Windows Terminal

Tabbed Windows terminal

CONCEPTS

A profile is one shell plus its look: PowerShell, Command Prompt, each WSL distro. New tabs and panes open a profile.

Window named or numbered; wt -w targets it

- **Tab** one entry in the tab row
- **Pane** one profile's shell in a split

Keys shown are the shipped defaults. A fresh settings.json also adds Ctrl+C copy, Ctrl+V paste and Alt+Shift+D duplicate pane.

TABS

Ctrl + **Shift** + **T**
New tab, default profile

Ctrl + **Shift** + **1-9**
New tab with profile 1-9

Ctrl + **Shift** + **Space**
Open the new-tab dropdown

Ctrl + **Tab** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Tab**
Next / previous tab

Ctrl + **Alt** + **1-8**
Jump to tab 1-8

Ctrl + **Alt** + **9** Jump to last tab

Ctrl + **Shift** + **D** Duplicate tab

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

Alt + **F4** Close window

closeTab has no default key: Ctrl+Shift+W closes the tab once its last pane is gone.

PANES

Alt + **Shift** + **Plus**
Split: new pane to the right

Alt + **Shift** + **Minus**
Split: new pane below

Alt + **Shift** + **D**
Duplicate pane, longest side

Alt + **Arrows**
Move focus to neighbour pane

PANES (cont.)

Ctrl + **Alt** + **Left**
Focus last used pane

Alt + **Shift** + **Arrows**
Resize focused pane

Ctrl + **Shift** + **W**
Close pane (or tab if only one)

Alt + **Click**
New-tab button: open as pane

Zoom, swap, move to another tab, read-only and broadcast input have no keys; run them from the palette or bind togglePaneZoom, swapPane, movePane.

CLIPBOARD AND SELECTION

Ctrl + **Shift** + **C** / **Ctrl** + **Insert**
Copy selection

Ctrl + **Shift** + **V** / **Shift** + **Insert**
Paste

Enter Copy the active selection

Ctrl + **Shift** + **A**
Select the whole buffer

Right-click
Copy selection, else paste

Alt + **Drag**
Block (rectangle) selection

Shift + **Arrows**
Grow selection by a character

MARK MODE

Ctrl + **Shift** + **M**
Toggle mark mode (keyboard select)

Arrows Move the cursor

Ctrl + **Left** / **Ctrl** + **Right**
Move by word

SCROLLBACK AND SEARCH

Ctrl + **Shift** + **Up** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Down**
Scroll one line

SCROLLBACK AND SEARCH (cont.)

Ctrl + **Shift** + **PageUp** / **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **PageDown**
Scroll one page

Ctrl + **Shift** + **K**
Clear screen and scrollback

Ctrl + **Shift** + **F**
Search the pane's buffer

WINDOW AND VIEW

Ctrl + **Shift** + **P**
Command palette

Ctrl + **,** Open the Settings UI

Ctrl + **Shift** + **,**
Open settings.json

Ctrl + **Plus** / **Ctrl** + **Minus**
Bigger / smaller font

Win + **`**
Quake mode: drop-down window

WT.EXE COMMAND LINE

`wt`
Open a window, default profile

`wt -p "<profile>"`
Open with a named profile

`wt -d <dir>`
Start in a directory

`wt -w 0 nt`
New tab in the latest window

In PowerShell escape the separator as `; (or put --% after wt). From WSL run cmd.exe /c wt.exe and use \;.

SETTINGS.JSON ACTIONS

actions defines what to run (command + id); keybindings maps keys such as ctrl+alt+plus to an id.

```
{ "keys": "ctrl+shift+z",
"id":
"Terminal.TogglePaneZoom" }
```

Bind a built-in action