

# Overview of nano's shortcuts

## The editor's keystrokes and their functions

### File handling

Ctrl+S    Save current file  
Ctrl+O    Offer to write file ("Save as")  
Ctrl+R    Insert a file into current one  
Ctrl+X    Close buffer, exit from nano

### Editing

Ctrl+K    Cut current line into cutbuffer  
Alt+6    Copy current line into cutbuffer  
Ctrl+U    Paste contents of cutbuffer  
Alt+T    Cut until end of buffer  
Ctrl+]    Complete current word  
Alt+3    Comment/uncomment line/region  
Alt+U    Undo last action  
Alt+E    Redo last undone action

### Search and replace

Ctrl+Q    Start backward search  
Ctrl+W    Start forward search  
Alt+Q    Find next occurrence backward  
Alt+W    Find next occurrence forward  
Alt+R    Start a replacing session

### Deletion

Ctrl+H    Delete character before cursor  
Ctrl+D    Delete character under cursor  
Alt+Bsp    Delete word to the left  
Ctrl+Del    Delete word to the right  
Alt+Del    Delete current line

### Operations

Ctrl+T    Execute some command  
Ctrl+J    Justify paragraph or region  
Alt+J    Justify entire buffer  
Alt+B    Run a syntax check  
Alt+F    Run a formatter/fixer/arranger  
Alt+:    Start/stop recording of macro  
Alt+;    Replay macro

### Moving around

Ctrl+B    One character backward  
Ctrl+F    One character forward  
Ctrl+←    One word backward  
Ctrl+→    One word forward  
Ctrl+A    To start of line  
Ctrl+E    To end of line  
Ctrl+P    One line up  
Ctrl+N    One line down  
Ctrl+↑    To previous block  
Ctrl+↓    To next block  
Ctrl+Y    One page up  
Ctrl+V    One page down  
Alt+\    To top of buffer  
Alt+/    To end of buffer

### Special movement

Alt+G    Go to specified line  
Alt+]    Go to complementary bracket  
Alt+↑    Scroll viewport up  
Alt+↓    Scroll viewport down  
Alt+<    Switch to preceding buffer  
Alt+>    Switch to succeeding buffer

### Information

Ctrl+C    Report cursor position  
Alt+D    Report line/word/character count  
Ctrl+G    Display help text

### Various

Alt+A    Turn the mark on/off  
Tab    Indent marked region  
Shift+Tab    Unindent marked region  
Alt+V    Enter next keystroke verbatim  
Alt+N    Turn line numbers on/off  
Alt+P    Turn visible whitespace on/off  
Alt+X    Hide or unhide the help lines  
Ctrl+L    Refresh the screen