

Readline Terminal Shortcuts

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| key combo | action | key combo | action |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Ctrl + u | cut everything before cursor | Ctrl + k | cut everything after cursor |
| Ctrl + w | cut previous word | Ctrl + y | paste |
| Ctrl + - | undo | Ctrl + l | clear |
| Alt + f | move forward one word | Alt + b | move backward one word |
| Alt + . | print last argument | Alt + t | swap last two words |
| Alt + d | delete to end of word | Alt + backspace | delete to beginning of word |
| Alt + l | lowercase to end of word | Alt + u | uppercase to end of word |

notes

- Use `bind -p` to see all key bindings
- The shortcuts here are emacs bindings. They don't work if vim mode is set (`set -o vi`)
- Some of the `ctrl` shortcuts work in the insert mode in Vim too (only on the new content)
- `Alt` may be replaced by `Esc`
- Due to my custom keyboard layer, I don't use the following shortcuts

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|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Ctrl + a | go to beginning of line | Ctrl + e | go to end of line |
| Ctrl + b | left arrow | Ctrl + f | right arrow |
| Ctrl + d | delete | Ctrl + h | backspace |