Tilix — Tiling terminal emulator

START HERE

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

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

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

SPLITS AND FOCUS (cont.)

Ctrl + **Shift** + **W**
Close terminal

Ctrl + **Alt** + **M**
Toggle margin display

SESSIONS AND WINDOWS

Ctrl + **Shift** + **T** New session

Ctrl + **Shift** + **N**
New window

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

Ctrl + **Shift** + **V** Paste

TEXT AND SCROLLBACK (cont.)

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

QUAKE AND LAUNCHING (cont.)

`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

`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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