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

PLAYBACK (cont.)

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

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

{ / } Previous / next artist

: Run a command by name

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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