



# Command Line Cheatsheet

This cheatsheet corresponds with [this helpful screencast](#) posted by Addison Berry on lullabot.com. Be sure to check out the video for more goodness.



## command history

**ctrl + P** (or up arrow) = go to previous command

**ctrl + N** (or down arrow) = go to next command

**ctrl + R** = search (ctrl + R to scroll through, Esc to select but not execute)

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## moving

**ctrl + F** (or right arrow) = move forward one character

**ctrl + B** (or left arrow) = move backwards one character

**ctrl + E** = move to end of line

**ctrl + A** = move to beginning of line

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## deleting

**ctrl + H** (or back delete key) = one character backwards

**ctrl + D** = one character forward

**ctrl + W** = delete from cursor to beginning of word

**ctrl + U** = clear from cursor to beginning of line

**ctrl + K** = clear from cursor to end of line

## fancy pants command history

Got this handy tip from Shawn Powers at [LinuxJournal](#).

**!!** prints the previous command (see examples below)

**touch file.txt**

**sudo !!** (will execute "sudo touch file.txt")

or

**diff file newfile**

**!! > changes.patch** (will execute "diff file newfile > changes.patch")

\* Use tab for autocompletion of file or directory names