

movement

ctrl + a
go to start of line

ctrl + e
go to end of line

ctrl + xx
go to start of line, press again to go back to starting position

alt + b
go **b**ack one word

alt + f
go **f**orward one word

ctrl + b
go **b**ack one character

ctrl + f
fo **f**orward one character

history

ctrl + r
search history backward

ctrl + s
search history forward*

ctrl + g
quit search mode

ctrl + p
previous command (same as **↑**)

ctrl + n
next command (same as **↓**)

ctrl + o
run current command from history, then queue next command in history

alt + .
insert last word of previous command (additional presses cycle back through history)

* ctrl + s by default will stop output from the shell, but this is a terminal-level feature which blocks this command from reaching the shell
* run `stty -ixon` to disable to terminal feature, place in `~/.bashrc` to make permanent

control

ctrl + l
clear screen

ctrl + s
pause screen output

ctrl + q
unpause screen output

ctrl + z
suspend program (use `fg` to unsuspend)

manipulation

alt + c
capitalize to end of word (make current char uppercase, remainder of word lowercase)

alt + u
from cursor, uppercase to end of word

alt + l
from cursor, lowercase to end of word

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manipulation (cont)

alt + t

transpose word with previous word (space counts as the next word)

ctrl + _ OR ctrl + 7 OR ctrl +x ctrl + u

undo last edit (can be used repeatedly)

ctrl + x ctrl + e

open the current command line in your editor*

* specify desired editor by setting \$EDITOR or \$VISUAL environment variables

* when editing the command line in vi-like editor, quit with :cq to *avoid running the command*, otherwise exit with :wq or :x as usual

* the shell might not recognise a GUI editor properly, since some spawn the process and then exit

cut/paste/delete

ctrl + u

from cursor, delete to start of line

ctrl + k

from cursor, delete to end of line

ctrl + w

from cursor, delete to start of word

alt + d

from cursor, delete to end of word

ctrl + d

delete current character (delete key)

ctrl + h

delete character before cursor (backspace)

ctrl + y

paste cut/deleted text after cursor

bang

!!

run last whole command

!foo

run last command starting with "foo"

!?foo?

run last command containing foo

!\$

replaced with last word of previous command (same as alt + . but doesn't put the actual text)

!*

replaced with all arguments of previous command

<bang cmd>;p

print what <bang cmd> would be replaced with/run

<bang cmd>;s/foo/bar

replace foo with bar in command returned by <bang cmd> (use sed search/replace format)

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