

## Copy (only copy, not cutting) in Nano?

1. Position the cursor at the beginning of the character from which you want to copy.

Press `Alt+Shift+A` to set mark. ( Alternatively, set mark with `Ctrl+6` )

2. Use arrow keys to highlight the text to copy.



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hello world
[ Mark Set ]
^G Get Help  ^O Write Out ^W Where Is  ^K Cut Text  ^J Justify  ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit      ^R Read File ^\ Replace  ^U Uncut Text ^T To Spell ^_ Go To Line
```

3. Use `Alt+Shift+6` to copy (Alternatively, `Alt + 6` )

4. Navigate to the place you want to paste. Release paste with `Ctrl+U`



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Where is reference to these keybindings

All of these are defined under the documentation, which you can access with `Ctrl+G` at any point.

Note that leading `^` stands for `Ctrl` and `M` for `Alt` in the documentation, since this is traditional way of Unix defining meta characters. Lines from documentation:

`^^ (M-A)` Mark text starting from the cursor position

and

`M-^ (M-6)` Copy the current line and store it in the cutbuffer