

# Nano Commands



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## File operations

Command	Description	Comments
nano [filename]	Opens the file in nano for editing.	Ex) nano index.html
Ctrl-r then Alt-f	Opens a new file buffer	This lets you switch between multiple files.
Alt-> and Alt-<	Tabs between file buffers	
Ctrl-o	Write changes to a file	Will prompt for file name
Ctrl-x	Quits nano	Will prompt if there are unsaved changes.

## Navigation

Command	Description	Comments
Ctrl-a	Move to beginning of current line	
Ctrl-e	Move to end of current line	
Ctrl-v	Move down one page	
Ctrl-y	Move up one page	
Alt-\ and Alt-/	Go to beginning or end of file	
Alt-g	Go to a target line (and column) number	Alt-g followed by 5,3 goes to line five, column three
Alt-]	Go to matching grouping symbol (parenthesis, brackets, etc.)	

## Copy and Paste

Command	Description	Comments
Alt-a	Selects a block; Alt-a again unselects	
Ctrl-k	Cuts from the cursor to the	
Ctrl-u	Pastes clipboard to the cursor's position	
Alt-a then Alt-^	Copies highlighted block to the clipboard	
Alt-a then Ctrl-k	Cuts a highlighted block to the clipboard	

## Search and Replace

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Ctrl-w	Searches for a string of text	
Alt-w	Repeats the previous search	
Alt-r	Searches and replaces	

## Getting the Alt key to work on OSX:

For Terminal:

Preferences -> Keyboard tab -> Check **Use Option as Meta key**

For Chrome Mosh plugin:

Start the plugin -> Preferences -> Check **alt-is-meta**

## Auto-indentation

For those wanting a quick way to auto indent code (similar to the vim command `gg=G`), there is a program on loki called `indent-code` that will perform that action automatically. Usage is:

```
indent-code [filename]
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