

25.13 Keyboard Shortcuts for Snippet Editing

In addition to the commands in [Fig. 25.6](#), JShell supports many keyboard shortcuts for editing code, such as quickly jumping to the beginning or end of a line, or jumping between words in a line. JShell's command-line features are implemented by a library named JLine 2, which provides command-line editing and history capabilities. [Figure 25.7](#) shows a sample of the shortcuts available.

Fig. 25.7

Some keyboard shortcuts for editing the current snippet at the `jshell>` prompt.

Shortcut	Description
<i>Ctrl</i> + <i>a</i>	Move cursor to beginning of line.
<i>Ctrl</i> + <i>e</i>	Move cursor to end of line.
<i>Alt</i> + <i>b</i>	Move the cursor backwards by one word.
<i>Alt</i> + <i>f</i>	Move the cursor forwards by one word.
<i>Ctrl</i> + <i>s</i>	Perform a search for the last command or snippet containing the characters you type after typing <i>Ctrl</i> + <i>s</i> .
<i>Ctrl</i> + <i>z</i>	Reverse the two characters to the left of the cursor.

<i>Ctrl + a</i>	Cut everything from the cursor to the end of the line.
<i>Ctrl + a</i>	Cut everything from the beginning of the line up to, but not including the character at the cursor position.
<i>Ctrl + a</i>	Cut the word before the cursor.
<i>Alt + a</i>	Cut the word after the cursor.