

Commands and special keys#

The following special commands are supported by all REPL instances:

- `.break`: When in the process of inputting a multi-line expression, enter the `.break` command (or press `ctrl+c`) to abort further input or processing of that expression.
- `.clear`: Resets the REPL context to an empty object and clears any multi-line expression being input.
- `.exit`: Close the I/O stream, causing the REPL to exit.
- `.help`: Show this list of special commands.
- `.save`: Save the current REPL session to a file: `> .save ./file/to/save.js`
- `.load`: Load a file into the current REPL session. `> .load ./file/to/load.js`
- `.editor`: Enter editor mode (`ctrl+d` to finish, `ctrl+c` to cancel).

```
> .editor
// Entering editor mode (^D to finish, ^C to cancel)
function welcome(name) {
  return `Hello ${name}!`;
}

welcome('Node.js User');

// ^D
'Hello Node.js User!'
>
```

The following key combinations in the REPL have these special effects:

- `ctrl+c`: When pressed once, has the same effect as the `.break` command. When pressed twice on a blank line, has the same effect as the `.exit` command.
- `ctrl+d`: Has the same effect as the `.exit` command.
- `Tab`: When pressed on a blank line, displays global and local (scope) variables. When pressed while entering other input, displays relevant autocompletion options.

For key bindings related to the reverse-i-search, see [reverse-i-search](#). For all other key bindings, see [TTY keybindings](#).