



1 File and buffer operations

Ctrl + X or F2	Close the current file buffer, quit Nano
Ctrl + S or F3	Save current buffer to disk
Ctrl + 0	Save current buffer to disk as a new file
Ctrl + r or F5	Open a file into the buffer
Alt + < or	Switch to the previous buffer
Alt + ,	
Alt + > or	Switch to the next buffer
Alt + ·	

2 Copy and paste

Ctrl + W	Cut the word before the cursor to the clipboard
Ctrl + k or F9	Cut the current line, and store it in the clipboard
Ctrl + u or F10	Paste the content of the clipboard into the current line
Alt + 6	Copy the current line, and store it in the clipboard
Alt + t	Cut until the end of the file buffer, and store it in the clipboard

3 Deleting characters and words

Ctrl + d or Del	Delete the character under the cursor
Ctrl + h or	Delete the character before the cursor
Backspace	
Alt + Backspace	Delete word to the left
Ctrl + Del	Delete word to the right
Alt + Del	Delete current line

4 Spell checker

Ctrl + t or F12	Invoke the spell checker, if available
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5 Display options

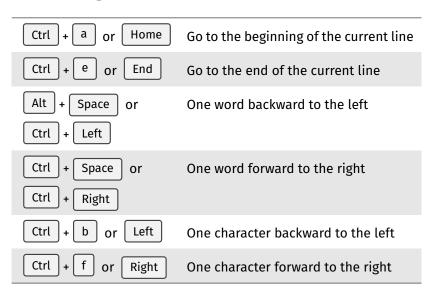
Ctrl + c or F11	Display the position of the cursor
Ctrl + - or	Go to line, and column number
Alt + g	
Ctrl + g or F1	Display help text
Alt + n	Turn line numbers on, or off
Alt + p	Show, or hide visible whitespace

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6 Moving the cursor within the line



7 Moving the cursor to other lines

Ctrl + p or Up	Go to the previous line
Ctrl + n or Down	Go to the next line
Alt + \ or	Go to the first line of the file
Alt + / or Alt + ?	Go to the last line of the file
Alt + 9 or Alt + (Go to the beginning of the paragraph
Alt + 0 or Alt +)	Go to the end of the paragraph

8 Moving the cursor per page or block

Ctrl + y, F7 or	One page up
PgUp	
Ctrl + V , F8 or	One page down
PgDown	
Ctrl + Up or	Go to the previous block
Alt + 7	
Ctrl + Down or	Go to the next block
Alt + 8	
Alt + 9 or	Go to the beginning of the paragraph
Alt + (
Alt + 0 or	Go to the end of the paragraph
Alt +)	

9 Text adjustments

Ctrl + j or F4	Justify the current paragraph
Alt + }	Indent the current line
Alt + {	Unindent the current line
Alt + j	Justify the entire file
Alt + 3	Comment, or uncomment the current line, or marked lines





10 Search and replace

Ctrl + q	Start backwards search for a string, or regular expression
Ctrl + W or F6	Start forward search for a string, or regular expression
Ctrl + \ or	Replace a string, or a regular expression
Alt + q	Repeat last search, and find next oc- curence backward
Alt + W or F16	Repeat the last search, and find next occurence forward
Alt +]	Go to the matching bracket

11 Undo and redo

Alt + u	Undo the last operation
Alt + e	Redo the last operation