NeoMutt Terminal email client

START HERE

- **j** / **k** — Move down / up
- **d** — Delete a message
- **Enter** — Read the message
- **/** — Search
- **r** — Reply to sender
- **c** — Change folder
- **m** — Write a new mail
- **q** — Quit

Index message list → (Enter) **Pager** read one mail → (r / m) **Compose** headers, attach → (y) **Sent** back to index

CONCEPTS

Keys depend on the screen: the index lists mail, the pager shows one message, compose edits one. Press ? on any screen for its live key list.

Deletes and flag changes are only marked until you sync with $ or leave the folder; u undeletes before that.

Esc in a key means Alt (or press Esc first). Defaults can differ: your config may rebind keys, so check ? first.

MOVING AROUND

j / **k**
Next / previous message

Enter Open the message
In the pager, Enter scrolls one line instead.

Space
Page down, then next message

- / **Backspace**
Page up / line up in the pager

q
Leave pager or folder, then quit
At the index it saves changes and quits (asks first by default).

x Quit, discarding changes

= / ***** First / last message

Tab
Next new or unread message

J / **K**
Next / previous message in the pager

READING

h Show with all headers

T / **S**
Toggle / skip quoted text

|
Pipe message to a command

a Create alias from sender

v
Show MIME parts (attachments)

WRITE AND REPLY

m Compose a new message

r Reply to sender

g Reply to all

L Reply to mailing list

f Forward with comments

R
Recall a postponed message

y
Send the message (in compose)

t / **c** / **b** / **s**
Edit To / Cc / Bcc / Subject
In compose: the letters differ from the index keys.

e / **E**
Edit body / body with headers
Opens $EDITOR; E also lets you edit the header lines.

a / **A** / **D**
Attach file / message / remove

P / **q**
Postpone / abort compose

DELETE AND TAG

d Mark message deleted

u Undelete the message

$ Apply changes to the folder
Without it, deletes happen when you leave the folder and confirm.

D
Delete messages matching a pattern

t Tag the message

T
Tag messages matching a pattern

;
Apply next key to tagged messages
For example ;d deletes all tagged messages, ;s saves them.

F Toggle important flag

N Toggle new flag

THREADS

Ctrl + **N** / **Ctrl** + **P**
Next / previous thread

THREADS (cont.)

Esc › **v**
Collapse or expand this thread

Esc › **V**
Collapse or expand all threads

P Jump to parent message

Ctrl + **R** Mark thread as read

SEARCH AND LIMIT

/ Search forward

Esc › **/** Search backward

n Next search match

l Limit view to a pattern
Pattern examples: ~f bob, ~s invoice, ~N new, ~U unread, ~F flagged. Use all to reset.

o / **O** Sort / sort reverse
Prompts for the order: date, from, subject, threads, size ...

FOLDERS AND SAVING

c Change folder
At the prompt ? lists folders, Tab completes; = means $folder, ! the spool.

. List mailboxes with new mail

s
Save (move) message to a folder

C Copy message to a folder

ATTACHMENTS

Enter / **m** / **T**
View attachment / via mailcap / as text

s / **p** Save / print attachment

COMMAND LINE

neomutt
Open the default mailbox

neomutt -f *<file>*
Open a given mailbox or folder

neomutt -R
Open read-only

neomutt -Z
Open first mailbox with new mail, else exit

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

neomutt -s "*<subj>***" *<addr>***
Compose and send a message

neomutt -a *<file>* **--** *<addr>*
Send with an attachment
Always put -- after the files, before the recipients.

neomutt -c *<addr>*
Add a Cc recipient

neomutt -e "set *<var>*=*<val>*"
Run a config command at startup

neomutt -F *<rc>*
Use another config file

CONFIG TIPS

:set *<var>*=*<val>*
Change a variable now (in the index)

Config lives in ~/.config/neomutt/neomuttrc (or ~/.neomuttrc). Set folders with set folder, mailboxes with mailboxes, accounts with account hooks.

Sidebar functions (sidebar-toggle-visible, sidebar-next, sidebar-open) have no default keys: bind them yourself, e.g. bind index,pager B sidebar-toggle-visible.

RECIPES

Send a file from a script

```
echo "Attached" | neomutt \
  -s "Report" -a r.pdf --
bob@example.org
```

Triage unread mail

```
# limit to new or unread
l ~N|~U Enter
# tag by subject, save the lot
T ~s invoice Enter
; s
# clear the limit
l all Enter
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Clean out a sender

```
# mark matches deleted, then
sync
D ~f newsletter Enter
$
```

HELP

? Show key list for this screen

: Enter a config command

man neomutt
Manual page