nnn Fast terminal file manager

CONCEPTS

nnn is a keyboard-driven file manager: it starts in the current directory and everything is a single key. Press ? inside for the live help.

Navigate j k h l
Select Space, a, mm
↓ mark
Go to target dir h l ~ - bookmarks
↓ move there
Apply p copy, v move, x delete
↓ act

Copy and move work on the selection: select files, change directory, then press p or v to paste them there. With nothing selected they act on the hovered entry.

Four contexts (tabs) 1-4 each remember their own directory, filter and sort.

Nothing leaves nnn into your shell by default. Set up the quit-to-cd wrapper (see Recipes) if you want ^G to change the shell directory.

NAVIGATE

j / k Down / up

l / Enter
Open file, enter directory

h Go to parent directory

Arrows
Move and enter/leave dirs

g / G Jump to top / bottom

Ctrl + U / Ctrl + D
Page up / page down

~ Go to home

- Go to previous directory

@ Go to start directory

` Go to root /

J Jump to an entry number

FILTER AND VIEW

/ Filter entries by typing

FILTER AND VIEW (cont.)

Esc Leave prompt

. Show / hide hidden files

Ctrl + N Toggle type-to-nav

d Toggle detail mode

f / Ctrl + F Show file details

t
Sort menu (name, size, time...)

Ctrl + T Cycle sort order

SELECT

Space Select / unselect entry

a Select all in directory

A Invert selection

m › m Select a range

E Edit selection list

FILES

n Create new file, dir or link

Ctrl + R
Rename or duplicate entry

r Batch rename selection

p Copy selection here

v Move selection here

x Delete, trash if configured

X Delete with rm -rf

e Edit file in editor

o Open with another program

z
Create archive from selection

* Toggle executable bit

CONTEXTS AND BOOKMARKS

1 / 2 / 3 / 4
Switch to context

Tab
Next context, create if free

q Close context, quit on last

b Pick a bookmark

RUN AND QUIT

! Spawn a shell here

]
Run a command at the prompt

; Select a plugin

Ctrl + G
Quit and cd shell to here

Ctrl + Q Quit all contexts

OPTIONS

nnn -H
Show hidden files at start

nnn -d
Start in detail mode

nnn -e
Open text files in $EDITOR

nnn -p -
Picker mode: print selection to stdout

Useful environment variables

Variable	Purpose
NNN_OPTS	Default options, e.g. "Hde"
NNN_BMS	Bookmarks: d:~/Docs;D:~/Downloads
NNN_PLUG	Plugin keys: p:preview-tui
NNN_TRASH	Trash instead of rm
NNN_TMPFILE	File used for cd on quit
NNN_FIFO	Pipe with the hovered path

RECIPES

cd on quit (bash/zsh)

```
# add to ~/.bashrc, then use 'n' instead of nnn
n() {
  export NNN_TMPFILE="${XDG_CONFIG_HOME:-$HOME/.config}/nnn/.lastd"
  nnn "$@"
  [ -f "$NNN_TMPFILE" ] && . "$NNN_TMPFILE" && rm -f "$NNN_TMPFILE"
}
```

Defaults and bookmarks

```
export NNN_OPTS="He"
export NNN_BMS="d:$HOME/Documents;D:$HOME/Downloads"
export NNN_PLUG="p:preview-tui"
export NNN_TRASH=1
```

Pick files for another command

```
nnn -p - | xargs -d '\n' ls -l
# select with Space, then Enter on a file or Q
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