

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
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+B Start backward search
Ctrl+F Start forward search
Alt+B Find next occurrence backward
Alt+F 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+T Ctrl+S Run a spell check

Moving around

← One character backward
→ 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
Alt+Home To first row in viewport
Alt+End To last row in viewport
Ctrl+Y One page up
Ctrl+V One page down
Alt+\
Alt+/
To top of buffer
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 counts
Ctrl+G Display help text

Ctrl+T Ctrl+Y Run a syntax check

Ctrl+T Ctrl+O Run a formatter

Tab Indent marked region

Shift+Tab Unindent marked region

Ctrl+J Justify paragraph or region

Alt+J Justify entire buffer

Alt+T Cut until end of buffer

Alt+: Start/stop recording of macro

Alt+; Replay macro

Various

Alt+A Set or unset the mark

Alt+V Enter next keystroke verbatim

Alt+C Turn constant position info on/off

Alt+N Turn line numbers on/off

Alt+P Turn visible whitespace on/off

Alt+S Turn softwrapping on/off

Alt+X Hide/unhide the help lines

Alt+Z Hide/unhide the info bars

Ctrl+L Refresh the screen