Terminal Editing Command Reference

This appendix lists all the terminal editing commands and conventions, including enhanced editing features. All the command-line editing features are described below:

Enhanced	Key	Description
E[1]	Ctrl-A	Move the cursor to the beginning of the command line.
E	Ctrl-B	Move the cursor back one character.
NE[2]	Ctrl-C	Break out of the command without any change to the settings.
E	Ctrl-D	Delete the character at the cursor.
E	Ctrl-E	Move the cursor to the end of the command line.
E	Ctrl-F	Move the cursor forward one character.
NE	Ctrl-I	Recall a complete command name; same as the Tab key operation.
E	Ctrl-K	Delete all characters from the cursor to the end of the command line
E	Ctrl-L	Redisplay the current command line, same as the Ctrl-R key.
E	Ctrl-N	Recall the most recent command in the command history relative to the current pointer in the history list.
E	Ctrl-P	Recall the oldest command in the command history, beginning with the most recent command.
E	Ctrl-R	Redisplay the current command line; same as Ctrl-L key.
E	Ctrl-T	Transpose the characters to the left of the cursor with the character located at the cursor.
E	Ctrl-U	Delete all characters from the cursor to the beginning of the command line.
E	Ctrl-V	Insert a code to indicate that the immediately following value is a command entry.

Enhanced	Key	Description
E	Ctrl-W	Delete the word to the left of the cursor.
E	Ctrl-X	Delete all characters from the cursor to the beginning of the command line.
E	Ctrl-Y	Recall the most recent entry in the buffer (which contains the last ten items you deleted).
E	Esc-B	Move the cursor back one word.
E	Esc-C	Capitalize the word at the cursor.
E	Esc-D	Delete from the cursor to the end of the word.
E	Esc-F	Move the cursor forward one word.
E	Esc-L	Change the word at the cursor to lowercase.
E	Esc-Q	Insert a code to indicate that the immediately following value is a command entry.
E	Esc-U	Capitalize letters from the cursor to the end of the word.
E	Esc-Y	Recall the next deleted buffer. (Effective after using Ctrl-Y.)
NE	Backspace	Erases the character to the left of the cursor.
NE	TAB	Completes a partial entry for a command name.
NE	DEL	Deletes the character at the cursor.

1. E = Enhanced. Works in enhanced editing mode only.
2. NE = Not enhanced. Always works.

The editing commands can be logically grouped as follows:

Keystroke	Description
Ctrl-P, Ctrl-N	Scroll through command history
Ctrl-B, Ctrl-F, Ctrl-A, Ctrl-E, Esc-B, Esc-F	Move cursor
Ctrl-D, Ctrl-K, Ctrl-U, Ctrl-X, Ctrl-W, Esc-D	Key sequence for deleting text
Ctrl-Y, Esc-Y	Paste contents from delete buffer
Esc-C, Esc-L, Esc-U	Control capitalization