



## Basics & File Handling

### File Operations

Ctrl+N	Create a new empty document.
Ctrl+O	Open an existing document. Opens a file dialog.
Ctrl+S	Save the current document.
Ctrl+Shift+S	Save the current document with a new name or location (Save As).
Ctrl+W	Close the current document tab.
Ctrl+Q	Quit gedit. Prompts to save unsaved documents.
Ctrl+R	Revert the current document to the last saved version.
F9	Toggle the side pane (file browser, etc.).

### Navigation

Home	Move cursor to the beginning of the line.
End	Move cursor to the end of the line.
Ctrl+Home	Move cursor to the beginning of the document.
Ctrl+End	Move cursor to the end of the document.
Ctrl+G	Go to a specific line number.
Page Up	Scroll up one page.
Page Down	Scroll down one page.
Ctrl+Arrow Keys	Move cursor word by word.
Shift+Arrow Keys	Select text character by character.

## Tabs, Views & Settings

### Tab Management

Ctrl+T	Open a new tab.
Ctrl+Page Up	Switch to the previous tab.
Ctrl+Page Down	Switch to the next tab.
Ctrl+Alt+Page Up	Move the current tab left.
Ctrl+Alt+Page Down	Move the current tab right.
Ctrl+W	Close the current tab.
Middle Click Tab	Close a tab by middle-clicking on it.

### Basic Editing

Ctrl+C	Copy selected text.
Ctrl+X	Cut selected text.
Ctrl+V	Paste text from the clipboard.
Ctrl+Z	Undo the last action.
Ctrl+Y	Redo the last undone action.
Ctrl+A	Select all text in the current document.
Del	Delete character after cursor.
Backspace	Delete character before cursor.

### Search and Replace

Ctrl+F	Open the search bar at the bottom.
Ctrl+B	Find previous occurrence (after searching).
Ctrl+K	Find next occurrence (after searching).
Ctrl+H	Open the replace bar at the bottom.
F3	Find next occurrence of the selected text or text in the search bar.
Shift+F3	Find previous occurrence.
Alt+Enter	Find all occurrences (after search).
Search Bar Options	Case Sensitive, Whole Words Only, Regular Expressions.

### View Options

F11	Toggle Fullscreen mode.
Ctrl+M	Toggle the bottom pane (messages, terminal, etc.). Requires plugins.
Ctrl+I	Toggle highlight mode (Syntax Highlighting).
Ctrl+L	Toggle line numbers display.
Ctrl+.	Toggle right margin display.
View Menu	Options for wrapping text, highlighting current line, highlighting matching brackets, etc.
Tools Menu	Access spell checking, sort lines, and other tool-related functions.
Document Statistics	Accessed via the Tools menu. Shows word count, line count, etc.

## Preferences (Ctrl+,)

<b>View Tab:</b> Set options for line numbers, text wrapping, right margin, current line highlight, matching brackets, and caret blinking.
<b>Editor Tab:</b> Configure tab width, indentation, auto-indentation, file saving options (backup copies, trailing spaces), and line ending type.
<b>Fonts &amp; Colors Tab:</b> Choose the editor font and size, and select a color scheme (syntax highlighting theme).
<b>Plugins Tab:</b> Enable, disable, and configure installed plugins. Essential for adding features like file browser, terminal, code snippets, etc.
<b>Shortcuts Tab:</b> View and customize keyboard shortcuts for various actions. You can set your own keybindings here.
<b>External Tools Tab:</b> Configure external commands or scripts to run from the editor (requires plugin).

## Advanced Features & Tips

### Plugins & Extensions

<b>Enabling Plugins:</b> Go to <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Plugins</code> . Check the box next to the plugin name to enable it.
<b>Common Plugins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>File Browser: Integrated file tree in the side pane.</li><li>Terminal: Embedded terminal panel at the bottom.</li><li>Snippets: Insert predefined code snippets quickly.</li><li>External Tools: Define and run custom shell commands.</li><li>Document Statistics: View document info.</li><li>Spell Checker: Basic spell checking.</li></ul>
<b>Installing More Plugins:</b> Some plugins are available in your distribution's package manager (e.g., <code>gedit-plugins</code> package on Debian/Ubuntu). Others might be installed manually into <code>~/.local/share/gedit/plugins/</code> .
<b>Configuring Plugins:</b> Some plugins have configuration options available by selecting the plugin in the Preferences window and clicking 'Configure'.
<b>Customizing UI with Plugins:</b> Plugins can add new menu items, toolbars, side panes, or bottom panes.
<b>Troubleshooting:</b> If a plugin doesn't show up, check if it's installed correctly and if it's compatible with your gedit version.
<b>Performance:</b> Be mindful that enabling many complex plugins might slightly impact startup time or performance on older systems.

### Snippets (Requires Plugin)

Enable the 'Snippets' plugin in <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Plugins</code> .
Snippets allow you to insert predefined text chunks quickly by typing a trigger word and pressing Tab.
You can manage snippets via <code>Tools &gt; Manage Snippets...</code> .
Snippets are defined for specific programming languages (modes).
Example (Python snippet): Type <code>def</code> + <code>Tab</code> might insert a function definition template.
Snippet structure can include placeholders (e.g., <code>\${1:argument}</code> ) that you can jump between using Tab after insertion.
Create custom snippets for repetitive code patterns or text.

## Useful Shortcuts (Misc)

Ctrl+D	Delete the current line.
Ctrl+E	Clear recent documents list (under File menu).
Alt+X	Execute command (if External Tools plugin is enabled).
Ctrl+Space	Show code completion suggestions (requires plugin & language support).
F5	Reload the document if it has been changed externally.
Ctrl+Mouse Wheel	Zoom in/out text size.
Alt+Number (1-9)	Switch to the tab number. E.g., Alt+1 for the first tab.
Esc	Close search/replace bar or other transient elements.
Ctrl+P	Print the current document.

### Split View (Requires Plugin)

Enable the 'Split View' plugin in <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Plugins</code> .
Once enabled, a 'Split View' option will appear in the 'View' menu.
<code>View &gt; Split View &gt; Split Vertically</code> or <code>Split Horizontally</code> to split the current tab's view.
This allows you to see different parts of the same document, or different documents side-by-side within the <i>same tab</i> .
Use <code>View &gt; Split View &gt; Close View</code> to close the split pane.
Navigation and editing in one pane affects the same document in the other pane (if it's the same document).
Dragging a tab header into an existing split view can place a different document there.

### Tips & Best Practices

<b>Syntax Highlighting:</b> Ensure the correct highlighting mode is selected (bottom right corner) for better readability, especially for code.
<b>Auto Save:</b> Configure <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Editor</code> to automatically save files periodically or create backup copies.
<b>Trailing Spaces:</b> Use <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Editor</code> to enable highlighting or removal of trailing spaces, which can be important for programming or consistency.
<b>Encoding:</b> Pay attention to the document encoding displayed in the status bar, especially when dealing with non-ASCII characters or files created on different operating systems.
<b>External Tools:</b> Set up external commands (like linters, formatters, or compilers) for your programming workflow if the plugin is suitable.
<b>Shortcuts Customization:</b> Explore <code>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; Shortcuts</code> to customize keybindings for actions you use frequently.
<b>Session Management:</b> gedit remembers open tabs by default, which helps resume your work quickly after closing and reopening the editor.