ncmpcpp Terminal MPD client

START HERE

ncmpcpp
Start the client

p
Pause / resume

1 / **2** / **4**
Playlist / Browser / Library

> / **<**
Next / previous track

Enter
Play the selected item

/
Search the list

Space
Add item to the playlist

q
Quit (MPD keeps playing)

Library / Browser screens 2, 4 — Space / a → **Playlist** screen 1 — Enter → **MPD** plays, port 6600

CONCEPTS

ncmpcpp is only a client: MPD does the playing, so music continues after you quit.

Keys act on the current screen; one key can mean different things on different screens.

F1 shows the keys currently bound; they can be changed in ~/.config/ncmpcpp/bindings.

Needs a running MPD. Use -h and -p to reach one on another host or port.

SCREENS

1 Playlist (current queue)

2 Browse files and playlists

3 Search engine

4 Media library (tags)

5 Playlist editor

6 Tag editor

7 Outputs

8 Visualizer

Tab / **Shift** + **Tab**
Next / previous screen

F1 Help and key list

= Clock

@ Server info

o Jump to the playing song

G
Jump to browser / playlist editor

~ Jump to media library

E Jump to tag editor

PLAYBACK

Enter Play selected item

p Pause / resume

s Stop

> / **<** Next / previous track

PLAYBACK (cont.)

Backspace
Restart song / parent directory

f / **b**
Seek forward / backward

g
Jump to a position in the song

Plus / **Minus**
Volume up / down

Left / **Right**
Volume down / up, or column

r Toggle repeat

z Toggle random

y
Toggle single / search / save tags

R Toggle consume

x Toggle crossfade

Z Shuffle the playlist

i Song info

PLAYLIST

Space Add item to the playlist

a Add the selected items

A Add a path or URL by name

Delete
Remove item from the playlist

c Clear the playlist

C
Crop: keep only the playing item

m / **n**
Move selected items up / down

M
Move selected items to a position

S Save playlist under a name

Ctrl + **S**
Sort the playlist or list

Ctrl + **R** Reverse the playlist

u Update the MPD database

T Toggle add mode

SELECTING

Insert
Select / deselect item and move down

Ctrl + **V** Select a range

B Select the whole album

v Reverse the selection

V Deselect everything

Shift + **Down** / **Shift** + **Up**
Select while moving

NAVIGATION

Up / **Down** Move one line

Page › **Up** / **Page** › **Down**
Move one page

Home / **End**
Top / bottom of the list

[/ **]** Previous / next album

{ / **}** Previous / next artist

: Run a command by name

SEARCH

/ Find forward in the list

? Find backward in the list

. / **,** Next / previous match

w
Toggle normal / strict find mode

Ctrl + **F** Filter the list live

Ctrl + **_** Select all found items

LIBRARY AND TAGS

` Cycle library tag type

e Edit tag / name of the item

l Show lyrics

I Show artist info

P Toggle display mode

INTERFACE

**** Toggle the interface layout

INTERFACE (cont.)

U
Keep the playing song centred

Toggle bitrate display

!
Toggle separators between albums

Ctrl + **L** Lock the screen

| Toggle mouse support

q Quit

COMMAND LINE

ncmpcpp -h *<host>* **-p** *<port>*
Connect to another MPD

ncmpcpp -s *<screen>*
Start on a given screen

ncmpcpp -c *<file>*
Use another config file

ncmpcpp -b *<file>*
Use another bindings file

ncmpcpp --current-song
Print the current song and exit

ncmpcpp --current-song="{%a - %t}"
Print it in a chosen format

ncmpcpp -q
Suppress logs and extra output

ncmpcpp -v
Show version

mpc toggle / next / prev
Control MPD without the UI

RECIPES

Build a playlist from the library

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ncmpcpp
# 4: pick artist, Right, pick
album
# B selects the album, Space
adds it
# 1: Enter plays, S saves it
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Show the song in a status bar

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ncmpcpp --current-song="{%a -
%t}"
```

Find and queue a track

```
# 3: type the query, y searches
# Space adds a result
# 1: Enter plays
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Keybinding for a music pane

```
# ~/.config/ncmpcpp/bindings
def_key "J"
  scroll_down
# F1 lists every default key
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