tig Text-mode git browser

START HERE

tig
Open the main view

s
Status, stage files

j / **k**
Move down / up

/
Search the view

Enter
Open the commit diff

h
Help, all bindings

Tab
Switch split pane

q
Close view / quit

main commit list → Enter → **diff** split below → Tab → **back to list** or l to maximize

CONCEPTS

Tig is a read-mostly browser on top of git: every view is the output of a git command.

Views stack: q returns to the previous view, Q quits everything at once.

Piped input opens the pager view, so git show | tig colorizes any git output.

Tig passes unknown options to git, so any git log revision or path filter works.

VIEWS

m Main view: commit list

d Diff view

l Log view with messages

s Status view

c Stage view

b Blame view

r Refs: branches and tags

t Directory tree view

f Blob (file content) view

g Grep view

y Stash view

p Pager view

h Help view

q Close view / quit

Q Quit all views

Tab Next view

R Reload the view

O Maximize current view

NAVIGATION

j / **k** Cursor down / up

Down / **Up**
Move and update the child view
In a split view this selects the next commit in the parent and refreshes the diff.

PgDown / **Space** Page down

PgUp / **-** Page up

NAVIGATION (cont.)

Home Jump to first line

End Jump to last line

Enter Open item / split diff
Context sensitive; in the diff view it scrolls one line.

, Move to parent
Tree: parent directory. Blame: blame of the parent commit.

H Go to the HEAD commit

Insert / **Delete**
Scroll view one line up / down

Left / **Right**
Scroll view one column

| Scroll to first column

e Open file in editor

SEARCH AND PROMPT

/ Search forward (regexp)

? Search backward

n Next match

N Previous match

: Open the command prompt

:80
Jump to line 80

:2f12bcc
Jump to a commit id

:goto *<rev>*
Jump to a revision or branch

:!git log -p
Run a command in the pager

:save-display *<file>*
Save the screen to a file

:script *<file>*
Run tig commands from a file

:exec *<flags><args>*
Run an external command

:echo *<text>*
Show text in the status bar

STAGING

u
Stage / unstage file or chunk
In status view stages the file; in stage view on a chunk line stages that chunk.

1 Stage a single diff line

STAGING (cont.)

@ Jump to next chunk

! Revert file to last commit
Discards unstaged changes in the file.

C
Commit (status) / cherry-pick (main)

M
Resolve conflict with mergetool

[Decrease diff context

] Increase diff context

% Toggle file filter on the diff

W Toggle whitespace in diffs

DISPLAY TOGGLES

o Open the option menu

Toggle line numbers

D Cycle date display

A Cycle author display

G Toggle revision graph

F Toggle ref names

X Toggle commit id display

~ Toggle line graphics

$
Toggle title overflow highlight

Ctrl + **L** Redraw the screen

z Stop background loading

v Show tig version

COMMAND LINE

tig
Browse the current branch

tig *<file>*
History of a file

tig blame *<file>*
Open blame view

tig status
Open status view

tig show *<rev>*
Show one commit

tig refs
Open refs view

tig stash
Open stash view

tig --all
All branches and tags

COMMAND LINE (cont.)

tig *<a>..<b>*
Only commits in a range

tig origin..HEAD
Unpushed commits

tig --since=1.month -- <path>
Recent changes to a path

tig -n20
Limit commit count

tig -- status
Path named like a subcommand

git show | tig
Colorize piped git output

CONFIG AND BINDINGS

Browsing variables

Variable	Value
%(commit)	selected commit id
%(file)	selected file
%(branch)	selected branch
%(head)	viewed head, default HEAD
%(prompt)	ask for a value

Config files

Path	Use
~/.tigrc	user config
~/.config/tig/config	XDG user config
TIGRC_USER	override user path
TIG_DIFF_OPTS	default diff options

A bind line is: bind <keymap> <key> <action>; keymaps include generic, main, diff, status and refs.

RECIPES

Amend the last commit (in ~/.tigrc)

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bind generic + !git commit --amend
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Copy the commit id to the clipboard

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bind generic 9 @sh -c "echo -n %(commit) | xclip -selection c"
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Review what will be pushed

```
tig origin..HEAD
# Enter on a commit to read the diff
# q to leave
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Stage part of a file

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tig status
# select the file, Enter for the stage view
# ] widen context, 1 stage a line, u a chunk
# C to commit
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