

# 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