# 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**

```
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
```