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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 |



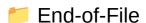
| Shortcut | Description |
|----------|--|
| CTRL + U | Erase from cursor to beginning of line |
| CTRL + K | Erase from cursor to end of line |
| CTRL + W | Erase the word before the cursor |



| Shortcut | Description |
|----------|---------------------------|
| CTRL + Y | Paste last erased content |

X End/Interrupt Process

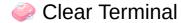
| Shortcut | Description |
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| CTRL + C | Send SIGINT to terminate current process (e.g. a scan) |



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Shortcut Description

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



Shortcut Description

CTRL + L Clear terminal (same as typing clear)

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

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