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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