Overview of nano's shortcuts

The editor's keystrokes and their functions

File handling

Ctrl+S	Save current file
Ctrl+O	Offer to write file ("Save as")
Ctrl+R	Insert a file into current one
Ctrl+X	Close buffer, exit from nano

Editing

Ctrl+K	Cut current line into cutbuffer
Alt+6	Copy current line into cutbuffer
Ctrl+U	Paste contents of cutbuffer
Alt+T	Cut until end of buffer
Ctrl+]	Complete current word
Alt+3	Comment/uncomment line/region
Alt+U	Undo last action
Alt+E	Redo last undone action

Search and replace

Ctrl+Q	Start backward search
Ctrl+W	Start forward search
Alt+Q	Find next occurrence backward
Alt+W	Find next occurrence forward
Alt+R	Start a replacing session

Deletion

Ctrl+H	Delete character before cursor
Ctrl+D	Delete character under cursor
Alt+Bsp	Delete word to the left
Ctrl+Del	Delete word to the right
Alt+Del	Delete current line

Operations

Ctrl+T	Execute some command
Ctrl+J	Justify paragraph or region
Alt+J	Justify entire buffer
Alt+B	Run a syntax check
Alt+F	Run a formatter/fixer/arranger
Alt+:	Start/stop recording of macro
Alt+;	Replay macro

Moving around

Ctrl+B	One character backward
Ctrl+F	One character forward
Ctrl+←	One word backward
Ctrl+→	One word forward
Ctrl+A	To start of line
Ctrl+E	To end of line
Ctrl+P	One line up
Ctrl+N	One line down
Ctrl+↑	To previous block
Ctrl+↓	To next block
Ctrl+Y	One page up
Ctrl+V	One page down
Alt+\	To top of buffer
Alt+/	To end of buffer

Special movement

Alt+G	Go to specified line
Alt+]	Go to complementary bracket
Alt+↑	Scroll viewport up
Alt+↓	Scroll viewport down
Alt+<	Switch to preceding buffer
Alt+>	Switch to succeeding buffer

Information

Ctrl+C	Report cursor position
Alt+D	Report line/word/character count
Ctrl+G	Display help text

Various

Alt+A	Turn the mark on/off
Tab	Indent marked region
Shift+Tab	Unindent marked region
Alt+N	Turn line numbers on/off
Alt+P	Turn visible whitespace on/off
Alt+V	Enter next keystroke verbatim
Ctrl+L	Refresh the screen
Ctrl+Z	Suspend nano