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Nano Editor Keyboard Shortcuts

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File Management

Key	Action
Ctrl+G	Display help text
Ctrl+X	Close the current file buffer / Exit from nano
Ctrl+O	Write the current file to disk
Ctrl+R	Insert another file into the current one
Alt+>	Switch to the next file buffer
Alt+<	Switch to the previous file buffer

Search and Replace

Key	Action
Ctrl+W	Search for a string or a regular expression
Ctrl+\	Replace a string or a regular expression
Alt+W	Repeat the last search

Navigation

Key	Action
Ctrl+_	Go to line and column number
Ctrl+Y	Go one screenful up
Ctrl+V	Go one screenful down
Alt+\	Go to the first line of the file
Alt+/	Go to the last line of the file
Ctrl+B	Go back one character
Ctrl+F	Go forward one character
Alt+Space	Go back one word
Ctrl+Space	Go forward one word
Ctrl+A	Go to beginning of current line
Ctrl+E	Go to end of current line
Ctrl+P	Go to previous line
Ctrl+N	Go to next line
Alt+(	Go to beginning of paragraph; then of previous paragraph
Alt+)	Go just beyond end of paragraph; then of next paragraph
Alt+-	Scroll up one line without scrolling the cursor
Alt++	Scroll down one line without scrolling the cursor
Alt+<	Switch to the previous file buffer
Alt+>	Switch to the next file buffer
Ctrl+C	Display the position of the cursor
Alt+]	Go to the matching bracket

Editing

Key	Action
Alt+U	Undo the last operation
Alt+E	Redo the last undone operation
Alt+}	Indent the current line
Alt+{	Unindent the current line
Alt+^	Copy the current line and store it in the cutbuffer
Ctrl+K	Cut the current line and store it in the cutbuffer
Ctrl+U	Uncut from the cutbuffer into the current line
Ctrl+J	Justify the current paragraph
Ctrl+T	Invoke the spell checker, if available
Alt+V	Insert the next keystroke verbatim
Ctrl+I	Insert a tab at the cursor position
Ctrl+M	Insert a newline at the cursor position
Ctrl+D	Delete the character under the cursor
Ctrl+H	Delete the character to the left of the cursor
Alt+T	Cut from the cursor position to the end of the file
Alt+J	Justify the entire file
Alt+D	Count the number of words, lines, and characters
Ctrl+^	Mark text starting from the cursor position

Settings

Key	Action
Alt+X	Help mode enable/disable
Alt+C	Constant cursor position display enable/disable
Alt+O	Use of one more line for editing enable/disable
Alt+S	Smooth scrolling enable/disable
Alt+$	Soft wrapping of overlong lines enable/disable
Alt+P	Whitespace display enable/disable
Alt+Y	Color syntax highlighting enable/disable
Alt+H	Smart home key enable/disable
Alt+I	Auto indent enable/disable
Alt+K	Cut to end enable/disable
Alt+L	Hard wrapping of overlong lines enable/disable
Alt+Q	Conversion of typed tabs to spaces enable/disable
Alt+B	Backup files enable/disable
Alt+F	Reading file into separate buffer enable/disable



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