

Linux Shortcuts - Learning Summary

Mastering keyboard shortcuts in Linux can significantly speed up your workflow, especially when working in the terminal.

Auto-Complete

Shortcut	Description
[TAB]	Auto-complete filenames, commands, or paths based on current input.

Cursor Movement

Shortcut	Action
CTRL + A	Move to the beginning of the line
CTRL + E	Move to the end of the line
CTRL + ← / →	Jump to the beginning of the previous/next word
ALT + B / F	Jump backward/forward one word

Erase Commands

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + U	Erase from cursor to beginning of line
CTRL + K	Erase from cursor to end of line
CTRL + W	Erase the word before the cursor

Paste

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + Y	Paste last erased content

End/Interrupt Process

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + C	Send SIGINT to terminate current process (e.g. a scan)

End-of-File

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + D	Send EOF (End-of-File), closes STDIN

Clear Terminal

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + L	Clear terminal (same as typing <code>clear</code>)

Background a Process

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + Z	Suspend process (sends SIGTSTP)

Command History

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + R	Reverse search through command history
↑ / ↓	Browse through previous/next commands

Switch Applications

Shortcut	Description
ALT + TAB	Switch between open applications

Zoom

Shortcut	Description
CTRL + [+]	Zoom in
CTRL + [-]	Zoom out

Learning Tip: Try to rely on keyboard navigation instead of your mouse to build muscle memory and improve command-line efficiency.