

# 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  
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

### 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+\ 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 counts  
Ctrl+G Display help text

### 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