

Summary of Common EMACS Functions

CURSOR MOVEMENT

CTRL A	beginning of line	ESC <	beginning of file
CTRL B	backward character	ESC >	end of file
CTRL E	end of line	ESC B	backward word
CTRL F	forward character	ESC F	forward word
CTRL N	next line	ESC V	previous page
CTRL P	previous line	ESC Z	scroll one line down
CTRL V	next page		
CTRL Z	scroll one line up		

DELETE CHARACTERS, WORDS, LINES

CTRL D	delete character cursor is on	ESC D	delete next word
CTRL H	delete previous character	ESC H	delete previous word
CTRL K	delete to end of line		

REGIONS OF TEXT

ESC M mark beginning of region
CTRL W delete region--the text from the character that was marked to the current position
CTRL Y insert the region of text at the current cursor position

INTERRUPT LAST CONTROL OR ESCAPE COMMAND

CTRL G interrupt

EXIT EMACS

CTRL X CTRL F exit and save file
CTRL C exit and abandon edited fill

SEARCHING AND REPLACING

ESC S search for string in the forward direction
Note: Use ESC < to move cursor to top of file before search
CTRL R search reverse
ESC R replace string
ESC Q query replace string

INSERT EXTERNAL FILE

CTRL X CTRL I Bring an external file into current file at location where cursor is

MISCELLANEOUS COMMANDS

CTRL L redraw display
ESC G goto-line

REFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL EMACS FUNCTIONS

Most people will not need the functions on this page. Most common editing entries and manipulations can be performed using the functions on the previous page.

ESC ^	case word invert	CTRL J	new line and indent
ESC a	backward sentence	CTRL M	carriage return
ESC b	backward word	CTRL O	open line
ESC e	forward sentence		
ESC l	case word lower		
ESC u	case word upper		
ESC x	execute extended command		
ESC !	line to top of window		
ESC .	end of window		
ESC)	forward paragraph		
ESC (backward paragraph		
ESC ,	beginning of window		

ESC CTRL ^ case region invert

CTRL X	CTRL B	list buffers
CTRL X	CTRL C	exit emacs without saving file
CTRL X	CTRL E	compile it
CTRL X	CTRL F	exit emacs and save the file
CTRL X	CTRL I	insert file
CTRL X	CTRL M	write modified files
CTRL X	CTRL N	next error
CTRL X	CTRL O	use old buffer
CTRL X	CTRL R	read file
CTRL X	CTRL S	write current file
CTRL X	CTRL V	visit file
CTRL X	CTRL W	write named file
CTRL X	CTRL X	exchange dot and mark
CTRL X	CTRL Z	shrink window

CTRL X	!	execute monitor command
CTRL X	(start remembering
CTRL X)	stop remembering
CTRL X	1	delete other windows
CTRL X	2	split current window
CTRL X	b	switch to buffer
CTRL X	d	delete window
CTRL X	e	execute keyboard macro
CTRL X	n	next window
CTRL X	p	previous window
CTRL X	z	enlarge window