (terminal or desktop grabs them)? Press Esc, then 1-9 or 0 for F1-F10.

Enter runs the command line if you typed something; on an empty line it opens the file or directory.

Alt is Meta; if your terminal has none, press Esc first, then the key.

In the viewer: F2 toggles wrap, F4 hex mode, F5 goto line, F8 raw view. F10 leaves viewer and editor.

FUNCTION KEYS

F1 Help

F2 User menu

F3 View file

F4 Edit file

F5 Copy

F6 Move / rename

F7 Make directory

F8 Delete

F9 Open menu bar

F10 Quit

Shift + F3 View raw, unfiltered

Shift + F4
Edit, new file by name

Shift + F5
Copy to a chosen path

Shift + F6
Move to a chosen path

PANELS

Tab / Ctrl + I
Switch active panel

Up / Down Move one entry

Home / End First / last entry

PageUp / PageDown
Page up / down

Alt + O
Show selected dir in other panel

Alt + I
Other panel to this directory

Alt + Y / Alt + U
Directory history back / forward

Alt + Shift + H
Show directory history

Alt + T Cycle listing format

Alt + C Quick cd dialog

Ctrl + X › I
Other panel shows info

Ctrl + X › Q
Other panel shows quick view

SELECT

Insert / Ctrl + T
Tag or untag file

Plus Select by pattern

\ Unselect by pattern

* Invert selection

Ctrl + S / Alt + S
Quick search in listing

COMMAND LINE

Enter Run line, or open entry

Alt + Enter
Paste file name to line

Ctrl + Shift + Enter
Paste full path to line

Ctrl + X › P / Ctrl + X › Ctrl + P
Paste panel path (this / other)

FILES

Ctrl + X › C
Change permissions

FIND AND SHELL

Alt + ?
Find file by name or content

Ctrl + X › !
Panelize command output

Ctrl + O
Hide MC, show subshell

Ctrl + \ Show directory hotlist

Ctrl + X › H
Add current dir to hotlist

VIEWER (F3)

F10 / Esc Close viewer

Space / PageDown
Page down

Backspace / PageUp Page up

/ / F7 Search forward

EDITOR (F4)

Shift + Arrows Highlight text

Ctrl + Insert Copy block

Shift + Insert Paste block

Shift + Delete Cut block

REMOTE AND OPTIONS

Remote paths (type via Alt+C)

Path	Meaning
`sftp://user@host/dir`	SFTP, port 22 default
`sh://user@host/dir`	Shell link over ssh
`ftp://host/dir`	FTP, anonymous by default

mc › -e › <file>
Open straight in editor

RECIPES

Copy between two dirs

```
mc /src /dst
# Insert on files (or + for a pattern)
# F5, confirm target, Enter
```

Edit a file on a server

```
# Alt+C, type: sftp://user@host/etc
# select file, F4, edit, F2 to save
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