

# 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