ncmpcpp Terminal MPD client

CONCEPTS

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

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

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
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

PLAYBACK (cont.)

> / < 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

y
Toggle single / search / save tags

R Toggle consume
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

S Save playlist under a name
Ctrl + S Sort the playlist or list
Ctrl + R Reverse the playlist
u Update the MPD database

SELECTING

Insert
Select / deselect item and move down

Ctrl + V Select a range

SELECTING (cont.)

B Select the whole album

NAVIGATION

Up / Down Move one line

Page › Up / Page › Down
Move one page

Home / End
Top / bottom of the list

[/] Previous / next album

SEARCH

/ Find forward in the list
? Find backward in the list
. / , Next / previous match
Ctrl + F Filter the list live

LIBRARY AND TAGS

e Edit tag / name of the item

INTERFACE

q Quit

COMMAND LINE

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

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

`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}"
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Find and queue a track

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