micro Friendly terminal editor

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

Ctrl + B
Run a shell command

NAVIGATION

Arrows Move the cursor

NAVIGATION (cont.)

Ctrl + Left / Ctrl + Right
Move one word

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

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

Ctrl + R
Toggle line numbers

SEARCH

Ctrl + F
Open the find prompt

Ctrl + N / Ctrl + P
Next / previous match

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 + P
Remove the latest cursor

Alt + C
Remove all extra cursors

Ctrl + Click
Place a cursor by mouse

MACROS AND HELP

Ctrl + G
Open the help file

COMMAND BAR

Ctrl + E
Open the command bar

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

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

vsplit [file]
Vertical split

hsplit [file]
Horizontal split

tab [file]
Open in a new tab

SETTINGS AND PLUGINS

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

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