# Yazi Terminal file manager

**START HERE**

- **j** / **k** — Move down / up
- **h** / **l** — Parent / enter
- **Space** — Select and move on
- **y** / **x** / **p** — Copy / cut / paste
- **d** — Trash selected
- **a** — Create file or dir/
- **z** — Jump via fzf
- **~** — Open help

## CONCEPTS




Three panes: parent, current, preview

> Yazi works on the selection if there is one, otherwise on the hovered file.

> Multi-key shortcuts such as g g or c c are typed one key after the other.

> Press ~ or F1 anywhere to list the keys valid in the current context.

> Use the y shell wrapper (see Recipes) to keep your shell in the directory you quit from.

> Keys here are the defaults; keymap.toml can rebind them.

## MOVE

- **j** / **k** — Cursor down / up
- **h** / **l** — Parent dir / enter dir
- **Arrows** — Same as j k h l
- **g** › **g** — Jump to top
- **G** — Jump to bottom
- **H** / **L** — History back / forward
- **Ctrl** + **d** / **Ctrl** + **u** — Half page down / up
- **Ctrl** + **f** / **Ctrl** + **b** — Page down / up
- **K** / **J** — Scroll the preview up / down
- **g** › **f** — Follow hovered symlink

## GO TO

- **z** — Jump to file or dir via fzf
- **Z** — Jump to dir via zoxide
- **g** › **h** — Go to home
- **g** › **c** — Go to ~/.config

## GO TO (cont.)

- **g** › **d** — Go to ~/Downloads
- **g** › **Space** — Jump by typing a path
- **g** › **t** — Go to trash

## SELECT

- **Space** — Toggle selection, move down
- **v** — Visual mode: select range
- **V** — Visual mode: unselect range
- **Ctrl** + **a** — Select all
- **Ctrl** + **r** — Invert selection
- **Esc** — Clear selection

## FILES

- **Enter** / **o** — Open with default opener
- **O** / **Shift** + **Enter** — Open with chosen opener
- **Tab** — Spot: show file details
- **y** — Yank (copy)
- **x** — Yank to cut
- **p** — Paste
- **P** — Paste, overwrite existing
- **Y** / **X** — Cancel yank
- **d** — Move to trash
- **D** — Delete permanently
- **a** — Create file; end with / for dir
- **A** — Create several files
- **r** — Rename
- **.** — Toggle hidden files
- **-** — Symlink yanked (absolute)
- **_** — Symlink yanked (relative)
- **Ctrl** + **-** — Hardlink yanked

## COPY PATH

- **c** › **c** — Copy full path

## COPY PATH (cont.)

- **c** › **d** — Copy parent dir path
- **c** › **f** — Copy file name
- **c** › **n** — Copy name without extension
- **c** › **C** — Copy path as URL

## SEARCH

- **s** — Search file names (fd)
- **S** — Search contents (ripgrep)
- **Ctrl** + **s** — Cancel running search
- **f** — Filter current dir live
- **/** — Find forward in dir
- **?** — Find backward in dir
- **n** / **N** — Next / previous match

> s and S need fd and rg on PATH; z needs fzf and Z needs zoxide.

## SORT AND VIEW

- **,** › **m** / **,** › **M** — Sort by modified time / reversed
- **,** › **s** / **,** › **S** — Sort by size / reversed
- **,** › **a** / **,** › **A** — Sort A-Z / reversed
- **,** › **n** / **,** › **N** — Sort naturally / reversed
- **,** › **e** / **,** › **E** — Sort by extension / reversed
- **,** › **b** / **,** › **B** — Sort by birth time / reversed
- **,** › **r** — Sort randomly
- **m** › **s** — Show size column
- **m** › **m** — Show modified time column
- **m** › **p** — Show permissions column
- **m** › **o** — Show owner column
- **m** › **n** — Hide extra column

## TABS

- **t** › **t** — New tab in current dir
- **1-9** — Switch to tab N
- **[** / **]** — Previous / next tab
- **{** / **}** — Move tab left / right
- **t** › **r** — Rename tab
- **Ctrl** + **c** — Close tab

## SHELL AND TASKS

- **;** — Run shell command
- **:** — Run shell command, wait for it
- **w** — Open task manager
- **Enter** — Inspect task (in task manager)
- **q** — Quit
- **Q** — Quit, keep shell directory
- **Ctrl** + **z** — Suspend Yazi
- **F1** / **~** — Open help

## RECIPES

**Shell wrapper: cd on quit**

```
# add to .bashrc / .zshrc
y() {
  local tmp="$(mktemp -t yazi-cwd.XXXXXX)" cwd
  yazi "$@" --cwd-file="$tmp"
  IFS= read -r -d '' cwd < "$tmp"
  [ "$cwd" != "$PWD" ] && [ -d "$cwd" ] && cd -- "$cwd"
  rm -f -- "$tmp"
}
```

**Bulk move to another dir**

```
# in dir A: v, select, then x
# t t, then g Space, type the target path
# p to paste, w to watch the task
```

**Find and open by content**

```
# S, type the pattern, Enter
# the match is revealed; o to open
# Ctrl+s cancels a long search
```

**Biggest files first**

```
# , S  sort by size, largest first
# m s  show the size column
# D  delete the culprit for good
```