Dired Reference Card

(based on Dired in GNU Emacs 26) Commands marked with (DX) require dired-x

Entering and Exiting Dired

run dired	C-x d
dired the directory of the file you are editing	$\mathtt{C-x}\ \mathtt{C-j}\ (\mathbf{DX})$
quit dired	q

Motion Commands

move up to previous line	p
move down to next line	n
move up to previous directory line	<
move down to next directory line	>
move to next marked file	M-}
move to previous marked file	M-{
move up to previous subdirectory	M-C-p
move down to next subdirectory	M-C-n
move to parent directory	^
move to first child subdirectory	M-C-d

Mouse Commands

visit file or directory Mouse_Button_2

Immediate Actions on Files

visit current file	f
view current file	v
visit current file in other window	0
create a new subdirectory	+
compare file at point with the one at mark	=

Marking and Unmarking Files

m
u
M-delete
* .
* /
* @
* *
t
* s
* %
* C
* ((DX)

Modifying the Dired Buffer

insert a subdirectory into this buffer	i	
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remove marked files from the listing	k	
remove a subdir listing	C-u	k
re-read all directories (retains all marks)	g	
toggle sorting of current subdir by name/date	s	
edit ls switches	C-u	s
recover marks, hidden lines, and such (undo)	C	
hide all subdirectories	M-\$	
hide or unhide subdirectory	\$	

Commands on Files Marked or Specified by the Prefix

copy file(s)	C
rename a file or move files to another directory	R
change ownership of file(s)	0
change the group of the file(s)	G
change mode of file(s)	M
print file(s)	P
convert filename(s) to lower case	% 1
convert filename(s) to upper case	% u
delete marked (as opposed to flagged) file(s)	D
compress or uncompress file(s)	Z
run info on file	I (DX)
make symbolic link(s)	S
make relative symbolic link(s)	Y
make hard link(s)	H
search files for a regular expression	A
regexp query replace on marked files	Q
byte-compile file(s)	В
load file(s)	L
shell command on file(s)	!
asynchronous shell command on file(s)	&

Flagging Files for Deletion

Unmark commands remove delete flags

flag file for deletion	d	
flag all backup files (file names ending in ~)	~	
flag all auto-save files	#	
flag various intermediate files	%	&
flag numeric backups (ending in .~1~, .~2~, etc.)		
execute the deletions requested (flagged files)	х	
flag files matching a regular expression	%	d

Regular Expression Commands

mark filenames matching a regular expression	% m
copy marked files by regexp	% C
rename marked files by regexp	% R
hardlink	% Н
symlink	% S
symlink, with relative paths	% Y
mark for deletion	% d

Dired and Find

dired file(s) whose name matches a patter	n M-x find-name-dired
dired file(s) that contain pattern	M-x find-grep-dired
dired file(s) based on find output	M-x find-dired

Getting Help

dired help				h
dired summary	(short help)	and error	log	?

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