

# NANO ShortCut

“*nano* is a text editor for Unix-like computing systems or operating environments using a command line interface.

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Ctrl + K will cut the line of text.  
Ctrl + U Paste

| Ctrl | Key | Combination | Function Key | Alt Key Combination | Description   |
|------|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------------|---|
| ^G   | F1  |             |              |                     | Display the help text                               |
| ^X   | F2  |             |              |                     | Close the current file buffer / Exit from nano      |
| ^O   | F3  |             |              |                     | Write the current file to disk                      |
| ^W   | F6  |             |              |                     | Search for a string or a regular expression         |
| ^\   | F14 | M-R         |              |                     | Replace a string or a regular expression            |
| ^K   | F9  |             |              |                     | Cut the current line and store it in the cutbuffer  |
| ^U   | F10 |             |              |                     | Uncut from the cutbuffer into the current line      |
|      |     | M-T         |              |                     | Cut from the cursor position to the end of the file |

Alt-U or Option-U - undo  
Alt-E or Option-E - redo

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|--------|-----|------------|--|--|---|
| ^_     | F13 | M-G        |  |  | Go to line and column number                        |
| ^^     | F15 | M-A        |  |  | Mark text at the cursor position                    |
|        | F16 | M-W        |  |  | Repeat last search                                  |
|        |     | M-^ or M-6 |  |  | Copy the current line and store it in the cutbuffer |
| ^J     | F4  |            |  |  | Justify the current paragraph                       |
| ^R     | F5  |            |  |  | Insert another file into the current one            |
| ^C     | F11 |            |  |  | Display the position of the cursor                  |
| ^Y     | F7  |            |  |  | Move to the previous screen                         |
| ^V     | F8  |            |  |  | Move to the next screen                             |
| ^T     | F12 |            |  |  | Invoke the spell checker, if available              |
|        |     | M-}        |  |  | Indent the current line                             |
|        |     | M-{        |  |  | Unindent the current line                           |
| ^F     |     |            |  |  | Move forward one character                          |
| ^B     |     |            |  |  | Move back one character                             |
| ^Space |     |            |  |  | Move forward one word                               |
|        |     | M-Space    |  |  | Move back one word                                  |
| ^P     |     |            |  |  | Move to the previous line                           |
| ^N     |     |            |  |  | Move to the next line                               |
| ^A     |     |            |  |  | Move to the beginning of the current line           |
| ^E     |     |            |  |  | Move to the end of the current line                 |
|        |     | M-( or M-9 |  |  | Move to the beginning of the current paragraph      |
|        |     | M-) or M-0 |  |  | Move to the end of the current paragraph            |
|        |     | M-\ or M-  |  |  | Move to the first line of the file                  |
|        |     | M-/ or M-? |  |  | Move to the last line of the file                   |
|        |     | M-]        |  |  | Move to the matching bracket                        |
|        |     | M-- or M-_ |  |  | Scroll up one line without scrolling the cursor     |
|        |     | M-+ or M-= |  |  | Scroll down one line without scrolling the cursor   |
|        |     | M-< or M-, |  |  | Switch to the previous file buffer                  |
|        |     | M-> or M-. |  |  | Switch to the next file buffer                      |
|        |     | M-V        |  |  | Insert the next keystroke verbatim                  |
| ^I     |     |            |  |  | Insert a tab at the cursor position                 |
| ^M     |     |            |  |  | Insert a newline at the cursor position             |
| ^D     |     |            |  |  | Delete the character under the cursor               |
| ^H     |     |            |  |  | Delete the character to the left of the cursor      |
|        |     | M-J        |  |  | Justify the entire file                             |
|        |     | M-D        |  |  | Count the number of words, lines, and characters    |
| ^L     |     |            |  |  | Refresh (redraw) the current screen                 |
|        |     | M-X        |  |  | Help mode enable/disable                            |

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| M-C | Constant cursor position display enable/disable   |
| M-O | Use of one more line for editing enable/disable   |
| M-S | Smooth scrolling enable/disable                   |
| M-P | Whitespace display enable/disable                 |
| M-Y | Color syntax highlighting enable/disable          |
| M-H | Smart home key enable/disable                     |
| M-I | Auto indent enable/disable                        |
| M-K | Cut to end enable/disable                         |
| M-L | Long line wrapping enable/disable                 |
| M-Q | Conversion of typed tabs to spaces enable/disable |
| M-B | Backup files enable/disable                       |
| M-F | Multiple file buffers enable/disable              |
| M-M | Mouse support enable/disable                      |
| M-N | No conversion from DOS/Mac format enable/disable  |
| M-Z | Suspension enable/disable                         |

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