

Emacs Commands Quick Reference

This page lists some frequently used emacs commands. C-x means press the Cntrl and x keys simultaneously, and M-x means press the Meta (or ESC) and x keys simultaneously.

Emacs Control

invoke emacs	emacs <i>FileName</i>	quit emacs	C-x C-c
suspend emacs	C-z	resume emacs	fg or %emacs
quit current command	C-g	undo last command	C-x u

Cursor Movement

next char (forward)	C-f	previous char (back)	C-b
next word	M-f	previous word	M-b
beginning of line	C-a	end of line	C-e
next line	C-n	previous line	C-p
next page	C-v	previous page	M-v
first page	M-<	last page	M->

Erasing Chars

delete right	C-d	delete left	DEL
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Cut and Paste

cut line right (kill)	C-k	paste (yank)	C-y
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Buffers & Files

read file into buffer	C-x f	kill buffer	C-x k
write buffer as new file	C-x C-w	save all buffers	C-x s
split screen (horiz.)	C-x 2	split screen (vert.)	C-x 3
combine screens	C-x 1	redraw screen	C-l
move to other buffer	C-x o	move to buffer	C-x b
view list of buffers	C-x C-b		

Search/Replace

global-replace string	M-x replace string	query-replace string	M-x query replace
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Compilation

compile	M-x compile	move to next error	C-x `
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Debugging

invoke gdb	M-x gdb	quit gdb	q
set breakpoint	C-x SPC	print value of expr	p <i>Expression</i>
run program	r	continue program	c
next statement	n	step into function	s

On-line Help

help about <i>Subject</i>	C-h a <i>Subject</i>	describe all bindings	C-h b
<i>Command</i> binding	C-h w <i>Command</i>	<i>Key</i> binding	C-h c <i>Key</i>
run emacs on-line info	C-h i	run emacs tutorial	C-h t