nano Simple terminal editor

CONCEPTS

^ in the bottom bar means Ctrl, M- means Alt. The bar always lists the keys valid right now.

nano file open
Edit type, cut, paste
↓ Ctrl+O
Save confirm name
↓ Ctrl+X
Exit
Editing session

Alt means Esc then the key on terminals without Alt. Alt+key is written M-key in the help.

FILES AND BUFFERS

Ctrl + O
Write out (save as)

Ctrl + S
Save current file

Ctrl + X
Close buffer, exit nano

Ctrl + R
Insert another file at cursor

Alt + Left
Switch to previous buffer

Ctrl + G
Show help

CUT, COPY, PASTE

Ctrl + K
Cut current line

Alt + 6
Copy current line

Ctrl + U
Paste the cut buffer

Alt + A
Set or unset the mark (select)

CUT, COPY, PASTE (cont.)

Press Alt+A, move the cursor, then Ctrl+K or Alt+6 to cut or copy that region.

UNDO AND EDITING

Alt + U
Undo

Alt + E
Redo

Alt + 3
Comment or uncomment line or region

SEARCH AND REPLACE

Ctrl + F
Search forward

Alt + F
Repeat search forward

Alt + R
Start search and replace

NAVIGATION

Ctrl + A
Start of line

Ctrl + E
End of line

Alt + G
Go to line number

Ctrl + Y
Page up

Ctrl + V
Page down

Ctrl + Left / Ctrl + Right
Word back / forward

VIEW TOGGLES

Alt + N
Toggle line numbers