ncmpcpp Terminal MPD client

START HERE

`ncmpcpp`
Start the client

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

`Enter`
Play the selected item

`Space`
Add item to the playlist

`p`
Pause / resume

`>` / `<`
Next / previous track

`/`
Search the list

`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

PLAYBACK

`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
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Keybinding for a music pane

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