Yazi Terminal file manager

START HERE

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

CONCEPTS

Parent	Current directory	Preview

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

MOVE (cont.)

- 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
- 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
- c › d — Copy parent dir path
- c › f — Copy file name

COPY PATH (cont.)

- 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

SORT AND VIEW (cont.)

- , › 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)

SHELL AND TASKS (cont.)

- 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
```