

Quick and Dirty EMACS

Note that any ordinary character goes into the buffer (no insert is needed).
For a more detailed emacs manual, check out the GNU emacs manual on-line at:

<http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/manual/>

Some necessary abbreviations:

C- a control character, hit the control key (CTRL) and the character key simultaneously
M- a two-character command sequence where the first character is the escape key (ESC)
(CR) the carriage return key

Cursor operations:

C-B move left (backwards)
C-F move right (forwards)
C-P move up a line (previous)
C-N move down a line(next)
DELETE delete character to the left
C-D delete character to the right
C-T transpose two characters to the left (th → ht)

Word operations:

M-B move left (backwards)
M-F move right (forwards)
M-DELETE kill word to the left (C-Y yanks it back)
M-D kill word to the right (C-Y yanks it back)
M-T transpose two words around cursor (if only → only if)
M-C capitalize word (first letter only)
M-U uppercase entire word
M-L lowercase entire word

Line operations:

C-A move cursor to the beginning of the line
C-E move cursor to the end of the line
C-K kill from cursor to end of line (C-Y yanks it back)
M-0 C-K kill from beginning of line to cursor (C-Y yanks it back)

Sentence operations:

M-A move cursor to beginning of sentence
M-E move cursor to end of sentence
M-K kill from cursor to end of sentence (C-Y yanks it back)

Paragraph operations:

M-[move cursor to beginning of paragraph
M-] move cursor to end of paragraph

Screen operations:

C-V show next screen
M-V show previous screen
C-L redisplay screen so that line with cursor on it is in the middle of the screen
M-0 C-L move line with cursor on it to top of screen

Buffer operations:

C-X C-F get a file into a buffer for editing
M-< move cursor to top of the current buffer
M-> move cursor to bottom of the current buffer

Search and Replace:

C-G terminates all searches (sometimes you have to hit it twice)
C-S string search for "string"
C-R string reverse search for "string"
M-X % string1(CR) string2(CR) the \$ is the result of hitting the M- key,
search for "string1" and query: replace it with "string2"?
if yes, hit the space bar or Y key
if no, hit the N key
halt the procedure with C-G

Leaving:

C-X C-S write the current buffer into a new version of the current file name
C-X C-W write the current buffer into a file with a different name
C-X C-Z EXIT EMACS

Abort, Undo and Help:

C-G abort anything at any time (it beeps, sometimes you need to hit it twice)
C-_ undo last keystroke
M-X Undo M- restore the buffer before the last kill, unkill, fill, sort, etc.
C-Y yank back the last thing killed
C-H help