ncmpcpp Terminal MPD client

START HERE

`ncmpcpp`
Start the client

`/`
Search the list

`1` / `2` / `4`
Playlist / Browser / Library

`q`
Quit (MPD keeps playing)

`Enter`
Play the selected item

`Space`
Add item to the playlist

`p`
Pause / resume

`>` / `<`
Next / previous track

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

SCREENS (cont.)

`=` 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
`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

PLAYBACK (cont.)

`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

PLAYLIST (cont.)

`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

SEARCH (cont.)

`.` / `,` 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
`U` Keep the playing song centred
`#` Toggle bitrate display
`Ctrl` + `L` Lock the screen
`q` Quit

COMMAND LINE

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

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

`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

`mpc toggle / next / prev`
Control MPD without the UI

RECIPES

Build a playlist from the library

```
ncmpcpp
# 4: pick artist, Right, pick album
# B selects the album, Space adds it
# 1: Enter plays, S saves it
```

Show the song in a status bar

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

Find and queue a track

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

Keybinding for a music pane

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