Nethack Quick Reference

Basic Movement

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7  8  9    Use the NumPad to move your character in
4  @  6    one of the 8 directions. Hold Shift to move
1  2  3    until you hit something interesting.
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j	jump to another location
< >	go up to the previous level, next level
#chat	talk to a character
#sit	sit down
n .	rest for one turn
n .	rest for n turns

Advanced Movement

mNumPad	move without picking up or fighting
FNumPad	fight a monster (if you guess one is there)
MNumPad	move far, no pickup
gNumPad	move until something interesting is found
GNumPad	move as g, but corridor forks uninteresting

Inventory

i	inventory
)	what weapon you are wielding
[	what armor you are wearing
=	what rings you are wearing
"	what amulet you are wearing
(	tools you are using
*	what equipment (combines prev 5 commands)
$	count your zorkmids (gold pieces)
I	list parts of your inventory
I*	list all gems in your inventory
Iu	list all unpaid items in your inventory
Ix	list all used up items on your shopping bill
p	purchase unpaid items in your inventory

Exploration

;	look – use NumPad to position, . to select
:	look where you are standing
s ns	search for secret doors and traps, search n times
o c	open door, close door
k	kick something (usually a door)
#force	force lock (usually chests, doors)
l	loot something (usually chest or box)
u	un-trap something (trap, door, chest)

Personal Needs

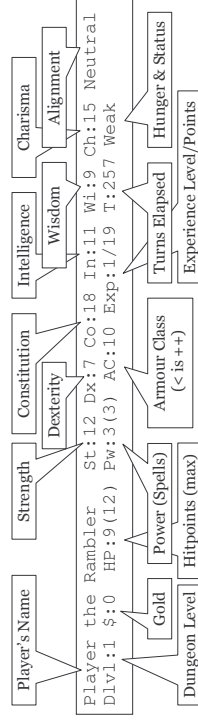|	
e	eat food or nearby corpse
#monster	use your special ability (when polymorphed)
#wipe	wipe off your face
#pray	pray to the gods for help

Using Items

,	pick up things
@	toggle auto-pickup (good for stores)
a	apply (generic use command)
z	zap a wand (use . for direction to zap self)
q	quaff (drink) a potion
#dip	dip an object into something
#rub	rub a lamp
#offer	offer a sacrifice to the gods
d	drop something
dna	drop n items of object a
D	drop several things
Da	drop all without asking
Di	examine inventory before dropping
Du	drop all unpaid items
Dm	use a menu to select what to drop
D%u	drop only unpaid food
r	read something (usually scroll, spell book)
#ride	ride or stop riding a monster (usually pet pony)
P	put on a ring or other accessory (amulet, blindfold)
R	remove accessory
A	remove one or more accessories (armor, rings)

Attacking

NumPad	towards a monster to fight melee
t	throw an object or shoot a projectile
f	fire an object from your quiver
Q	put objects (usually arrows or bolts) in your quiver
w	wield a weapon
w-	wield nothing, ie bare hands
x	swap wielded weapon with secondary weapon
W	wear armor
T	take off armor
#twoweapon	toggle two-weapon combat (if suitable)
#enhance	advance or check weapons skills

Magic

r	read something (usually scroll, spell book)
q	quaff (drink) a potion
z	zap a wand (use . for direction to zap self)
Z	zap (cast) a spell
+	list of spells you know
#invoke	invoke an object's special powers
a	apply a wand to snap it in two (catastrophic)
Ctrl-t	Teleport (if you have ability)

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Player the Rambler   St:12 Dx:7 Co:18 In:11 Wi:9 Ch:15 Neutral
Dlvl:1 $:0  HP:9(12) Pw:3(3) AC:10 Exp:1/19 T:257 Weak
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Player's Name	
Dungeon Level	
Gold	
Hitpoints (max)	
Power (Spells)	
Strength	
Dexterity	
Constitution	
Intelligence	
Wisdom	
Charisma	
Alignment	
Armour Class (< is ++)	
Experience Level/Points	
Turns Elapsed	
Hunger & Status	

Naming Things

n	name an item, or type of object
C	call (name) an individual monster
E	engrave a message on the floor
E-	write in the dust with your finger

Miscellaneous

?	help menu
/	explain what a symbol means
/.	explains the symbol with more info? Option
/,	explain the symbol without more info
/;	explain without more info, stop asking further
/:	explain with more info without asking
^	information about a trap next to you
\	a list of everything you have identified/discovered
#conduct	list of challenges you have adhered to
#?	List of extended commands
Ctrl-p	repeat previous message (repeatable)
Ctrl-x	display info about your char, alignment, deities
&	tell what a command does

Other Useful Commands

S	save and quit – use your chars name to restore
#quit	quit without saving
Ctrl-A	Redo previous command
Ctrl-r	redraw the screen
v	display version number of Nethack
V	display history of Nethack
X	eXplore / Wizard mode – check guidebook
#adjust	adjust letters in your inventory
#version	display compile-time options for this build
!	escape to a shell prompt (usually Unix only)
Ctrl-z	suspend the game (Unix with job control only)