

E Keyboard Shortcuts

Here are a few keyboard shortcuts you can use to perform common tasks quickly. There are many more than are listed here. Visit http://sunsite.dk/linux-newbie/Linux_commands.htm#shortcuts for more command line and keyboard shortcuts.

- **clear** = clear the terminal. Type this at a command line to clear all displayed data from the terminal window.
 - [Ctrl] + [l] = clear the terminal. This shortcut does the same thing as typing "clear" at a command line.
 - **history** = show history of commands. Type this at a command line to see a numbered list of the previous 500 commands you typed. You can see a shorter list of commands by typing **history** followed by a space and a number, for example, **history 20**.
 - [Ctrl] + [u] = clear the current line. If you are working in a terminal, use this shortcut to clear the current line from the cursor all the way to the end of the line.
 - [Ctrl] + [e] or [a] = move cursor to end or beginning of line, respectively. This works in most text editors and in the URL field in Mozilla.
 - [Ctrl + Tab] = switch tasks. If you have more than one application open at a time, you can use [Alt] + [Tab] to
 - [Tab] = command autocomplete. Use this command when working in a terminal. Type the first few characters of a command and then press the [Tab] key. It will automatically complete the command or show all the commands that match the characters you typed. This is a good time saver.
 - [Up/Down arrow] = show command history. When working in a terminal, press the up arrow to see a history of commands you have typed from the current directory (the down arrow moves you back down through the list). When you see the command you want to use, just press Enter. This can minimize retyping long commands over and over.
 - [Ctrl + Alt + Backspace] = kill X. Kills your current X session and returns you to the login screen. Use this if the normal exit procedure does not work.
 - [Ctrl + Alt + Delete] = shutdown and reboot. Shuts down your current session and reboots the OS. Use only when the normal shutdown procedure does not work.
 - **exit** = logout. Type this at a command line to logout of the current user or root account.
 - [Ctrl] + [d] = logout of a terminal or console instead of having to type exit or logout.
 - **reset** = refresh terminal screen. Type this at a command line to refresh the terminal screen if characters are unclear.
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- [middle mouse button] = pastes highlighted material. Use the left mouse button to highlight material. Point the cursor to the spot where you want it pasted. Click the middle mouse button to paste it.
 - [Ctrl + Alt + Fn] = switches screens. [Ctrl] + [Alt] + one of the function keys ([F1] through [F7]) displays a new screen. F1 through F6 are text (console) screens and F7 is a graphical screen.
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