

◆ Example with fg and bg

1. Start a process in the foreground

sleep 100

- This runs for 100 seconds.
 - Terminal is **blocked** until it finishes or you stop it.
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2. Suspend the process (pause it)

While sleep 100 is running, press:

Ctrl+Z

- This sends a **STOP signal** to the process.
 - You'll see something like:
 - [1]+ Stopped sleep 100
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3. Send the job to the background (bg)

bg %1

- %1 = job number 1.
 - The process resumes but keeps running in the **background**.
 - Your terminal is now free again.
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4. Check jobs

jobs

- Output:
 - [1]+ Running sleep 100 &
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5. Bring it back to foreground (fg)

fg %1

- The process comes back to the **foreground**, so the terminal is blocked until it finishes (or until you stop it again).
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6. Kill the process if needed

Ctrl+C

- Terminates the foreground process.
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◆ Quick Analogy

- Ctrl+Z = "Pause the movie"
 - bg = "Keep playing the movie in another room while I do other things"
 - fg = "Bring the movie back to the main screen in front of me"
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👉 Ctrl+Z does *not* kill the process.

It sends a **SIGTSTP** (terminal stop) signal, which means "*pause/suspend this process*", not terminate it.

- A **stopped process** is still *alive* in memory, just not executing.
 - You can see it with jobs or ps (status = T for "stopped").
 - Then you can:
 - Resume it in the **foreground** with:
 - fg %1
 - Resume it in the **background** with:
 - bg %1
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👉 By contrast:

- **Ctrl+C** sends **SIGINT** (interrupt) → process is *terminated* (killed).
 - **kill -9 <PID>** sends **SIGKILL** → process is *forcefully killed* (cannot be caught or resumed).
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So:

- Ctrl+Z = "Pause (you can resume later)"
- Ctrl+C = "Stop forever (killed)"