Tilix — Tiling terminal emulator

START HERE

- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **R** — Split left / right
- **F12** — Session sidebar
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **D** — Split top / bottom
- `tilix --quake` — Drop-down terminal
- **Alt** + **Arrows** — Move between terminals
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **X** — Maximise a terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **T** — New session
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **1-9** — Jump to session

Window one application window
Session tab or sidebar entry
Terminal one shell in a split

CONCEPTS

Tilix tiles terminals inside a session; each session is a tab or a sidebar entry. Splits are real shells, not panes of one.

Many actions are disabled by default (preferences, synchronize input, read-only). Bind them in Preferences > Shortcuts.

Needs a GTK3 desktop; on GNOME's Wayland session quake mode may misbehave, run tilix with GDK_BACKEND=x11 if so.

SPLITS AND FOCUS

- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **R** — Add terminal to the right
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **D** — Add terminal below
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **A** — Add terminal, auto direction

SPLITS AND FOCUS (cont.)

- **Alt** + **Arrows** — Focus terminal in that direction
- **Alt** + **1-9** — Focus terminal by number
- **Ctrl** + **Tab** — Next terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Tab** — Previous terminal
- **Shift** + **Alt** + **Arrows** — Resize the focused terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **X** — Maximise or restore terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **W** — Close terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **M** — Toggle margin display

SESSIONS AND WINDOWS

- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **T** — New session
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **N** — New window

SESSIONS AND WINDOWS (cont.)

- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Q** — Close session
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **1-9** — Switch to session N
- **Ctrl** + **Page_Down** — Next session
- **Ctrl** + **Page_Up** — Previous session
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Page_Down** — Move session right
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Page_Up** — Move session left
- **F12** — Toggle session sidebar
- **F11** — Toggle fullscreen
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **S** — Save session to file
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **O** — Open saved session

TEXT AND SCROLLBACK

- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **C** — Copy

TEXT AND SCROLLBACK (cont.)

- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **V** — Paste
- **Shift** + **Insert** — Paste primary selection
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **A** — Select all
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **F** — Find in terminal
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **G** — Find next match
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **H** — Find previous match
- **Shift** + **Page_Up** / **Shift** + **Page_Down** — Scroll a page
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Up** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Down** — Scroll one line
- **Ctrl** + **Plus** — Larger font
- **Ctrl** + **Minus** — Smaller font
- **Ctrl** + **0** — Reset font size
- **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **B** — Pick a bookmark

QUAKE AND LAUNCHING

- `tilix --quake` — Drop-down terminal, toggles on repeat
  No default key: bind this command to a global shortcut in your desktop settings.
- `tilix -w <dir>` — Start in a working directory
- `tilix -e <command>` — Run a command in the new terminal
- `tilix -p <profile>` — Start with a named profile
- `tilix -a session-add-right` — Run an app action in the current window
  Also session-add-down, app-new-session, app-new-window.
- `tilix -s <file.json>` — Load a saved session file
- `tilix --new-process` — Open in a separate process
- `tilix --preferences` — Open preferences

QUAKE AND LAUNCHING (cont.)

- `tilix --maximize` — Start maximised
- **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **T** — Open Tilix here (Nautilus extension)

RECIPES

Four-way split

```
# one shell in each quarter
Ctrl+Alt+R
Ctrl+Alt+D
Alt+Left
Ctrl+Alt+D
```

Save and restore a workspace

```
# arrange splits, then:
Ctrl+Shift+S
# later, or from a script:
tilix -s ~/work.json
```

Quake toggle on a hotkey

```
# bind in your desktop's custom shortcuts:
tilix --quake
# first press shows it, second hides it
```

Open a split from a script

```
tilix -a session-add-right -e htop
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