

General

Ctrl+I	Refresh display
Alt+.	Toggle hidden files display
Alt+,	Toggle horizontal/vertical split
Alt+`	Show screen selector
Alt+;/	Switch to previous/next screen

Selected Items

Shift+F5	Copy to current directory
Shift+F6	Rename selected item
Ctrl+x, c	chmod dialog
Ctrl+x, o	chown dialog
Ctrl+x, v	Relative symlink dialog
Ctrl+x, s	Absolute symlink dialog
Ctrl+x, l	Hardlink dialog
Ctrl+x,	File diff active/inactive panel
Ctrl+d	selection
Ctrl+x, d	Directory diff active/inactive panel selection

Selected items are the tagged items or the highlighted item. Common actions mapped to F-keys are listed at the bottom of the screen.

Notes

- A capital in a shortcut indicates you need to hold Shift.
- The basic panel navigation shortcuts are not included.
- The shortcuts in bold are non-default (see mc.keymap panel).

Other Resources

Midnight Commander man page
Midnight Commander documentation
Linux Command Line Adventure: Midnight Commander

Active Panel

Alt+j/k/l	Move cursor to top/center/bottom of view
Insert /	Tag/untag focused item and
Ctrl+t	move down/up
Shift+↓ /	
↑	
+/-	Tag/untag items by pattern
*	Invert tagging of items
Alt+s	Search/jump to by pattern
Alt+?	Open search dialog
Alt+t	Cycle panel view mode
Ctrl+x, i/q	Toggle other panel to info/quick view mode
Alt+c	Change directory popup
Alt+i	Change other panel to the same directory
Alt+o/L	Change other panel to the selected directory/link target (or the parent directory if a file is selected + select next item)
Alt+H	Directory history
Alt+y/u	CD to previous/next directory in the history
F12	Open directory hotlist
Ctrl+x, h	Add current directory to hotlist



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Active Panel (cont)

Ctrl+space Calculate selected item sizes
(.. calculates all item sizes)

Ctrl+r Refresh listing

Ctrl+u Swap panels

Alt+P Open Sort dialog

Alt+R Reverse sort

**Alt+N/-
E/S/M** Sort by
Name/Ext/Size/ModTime
(repeating shortcut reverses
sort)

Ctrl+f Filter (files only)

Alt+! Filtered view

Shift+ ←/→ Scroll left/right

Command Line

Alt+h Open command history

Alt+p/n Select previous/next history
entry

Shift+Tab Complete item name

Ctrl+a/e Jump to start/end of line

Ctrl+k Clear to end of line

Alt+ ←/→ Jump to start of previous/next
word

Alt+a/A Paste active/inactive panel
directory path

Alt+Enter Paste active panel selected
item name

Ctrl+x, t Paste names of tagged files in
active panel

Ctrl+a followed by **Ctrl+k** clears the full input
line

Cmd line variables (active/inactive panel)

%d / %D directory path

%s / %S tagged or focused item name(s)

%f / %F focused item name(s)

%b / %B focused item base name(s)

%x / %X focused item extension

%t / %T tagged item name(s)

%% literal % character

The current directory in the command line
always matches the active panel's
directory.

Custom mc.keymap entries

```
[filemanager]
HotList = f12
[panel]
Bottom OnS creen = alt-l
Middle OnS creen = alt-k
TopOnS creen = alt-j
PanelO the rCdLink = alt-sh ift-
l
Sort = alt-sh ift-p
SortRe verse = alt-sh ift-r
SortByName = alt-sh ift-n
SortByExt = alt-sh ift-e
SortBySize = alt-sh ift-s
SortBy MTime = alt-sh ift-m
ScrollLeft = shift-left
Scroll Right = shift- right
Filter = ctrl-f
[dialog]
ScreenNext = alt-se micolon
ScreenPrev = alt-ap ost rophe
[input]
Complete = shift-tab
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