

Readline keyboard shortcuts illustrated

Bash, lftp, python, gnupg, sqlite, bc, lvm2, ...

Moving around

Ctrl+a \$ **l**s /tmp *To the **start***

Ctrl+e \$ ls /tmp *To the **end***

Alt+b \$ ps -**e**o **r**ss,**v**sz,**p**id *Going **back**...*

Alt+f \$ ps -eo **r**ss,**v**sz,**p**id *...and **forth***

Ctrl+b **a**wk *the same but slowly,*

Ctrl+f **a**wk *with more **control (ctrl)***

Ctrl+xx \$ **x**z xer**x**es.tar *Switch between start of line and current cursor position*

 Initial cursor position

Kill & yank

Cut & paste

Ctrl+k \$ ps -eo **r**ss,vsz,pid
***Kill** from cursor to the end of line*

Ctrl+u \$ ps -eo **r**ss,vsz,pid
Delete from cursor to start of line

Ctrl+w \$ ps -eo **r**ss,**v**sz,pid
*Delete the **w**ord before the cursor*

Alt+d \$ ps -eo **r**ss,vsz,pid
Delete the word after the cursor

Ctrl+y \$ ps -eo vsz,pid,**r**ss
Paste previously deleted text after the cursor

 Deleted text
 Pasted text