



Nano cheat sheet

File

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

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

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

Navigation

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

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

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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