

Nano Commands



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File operations

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

Navigation

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

Copy and Paste

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

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indent-code [filename]
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