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	C-x C -j (DX)
quit dired	q

Motion Commands

p
n
<
>
M-}
M{
M-C-p
M-C-n
•
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

mark a file or subdirectory for later commands	m
unmark a file or all files of a subdirectory	u
unmark all marked files in a buffer	M-delete
mark files with a given extension	* .
mark all directories	* /
mark all symlinks	* @
mark all executables	* *
invert marking	t
mark all files in the current subdir	* s
mark file names matching a regular expression	* %
change the marks to a different character	* C
mark files for which Elisp expression returns t	* ((DX)

Modifying the Dired Buffer

insert a subdirectory into this buffer	i
v	_
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)	С	
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	Ι	(DX)
make symbolic link(s)	S	
make relative symbolic link(s)	Y	
make hard link(s)	Н	
search files for a regular expression	Α	
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

C1 ()

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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