zathura Keyboard PDF viewer

START HERE

- J / K — Next / previous page
- Plus / Minus — Zoom in / out
- j / k — Scroll down / up
- a / s — Best fit / fit width
- / — Search forward
- Ctrl + r — Recolor (dark mode)
- Tab — Table of contents
- q — Quit

Common options

Option	Effect
`recolor`	Invert to dark colors
`adjust-open`	best-fit or width on open
`selection-clipboard`	clipboard for Ctrl+V pasting
`scroll-step`	Pixels per j / k
`pages-per-row`	Pages side by side
`incremental-search`	Search while typing
`synctex`	SyncTeX support on / off
`statusbar-basename`	Show file name only

CONCEPTS

Zathura is a keyboard-driven document viewer (PDF, DjVu, PS, CBZ via plugins) with vim-like keys. Press : to type a command.

A number before a key repeats it: 12G jumps to page 12, 150= zooms to 150%. Config goes in ~/.config/zathura/zathurarc.

Modes: normal, fullscreen, presentation and index (the table of contents, opened with Tab). Key maps are per mode.

NAVIGATION

- J / PgDn — Next page
- K / PgUp — Previous page
- j / k — Scroll down / up
- h / l — Scroll left / right
- Ctrl + d / Ctrl + u — Half page down / up
- Space — Page down (full screen)
- gg / G — First / last page
- <n>G — Go to page n
- P — Snap to current page
- H / L — Top / bottom of page
- Ctrl + o / Ctrl + i — Jumplist back / forward
- m<x> — Set quickmark x
- '<x> — Go to quickmark x
- d — Toggle dual page
- D — Cycle first page column

ZOOM AND VIEW

- Plus / Minus — Zoom in / out
- = — Original size
- <n>= — Zoom to n percent

ZOOM AND VIEW (cont.)

- a — Best fit
- s — Fit width
- r — Rotate 90 degrees
- Ctrl + r — Toggle recolor (dark mode)
- F11 — Toggle fullscreen
- F5 — Toggle presentation mode
- R — Reload document
- Ctrl + m — Toggle input bar
- Ctrl + n — Toggle status bar

SEARCH AND LINKS

- / — Search forward
- ? — Search backward
- n / N — Next / previous result
- f — Follow link by number
- F — Show link target
- c — Copy link target
- :hlsearch — Highlight search results
- :nohlsearch — Clear highlights
- Esc — Abort / clear search

INDEX AND BOOKMARKS

- Tab — Open table of contents
- k / j — Move in index
- l / h — Expand / collapse entry
- L / H — Expand / collapse all
- Return — Open selected entry
- :bmark › *<name>* — Save bookmark
- :blist — List bookmarks
- :bjump › *<name>* — Jump to bookmark

INDEX AND BOOKMARKS (cont.)

- :bdelete › *<name>* — Delete bookmark

FILES AND COMMANDS

- o — Open document
- :info — Document information
- :print — Print document
- :write › *<file>* — Save a copy
- :export › *<id>* › *<file>* — Extract an attachment
- :exec › *<cmd>* — Run command ($FILE, $PAGE)
- :offset › *<n>* — Set page number offset
- :jumplist — Show recent jumps
- :dump › *<file>* — Write settings to file
- :source › *<file>* — Load a config file
- q — Quit
- :close — Close document

MOUSE

- Scroll — Scroll the page
- Ctrl + Scroll — Zoom in / out
- Left › click — Follow link
- Left › drag — Select text
- Shift + Left › drag — Highlight region
- Middle › drag — Pan the document

CONFIGURATION

~/.config/zathura/zathurarc

```
# one command per line
set recolor true
set recolor-keephue true
set selection-clipboard
clipboard
set scroll-step 80
set adjust-open width
set guioptions ""
set default-bg "#1e1e2e"
set font "monospace 11"
```

Key maps

```
map <C-j> scroll down
map [fullscreen] <Tab>
toggle_index
map u scroll half-up
map <A-1> goto 1
map <C-i> zoom in
unmap <C-p>
```

Colors must be quoted ("#202020") or the # starts a comment. Values accept hex, rgb() and rgba().

Press Ctrl+Click on text in a SyncTeX-enabled PDF to jump to the source line; set synctex-editor-command to choose the editor.

RECIPES

Dark reading by default

```
# zathurarc
set recolor true
set recolor-keephue true
set recolor-lightcolor
"#1e1e1e"
set recolor-darkcolor "#d4d4d4"
```

Live preview of a Typst or LaTeX build

```
zathura out.pdf &
typst watch doc.typ out.pdf
# R reloads; zathura also auto-
reloads
```

Jump from PDF to Vim (SyncTeX)

```
set synctex true
set synctex-editor-command
"nvim --server /tmp/nvim.sock
--remote-send '<C-\\><C-n>:e
%{input}<CR>:%{line}<CR>'"
# Ctrl+Click in zathura
```

Open a page directly

```
zathura -P 42 book.pdf
zathura -f "term" doc.pdf  #
search on open
zathura a.pdf  # then o for
another file
```