CS35L Software Construction Laboratory

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Week 1; Lecture 2

vi editor

- Open a file- vi <filename> or vim <filename>
- Close a file-:q
- Save a file-:w
- Save and close a file-:wq
- Modes:
 - Normal: Enter commands
 - Insert: Insert text
 - Visual: Like normal, but you can highlight
 - Replace: Like insert, but you replace characters as you type
 - Recording: Record a sequence of key sequences

Emacs editor

- "The customizable, extensible, self documenting display editor"
- Customizable (no programming)
 - Users can customize font, colors, etc
- Extensible (programming required)
 - Run Lisp scripts to define new commands
- Self-documenting
 - C-h r (manual) and C-h t (tutorial)
- https://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/refcards/pdf/refcard.pdf
- http://bit.ly/2CQy3H8 (some basic commands)
- http://stanford.io/2CTWNyl

Getting started with emacs

- emacs already installed in linux servers
- Type emacs to enter into the editor
- Emacs has both GUI and CLI
- All emacs commands start with 'C' or 'M'
 - 'C' = ctrl; 'M' = alt (windows)/ option (Mac)
- Start emacs
 - emacs <filename>
- Exit emacs
 - C-x C-c

Basic emacs editing

- Insert text by simply typing it
- Undo by typing C-x u
- Save changes by typing C-x C-s
- Copy, cut, paste
 - C-space (starts selecting region)
 - M-w (copy a region)
 - C-w (cuts a region)
 - C-k (kill a line)
 - C-y (yank/paste)

Moving around

Keystrokes	Action
C-p	Up one line
C-n	Down one line
C-f	Forward one character
C-b	Backward one character
C-a	Beginning of line
С-е	End of line
C-v	Down one page
M-v	Up one page
M-f	Forward one word
M-b	Backward one word
M-<	Beginning of buffer
M->	End of buffer
C-g	Quit current operation

More emacs commands

- Search C-s
- Replace M-%
- Accessing menu F10
- Switch buffer C-x b
- Switch current window C-x o
- Kill the current window C-x 0 (zero)
- Help C-h

Directory edit (dired) (C-x d)

- Creates an Emacs buffer containing list of directory contents
- Allows you to operate on files
- Allows you to navigate filesystem
- + new directory, C-x C-f new file in directory, g refresh dired buffer
- ! run shell command
- https://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/refcards/pdf/diredref.pdf

Other features

- Emacs as lisp interpreter
- Use scratch buffer
 - type (random) or (+ 1 2) or (setq x 2) then C-j
 - M-: and an expression to evaluate, e.g. (* 1 2 3)
- Run shell command M-!

Assignment 1: Hints

- Hints for first 10 questions:
 - 1. man man
 - 2. which
 - 3. find
 - 4. Readlink
 - 5. --version
 - 6. man chmod
 - 7. man find
 - 8. find
 - 9. ls/sort
 - 10. localedef
 - 11-15. Use help (C-h) command of emacs