

Tabs & Windows

⌘ T	New tab
⌘ W	Close tab / pane
⌘ ↑ [⌘ ↑]	Previous / next tab
⌘ 1 ⌘ 2 ⌘ 3 ...	Jump to tab by number
⌘ N	New window
⌘ ↑ H	Show all windows (Exposé)

Splits (panes within a tab)

⌘ D	Split vertical (side by side)
⌘ ↑ D	Split horizontal (stacked)
⌘ ⌘ ← ↑ → ↓	Move between panes
⌘] ⌘ [Cycle next / previous pane
⌘ ↑ ↵	Maximize / unmaximize pane

Search & Scrollback

⌘ F	Find in scrollback
⌘ G ⌘ ↑ G	Next / previous match
⌘ K	Clear scrollback (true clear)

Text & Selection

⌘ + click	Move cursor on the prompt
Triple-click	Select whole line
Quadruple-click	Smart select (URL, path...)
⌘ C ⌘ V	Copy / paste
⌘ ↑ V	Paste with options

Display & Navigation

⌘ + ⌘ -	Increase / decrease font size
⌘ 0	Reset font size
⌘ ⇧	Toggle fullscreen
⌘ ↑ O	Window / tab / pane switcher
⌘ ;	Autocomplete from history
⌘ /	Show iTerm2 shortcut cheatsheet

Worth Knowing

⌘ ⌘ B	Instant Replay (scrub the screen)
⌘ ↑ S	Save session contents to a file
⌘ + click	Open URL / file path under cursor

Memorize these first: ⌘ T ⌘ D ⌘ ⌘ arrows ⌘ F ⌘ K

Pro tip: In Preferences → Profiles → Keys → Key Mappings, set the left ⌘ key to "Esc+". That makes ⌘ ← / ⌘ → jump by word on the command line — a huge quality-of-life upgrade.

— BEYOND THE BASICS —

Sessions, Marks & Composer

⌘ I	Edit current session (colors, font...)
⌘ ,	Open iTerm2 preferences
⌘ ↑ .	Composer (multi-line command editor)
⌘ ↑ M	Set a mark at this position
⌘ ↑ A	Add annotation to text

Shell Integration Utilities

<code>imgcat file.png</code>	Show image inline in terminal
<code>it2dl filename</code>	Download file from SSH session
<code>it2copy < file</code>	Copy to Mac clipboard via SSH
<code>imgls</code>	ls with image thumbnails
<code>it2attention</code>	Bounce Dock icon to alert you

Power Features Worth Setting Up

Hotkey Window

A terminal that drops down from any app with a single keystroke — perfect for quick admin tasks.
Settings → Profiles → Keys → "Hotkey Window"

Shell Integration

Adds ✓ / ✗ marks per prompt, drag-drop file transfer over SSH, jump-between-commands, history.
iTerm2 menu → Install Shell Integration

tmux Integration

Run `tmux -CC new -s work` to use iTerm2 as the native UI for a tmux session — real tabs, real splits, survives disconnects. Great for VPS work.

Triggers

Auto-react to regex matches in output: highlight errors, alert on done-words, run a command, color-code prod sessions.
Settings → Profiles → Advanced → Triggers

Badge

Overlay text in the corner of any tab — show hostname, git branch, or a big red "PROD" warning.
Settings → Profiles → General → Badge