

BASIC COMMAND LINE – KEYS AND KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS		
KEY/ SHORTCUT	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
<b>↑ or ↓</b>	move up or down	on command line, goes one line back or forward in command history; in pager (e.g. manual pages), scrolls line by line
<b>← or →</b>	move left or right	on command line, moves cursor one character left or right
<b>Backspace</b>	delete one character before cursor	
<b>Delete</b>	delete one character after cursor	
<b>Return</b>	execute command	also called Enter
<b>Space</b>	insert space character	on command line, insert space; in pager (e.g. manual pages), scroll one page down
<b>PgUp or PgDn</b>	page up or page down	in pager (e.g. manual pages), scroll one page up or down
<b>Tab</b>	tab completion	on command line, expands to the longest match; hit twice in succession, it prints all expansion possibilities
<b>Ctrl+→ or +←</b>	jump one word right or left	on command line, move one word after or before cursor
<b>Ctrl+A</b>	jump to beginning of command	on command line, move to the beginning of line
<b>Ctrl+E</b>	jump to end of command	on command line, move to the end of line
<b>Ctrl+K</b>	kill text to end of line	on command line, delete or cut from cursor to end of line
<b>Ctrl+U</b>	kill text to beginning of line	on command line, delete or cut from cursor to beginning of line
<b>Esc+D</b>	kill one word right of cursor	on command line, delete or cut one word after from cursor
<b>Esc+Backspace</b>	kill one word left of cursor	on command line, delete or cut one word before from cursor
<b>Ctrl+Y</b>	yank most recently killed text	on command line, paste most recently killed (cut) text at cursor
<b>Ctrl+R</b>	enter command history search	enters history search, multiple hits scroll through matches
<b>Ctrl+Shift+↑ or +↓</b>	scroll in terminal window	on command line, moves terminal window up or down line by line; equivalent to scroll bar
<b>Ctrl+C</b>	interrupt or kill process	interrupt a process (command) while running
<b>Ctrl+D</b>	terminate input or exit shell	finish providing input for command or exit shell