micro Friendly terminal editor

START HERE

Ctrl + **S**
Save

Ctrl + **O**
Open file

Ctrl + **Q**
Quit / close file

Ctrl + **G**
Help

Ctrl + **E**
Command bar

Ctrl + **F**
Find

Ctrl + **Z** / **Ctrl** + **Y**
Undo / redo

Ctrl + **C** / **Ctrl** + **V**
Copy / paste

Tab Ctrl+T opens one
Split vsplit / hsplit, Ctrl+W cycles
Buffer one open file

CONCEPTS

micro uses familiar desktop keys, not modes: just type, Ctrl+S saves, Ctrl+Q quits.

Press Ctrl+E for the command bar, then type a command such as set, vsplit or help. Tab completes.

Keys are written for Linux/Windows terminals. On macOS Alt and Ctrl swap in line and word movement.

FILES

Ctrl + **S** Save

Ctrl + **Q**
Close file, quit on the last one

Ctrl + **O** Open a file

F2 Save (function-key alias)

F4 / **F10**
Quit (function-key aliases)

Ctrl + **B**
Run a shell command
micro suspends while the command runs, then returns.

NAVIGATION

Arrows Move the cursor

Ctrl + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Right**
Move one word

NAVIGATION (cont.)

Home / **End**
Start of text / end of line

PageUp / **PageDown**
Move one page

Ctrl + **Home** / **Ctrl** + **End**
Start / end of document

Ctrl + **L**
Jump to a line number

Alt + **{** / **Alt** + **}**
Previous / next empty line

SELECTING

Shift + **Arrows**
Move and select

Ctrl + **A** Select all

Ctrl + **Shift** + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Right**
Select word left / right

Shift + **Home** / **Shift** + **End**
Select to line start / end

Ctrl + **Shift** + **Home** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **End**
Select to start / end of file

EDITING

Ctrl + **X** Cut

Ctrl + **C** Copy

Ctrl + **V** Paste

EDITING (cont.)

Ctrl + **Z** Undo

Ctrl + **Y** Redo

Ctrl + **K** Cut the whole line

Ctrl + **D**
Duplicate line or selection

Alt + **Up** / **Alt** + **Down**
Move line(s) up / down

Tab / **Shift** + **Tab**
Indent / unindent selection

Alt + **Backspace**
Delete word left
Alt+Ctrl+H also works.

Ctrl + **R** Toggle line numbers

SEARCH

Ctrl + **F**
Open the find prompt

Ctrl + **N** / **Ctrl** + **P**
Next / previous match
Use after pressing Enter in the prompt, from the buffer.

SPLITS AND TABS

Ctrl + **T** New tab

Alt + **,** / **Alt** + **.**
Previous / next tab

Ctrl + **W**
Cycle through splits

MULTIPLE CURSORS

Alt + **N**
Add cursor on next match of selection or word

Alt + **Shift** + **Up** / **Alt** + **Shift** + **Down**
Add cursor on line above / below

Alt + **X**
Skip the current match

Alt + **P**
Remove the latest cursor

Alt + **C**
Remove all extra cursors

Alt + **M**
Cursor at start of each selected line

Ctrl + **Click**
Place a cursor by mouse

MACROS AND HELP

Ctrl + **U**
Start / stop recording a macro

Ctrl + **J** Run the latest macro

Ctrl + **G** Open the help file

COMMAND BAR

Ctrl + **E**
Open the command bar

COMMAND BAR (cont.)

Tab
Autocomplete in the command bar

save *<file>*
Save under a new name

goto *<line[:col]>*
Go to a line and column

replace *<search> <value>*
Replace with confirmation
Add -a to replace all; -l for a literal (non-regex) search.

replaceall *<search> <value>*
Replace every match, no prompt

vsplit [file]
Vertical split

hsplit [file]
Horizontal split

tab [file]
Open in a new tab

textfilter *<cmd>*
Pipe selection through a shell command

run *<cmd>*
Run a shell command in the background

help *<topic>*
Open a help topic (keybindings, options)

quit Quit micro

SETTINGS AND PLUGINS

set *<option> <value>*
Set an option and save it

setlocal *<option> <value>*
Set an option for this buffer only

toggle *<option>*
Flip an on/off option

show *<option>*
Show an option's value

bind *<key> <action>*
Rebind a key

plugin install *<name>*
Install a plugin

comment
Comment or uncomment the line (default plugin)

Config files

File	Holds
`~/.config/micro/settings.json`	Options
`~/.config/micro/bindings.json`	Custom key bindings
`~/.config/micro/plug/`	Installed plugins

RECIPES

Rename a word everywhere

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# select the word, then press
# Alt+N until all matches have
cursors
# type the new name, Alt+C to
finish
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