Cheatsheet – Bash Shortcuts

Moving the cursor

C is CONTROL key.

C + a .... Move cursor to the bol
C + e .... Move cursor to the eol
C + ← .... Move cursor to next word
C + → .... Move cursor to previous word
C + xx . Change cursor from current posn. to bol

Editing the command line

A is ALT key.

A + t .... Transposes words
C + t .... Transposes characters
A + c .... Capitalizes character under cursor
A + l ..... To lowercase from cursor posn. to eow
A + u ... To uppercase from cursor posn. to eow

Killing stuff in the command line

BACKSPACE key is denoted by ⇐.

C + k ..... Kills forward from cursor posn. to eol
A + ⇐ Kills forward from cursor posn. to to bow
C + u .. Kills backward from cursor posn. to bol
A + d . Kills forward from cursor posn. to to eow
C + w .... Kills word behind cursor posn.
C + y .... Resurrects the last element killed

Abbreviations used

- posn. position
- [b|e]ol beginning|end of line
- [b|e]ow beginning|end of word

History

↑ ..... Get previous command in the history list
↓ .... Get next command in the history list
AC + y .. Insert 1st arg. from previous command
A + ... Insert last arg. from previous command
C + r .. Reverse incremental search in history list
Exit from search mode with ESCAPE.
C + o Execute current item in history list and go to the next one
Handy if you are trying to re-execute a sequence of commands in the history list.

Useful stuff

C + c .... Cancels the current command
C + z .... Puts current command to sleep
C + l .... Clears screen

Not very useful stuff

A + < .... Move to the top of the history
A + > .... Move to the bottom of the history
'history | [head|tail]' is more useful.
!! .... ↑ is more useful
!pattern .... ↑ is more useful
!n .... Re-executes command number n in history
Useful if you do a 'history | grep pattern' before
C + d .. Same as SUPR key. Alternative to 'exit'
C + h .... Same as BACKSPACE
C + j .... Same as RETURN
C + m .... Same as RETURN
A + b .... Same as 'C + ←'
A + f .... Same as 'C + →'
C + b .... Same as ←
C + f .... Same as →
C + p .... Same as ↑
C + n .... Same as ↓