# Nano cheat sheet

## File

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| Ctrl + O or F3 | Write the current file to disk |
| Ctrl + X or F2 | Close the current file buffer / Exit from Nano |
| Ctrl + R or F5 | Insert another file into the current one |
| Alt + < or Alt + , | Switch to the previous file buffer |
| Alt + > or Alt + . | Switch to the next file buffer |
| Alt + D | Count the number of words, lines, and characters |
| Ctrl + L | Refresh (redraw) the current screen |

## Editing

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| Alt + U | Undo the last operation |
| Alt + E | Redo the last undone operation |
| Alt + } | Indent the current line |
| Alt + { | Unindent the current line |
| Alt + ^ or Alt + 6 | Copy the current line and store it in the cut buffer |
| Ctrl + K or F9 | Cut the current line and store it in the cut buffer |
| Ctrl + U | Uncut from the cut buffer into the current line |
| Alt + V | Insert the next keystroke verbatim |
| Ctrl + I | Insert a tab at the cursor position |
| Ctrl + M | Insert a newline at the cursor position |
| Ctrl + D | Delete the character under the cursor |
| Ctrl + H | Delete the character to the left of the cursor |
| Alt + T | Cut from the cursor position to the end of the file |
| Ctrl + W or F6 | Search for a string or a regular expression |
| F16 or Alt + W | Repeat last search |
| Ctrl + T or F12 Ctrl + T | Invoke the spell checker, if available |
| Ctrl + \ or F14 or Alt + R | Replace a string or a regular expression |

## Formatting

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| Ctrl + J or F4 | Justify the current paragraph |
| Alt + J | Justify the entire file |

## Navigation

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| Ctrl + Y or F7 | Move to the previous screen |
| Ctrl + V or F8 | Move to the next screen |
| Ctrl + B | Go back one character |
| Ctrl + F | Go forward one character |
| Alt + Space | Go back one word |
| Ctrl + Space | go forward one word |
| Ctrl + _ or F13 or Alt + G | Go to line and column number |
| Ctrl + ^ or F15 or Alt + A | Mark text at the cursor position |
| Ctrl + C or F11 | Display the position of the cursor |
| Ctrl + A | Move to the beginning of the current line |
| Ctrl + E | Move to the end of the current line |
| Alt + ( or Alt + 9 | Move to the beginning of the current paragraph |
| Alt + ) or Alt + 0 | Move to the end of the current paragraph |
| Alt + \ or Alt + \| | Move to the first line of the file |
| Alt + / or Alt + ? | Move to the last line of the file |
| M + ] | Move to the matching bracket |
| Alt + - or Alt + _ | Scroll up one line without scrolling the cursor |
| Alt + + or Alt + = | Scroll down one line without scrolling the cursor |

## Enable / Disable settings

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| Alt + X | Help mode enable/disable |
| Alt + C | Constant cursor position display enable/disable |
| Alt + O | Use of one more line for editing enable/disable |
| Alt + S | Smooth scrolling enable/disable |
| Alt + $ | Soft wrapping of overlong lines enable/disable |

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| Alt + P | Whitespace display enable/disable |
| Alt + Y | Colour syntax highlighting enable/disable |
| Alt + H | Smart home key enable/disable |
| Alt + I | Auto indent enable/disable |
| Alt + K | Cut to end enable/disable |
| Alt + L | Long line wrapping enable/disable |
| Alt + Q | Conversion of typed tabs to spaces enable/disable |
| Alt + B | Backup files enable/disable |
| Alt + F | Multiple file buffers enable/disable |
| Alt + M | Mouse support enable/disable |
| Alt + N | No conversion from DOS/Mac format enable/disable |
| Alt + Z | Suspension enable/disable |

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