Command Line cheat sheet

Navigation

You can click at anywhere you want to select text in Command Prompt. But if you want to just use keyboard, here are the shortcuts that will keep you covered.

Home	Move the selection point to the beginning of the current line
End	Move the selection point to the end of the current line
Ctrl + Left arrow	Move the selection point to the beginning of the previous work on the current line
Ctrl + Right arrow	Move the selection point to the beginning of the next work on the current line
Ctrl + Up arrow	Scroll the page up without moving insertion point
Ctrl + Down arrow	Scroll the page down without moving insertion point
Ctrl + M	Enter or exit mark mode. In mark mode you can use arrow keys to navigate around in the window

Text selection

Windows Command Prompt provides various shortcuts for selecting text. You can select just a character, word, line or even whole screen at once.

Ctrl + A	Select all text in the current line. Press again to select all text in the buffer
Shift + Left arrow	Extend current selection by one character to the left
Shift + Right arrow	Extend current selection by one character to the right
Shift + Ctrl + Up arrow	Extend current selection by one word to the left
Shift + Ctrl + Down arrow	Extend current selection by one word to the right
Shift + Up arrow	Extend current selection by one line up. The selection extends to the same position in the previous line as the position of the insertion point in the current line.
Shift + Down arrow	Extend current selection by one line down. The selection extends

	to the same position in the next line as the position of the insertion point in the current line
Shift + Home	Extend current selection to the beggining of command. Pressing again will include the path in the selection
Shift + End	Extend current selection to the end of the current line
Ctrl + Shift + Home	Extend current selection to the beggining of the screen buffer
Ctrl + Shift + End	Extend current selection to the end of the screen buffer
Shift + Page Up or Shift + Page Up	Extend current selection by one page up

Text manipulation

After selecting text, you need to know how to manipulate it. Following commands will help you quickly copy, paste and delete your selections.

Ctrl + C or Ctrl + Insert	Copy currently selected text
Ctrl + V or Shift + Insert	Paste text from clipboard
Backspace	Delete character left to the insertion point
Ctrl + Backspace	Delete the word left to the insertion point
Tab	Autocomplete folder and file names
Esc	Delete current line
Insert	Toggle insertion mode. In this mode, everything you type will be instered at current location. When this mode is off, everything you type will overwrite what's already there
Ctrl + Home	Delete text from the insertion point to the beginning of the current line
Ctrl + End	Delete text from the insertion point to the end of the current line
Ctrl + Z	Mark the end of a line. Text you type after that point on that line will be ignored

Command history

F3	Repeat previous command
Up arrow or F5	Scroll backwards through previous commands you've typed
Down arrow	Scroll forward through previous commands you've typed
Right arrow or F1	Retype previous command characted by character
F7	Show history of previous commands

You can use up and down keys to select any command and then hit Enter to execute command.

Alt + F7	Clear the command history
F8	Move backward in the command history to commands matching the current command. This is useful if you need to type part of a command you've used a few times and then scroll back in your history to find the exact command you want to repeat
Ctrl + C	Copy currently selected text

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