ncmpcpp Terminal MPD client

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

SCREENS (cont.)

Tab / Shift + Tab
Next / previous screen

F1 Help and key list

o
Jump to the playing song

G
Jump to browser / playlist editor

PLAYBACK

Enter Play selected item

p Pause / resume

s Stop

> / <
Next / previous track

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

Z Shuffle the playlist

i Song info

PLAYLIST

Space
Add item to the playlist

a Add the selected items

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

u
Update the MPD database

SELECTING

Insert
Select / deselect item and move down

Ctrl + V Select a range

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

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Toggle the interface layout

Toggle bitrate display

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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