Nano Cheatsheet

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1 File and buffer operations

Ctrl + x or F2	Close the current file buffer, quit Nano
Ctrl + o or F3	Save current buffer to disk
Ctrl + r or F5	Open a file into the buffer
Alt + < or Alt + ,	Switch to the previous buffer
Alt + > or Alt + .	Switch to the next buffer

2 Display options

Ctrl + c or F11	Display the position of the cursor
Ctrl + _ or Alt + g	Go to line, and column number
Ctrl + g or F1	Display help text

3 Deleting characters and words

Ctrl + d or Del	Delete the character under the cursor
Ctrl + h or Backspace	Delete the character before the cursor
Alt + t	Cut all text from the cursor to the end of the line

4 Moving the cursor

Ctrl + a or Home	Go to the beginning of the current line
Ctrl + e or End	Go to the end of the current line
Alt + space	One word backward to the left
Ctrl + space	One word forward to the right
Ctrl + b or Left	One character backward to the left
Ctrl + f or Right	One character forward to the right
Ctrl + p or Up	Go to the previous line
Ctrl + n or Down	Go to the next line
Alt + \ or Alt + |	Go to the first line of the file
Alt + / or Alt + ?	Go to the last line of the file
Alt + 7	Go to the previous block of text
Alt + 8	Go to the next block of text
Alt + 9 or Alt + (	Go to the beginning of the paragraph
Alt + 0 or Alt +)	Go to the end of the paragraph
Ctrl + y or F7	One page up
Ctrl + v or F8	One page down

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5 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

6 Search and replace

Ctrl + w or F6	Search for a string, or a regular expression
Ctrl + \ or Alt + r	Replace a string, or a regular expression
Alt + w or F16	Repeat the last search
Alt +]	Go to the matching bracket

7 Undo and redo

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

8 Spell checker

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

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