

EMACS EDITOR ABBREVIATED

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Absolutely Essential Commands

C-h Enter the online help system.
C-x C-s Save the file.
C-x C-c Exit emacs.
C-x u Undo last edit (can be repeated).
C-g Get out of current command operation.
C-p Up/down/forward/back by line or character
C-n
C-f
c-b
C-v Forward/backward by one screen.
M-v
C-s Search for characters.
C-d Delete a character.

File-handling Commands

C-x C-f Find file and read it.
C-x C-v Read another file; replace the one read with
C-x C-f
C-x i Insert file at cursor position.
C-x C-s Save file (may hang terminal; use C-q to
restart).
C-x C-w Write buffer contents to file.
C-x C-c Exit emacs.
C-z Suspend emacs (use exit or fg to restart).

Cursor Movement Commands

C-f Move *forward* one character (right).
C-b Move *backward* one character (left).
C-p Move to *previous* line (up).
C-n Move to *next* line (down).
M-f Move one word forward.
M-b Move one word *backward*.
C-a Move to beginning of line.
C-e Move to end of line.
M-a Move backward one sentence.
M-e Move forward one sentence.
M-[Move backward one paragraph.
M-] Move forward one paragraph.
C-v Move forward one screen.
M-v Move backward one screen.
C-x [Move backward one page.
C-x] Move forward one page.
M-> Move to end of file.
M-< Move to beginning of file.
(none) Go to line n of file.
(none) Go to character n of file.
C-l Redraw screen with current line in the center.
M-n Repeat the next command n times.
C-u n Repeat the next command n times.

Deletion Commands

DEL Delete previous character.
C-d Delete character under cursor.
M-DEL Delete previous word.
M-d Delete the word the cursor is on.
C-k Delete from cursor to end of line
M-k Delete sentence the cursor is on.

C-x DEL Delete previous sentence
C-y Restore what you've deleted.
C-w Delete a marked region (see next section).
(none) Delete previous.
(none) kill-paragraph

Paragraphs and Regions

C-@ Mark the beginning (or end) of a region.
C-SPACE (same as above)
C-x C-p Mark page.
C-x C-x Exchange location of cursor and mark.
C-x h Mark buffer
M-q Reformat paragraph.
M-g Reformat individual paragraphs within a
region
M-h Mark paragraph.

Stopping and Undoing Commands

C-g Abort current command.
C-x u Undo last edit (can be done).
(none) Restore buffer to the state it was in when the
file

Transposition Commands

C-t Transpose two.
M-t Transpose two words.
C-x C-t Transpose two lines.
(none) Transpose two sentences.
(none) Transpose two paragraphs.

Capitalization Commands

M-c Capitalize first letter of word.
M-u Uppercase word.
M-l Lowercase word.
M-M-c Capitalize previous word.
M- M-u Uppercase previous word
M- M-l Lowercase previous word
(none) Capitalize region.
C-x C-u Uppercase region.
C-x C-l Lowercase region.

Incremental Search Commands

C-s Start incremental search forward.
C-r Start incremental search backward.
Meta Exit a successful search.
C-g Cancel incremental search; return to starting
point.
DEL Delete incorrect character of search string.

Word Abbreviation Commands

(none) Enter (or exit) word abbreviation mode.
C-x - Type global abbreviation, then definition.
C-x C-h - Type local abbreviation, then definition.
(none) Undo the last word abbreviation.
(none) Write the word abbreviation file.
(none) Edit the word abbreviations.
(none) View the word abbreviations.
(none) Kill abbreviations for this session.

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Buffer Manipulation Commands

C-x b Move to specified buffer.
C-x C-b Display buffer list.
C-x k Delete specified buffer.
(none) Ask about deleting each buffer.
(none) Change buffer name to specified name.
C-x s Ask whether to save each modified buffer.

Window Commands

C-x 2 Divide the current window horizontally into two.
C-x 5 Divide the current window vertically into two.
C-x > Scroll the window right.
C-x < Scroll the window left.
C-x o Move to the other window.
C-x 0 Delete current window.
C-x 1 Delete all windows but this.
(none) Delete all windows on a given buffer.
C-x ^ Make window.
(none) Make window shorter.
C-x } Make window wider.
C-x { Make window narrower.
M-C-v Scroll other window.
C-x 4 f Find a file in the other window.
C-x 4 b Select a buffer in the other
(none) Compare two buffers; show first difference.

Special Shell Characters

C-c C-c Terminate the current job.
C-c C-d End of file character.
C-c C-u Erase current line.
C-c C-w Erase the previous word.
C-c C-z Suspend the current job.

Indentation Commands

C-x Prepend each line in paragraph with characters from beginning of line up to cursor column; cancel this prefix by typing **this** command in column 1.
(none) Major mode: each tab defines a new indent for subsequent lines.
(none) Exit indented text mode; return to text mode.
M-C-\ Indent a region to match first line in region.
M-m Move cursor to first character on line.
M-C-o Split line at cursor; indent to column of cursor.
(none) Reformat indented paragraphs, keeping indentation.

Centering Commands

M-s Center line that cursor is on.
(none) Center paragraph **that** cursor is on.
(none) Center currently defined region.

Macro Commands

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C-x (Start macro definition.
C-x) End macro definition.
C-x e Execute last macro defined.
M-n C-x e Execute last macro defined, n times.
C-u C-x (Execute last macro defined, then add keystrokes.
(none) Name last macro you created (before saving it).
(none) load-file Load macro files you've saved.
(none,) Execute a keyboard macro you've saved.
C-x q Insert a query in a macro definition.
C-u C-x q Insert a recursive edit in a macro definition.
M-C-c Exit a recursive edit.

Basic Indentation Commands

M-C-\ Indent a region to match first line in region.
M-m Move to first non-blank character on line.
M-^ Join this line to-the previous one.

Detail Information Help Commands

C-h a What commands involve this concept?
(none) What functions and variables involve this concept?
C-h c What command does this keystroke sequence run?
C-h b What are all the key bindings for this buffer?
C-h k What command does this keystroke sequence run, and what does it do?
C-h l What are the last 100 characters I typed?
C-h w What is the key binding for this command?
C-h f What does this function do?
C-h v What does this variable mean, and what is its value?
C-h m Tell me about the mode the current buffer is in.
C-h s What is the syntax table for this?

Help Commands

C-h t Run the emacs tutorial.
C-h i Start the info documentation reader.
C-h n View news about updates to.
C-h C-c View the emacs General Public License.
C-h C-d View information on ordering emacs from FSF.
C-h C-w View the (non-)wan-warranty for emacs.