

| | Getting Started | C | Case Conversion |
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| Type nano to enter Nano text editor | | ALT + L | Convert the selected text to lowercase |
| CTRL + Z | Suspend Nano | ALT + U | Convert the selected text to uppercase |
| CTRL + X | Exit Nano permanently | ALT + C | Capitalize the selected text or the current word |
| | Navigation | | File Handling |
| ARROWS (\uparrow , \downarrow , \leftarrow , \rightarrow) | Move the cursor up, down, left, or right | CTRL + S | Save current file |
| CTRL + P | Move the cursor up one line | CTRL + O | Offer to write file ("Save as") |
| CTRL + N | Move the cursor down one line | CTRL + R | Insert a file into current one |
| CTRL + B | Move the cursor left one character | CTRL + A | Append the contents of another file to the current file |
| CTRL + F | Move the cursor right one character | CTRL + W | Write the current file to a different filename |
| ALT + F or CTRL + \rightarrow | Move forward by one word | CTRL + T | Invoke the spell checker on the current file |
| ALT + B or CTRL + ← | Move backward by one word | | Editing |
| CTRL + V | Scroll page down | CTRL + K | Cut current line into cutbuffer |
| CTRL + Y | Scroll half a page up | ALT + 6 | Copy current line into cutbuffer |
| CTRL + W | Scroll a full page up | CTRL + U | Paste contents of cutbuffer |
| CTRL + A | Go to beginning of the line | ALT + T | Cut until end of buffer |
| CTRL + E | Go to end of the line | CTRL + SPACE | Set a mark at the current position |
| ALT + < | Go to beginning of the file | CTRL +] | indent the current line |
| ALT + > | Go to end of the file | ALT +] | Unindent the current line |
| CTRL + _ | Go to a specific line | ALT + 3 | Comment/uncomment line/region |
| ALT + , | Jump to a specific line or column | ALT + U | Undo last action |
| CTRL + ↑ | To previous block | ALT + E | Redo last undone action |
| $CTRL + \downarrow$ | To next block | | Operations |
| ALT + \ | To top of buffer | CTRL + T | Execute some command |
| ALT + / | To bottom of buffer | CTRL + J | Justify paragraph or region |
| | Regex | ALT + J | Justify the entire buffer |
| | Matches any single character except a newline | ALT + F | Run a formatter or fixer |
| ٨ | Matches the start of a line | ALT + B | Run a syntax check |
| \$ | Matches the end of a line | ALT + ; | Replay macro |
| * | Matches zero or more occurrences of the preceding character or group | ALT + : | Start/stop recording of macro |



| | Regex | | Operations |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| + | Matches one or more occurrences of the preceding character or group | ALT + N | Turn line numbers on/off |
| ? | Matches zero or one occurrence of the preceding character or group | ALT + P | Turn visible whitespace on/off |
| {n} | Matches exactly n occurrences of the preceding character or group | CTRL + L | Refresh the screen and redraw the interface |
| {n,} | Matches at least n occurrences of the preceding character or group | CTRL + W | Switch between smooth scrolling and line scrolling |
| {n,m} | Matches between n and m occurrences of the preceding character or group | | Getting Help |
| [abc] | Matches any single character in the given set (a, b, or c) | CTRL + G | Show the help menu |
| [^abc] | Matches any single character not in the given set (not a, b, or c) | CTRL + G + ? | Get help on using the help viewer |
| (abc) | Creates a group that can be referenced or repeated | CTRL + G + B | Basic movement commands |
| ١ | Escapes a special character or treats it literally | CTRL + G + C | Commonly used commands |
| | Acts as an OR operator, matches either the expression before or after it | CTRL + G + S | Search and replace |
| | Search | CTRL + G + P | Nano's preferences |
| CTRL + W | Start forward search | Q | Quit the help buffer |
| CTRL + Q | Start backward search | | Deleting |
| ALT + W | Repeat the last forward search | CTRL + H | Delete character before cursor |
| ALT + Q | Find next occurrence backward | CTRL + D | Delete character under cursor |
| ALT + R | Repeat the last backward search | ALT + BSP | Delete word to the left |
| ALT + W + CTRL + W | Toggle case sensitivity during search | CTRL + DEL | Delete word to the right |
| ALT + W + ALT + W | Toggle whole word search during search | ALT + DEL | Delete current line |
| ALT + W + ALT + R | Toggle regular expression search during search | | Buffers |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + W | Move to the next occurrence of the search pattern | CTRL + O | Save the current buffer |
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| | Search | | Buffers |
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| ALT + W + ALT + V | Move to the next occurrence of the search pattern (ignoring case) | CTRL + T | Invoke the spell checker on the current buffer |
| ALT + W + ALT + B | Move to the previous occurrence of the search pattern (ignoring case) | CTRL + R | Read a file into the current buffer |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + L | Toggle the "Search backwards" option during search | ALT + CTRL + P | Switch to the previous buffer |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + O | Toggle the "Wrap around" option during search | ALT + CTRL + N | Switch to the next buffer |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + V | Move to the previous occurrence of search pattern | CTRL + X | Exit nano and close the current buffer |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + C | Count the number of occurrences of the search pattern | ALT + CTRL + L | List and select a buffer to switch to |
| CTRL + W + CTRL + G | Cancel the search and return to editing | | Replace |
| | | | |
| | Info | CTRL + W + CTRL + T | Replace the current occurrence of the search pattern |
| CTRL + C | Info Report cursor position | + T | • |
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