

Block Commands

The Norton Editor has nine block commands, all activated by pressing the lead-in key F4, followed by one of the letters S, R, D, C, W, M, L, E, and F.

The block commands operate on the text between two block markers that you set with the F4 S command, or with the three-button mouse. The block markers are shown as small bright rectangles; the text inside a block is shown highlighted or in a distinctive color. If you are editing with two windows, each window may have independent block markings.

Set Marker

F4 S (*set block marker*)—Sets a block marker at the cursor location. If a block is already marked, setting a new marker removes the previous block marks. When two markers are set, the block of text between the two markers is shown highlighted, and the other block commands can be used to act on the block. Either end of a block can be marked first; that is, the second block marker can be placed either before or after the position of the first marker.

Remove Marker

F4 R (*remove block markers*)—Removes any block markers that are set. Block markers can also be individually removed by ordinary editing operations (Del or Backspace).

Delete Block

F4 D (*delete block*)—Deletes a marked block of text. Unlike other *delete* operations, the *delete block* command *cannot* be undone with the Ctrl-U *undelete* command. Because of this, the Editor pauses for confirmation before deleting a block.

Copy Block

F4 C (*copy a block*)—Copies the marked block of text to the current cursor location. This command works within the current window when you have two editing windows active. See the F4 W command to copy between two windows.

- Window Block*** F4 W (*window block copy*)—Copies the marked block of text from the other window to the current cursor location when the Editor is in split-screen mode.
- Move Block*** F4 M (*move a block*)—Moves the marked block of text from its current location to the cursor location.
- Line Mark*** F4 L (*line mark*)—Marks the current line as a block of text. The block includes the end-of-line markings. Combined with the *move-block* command (F4 M) this is a quick and easy way to grab one line and move it elsewhere.
- End-line Mark*** F4 E (*end-line mark*)—Marks part of a line from the cursor location to the end of the line, *not* including the end-of-line markings.
- Find Marker*** F4 F (*find block marker*)—Searches forward from the cursor location for a block marker. If a block marker is found, the cursor is placed just following the marker.