

Reference Sheet for Emacs

Why?

There are already cheatsheets for Emacs, Org, and even Elisp; so why bother with another one? The general ones are great but contain stuff I rarely use, such as information on registers, but are missing stuff I'd like to know, such as Helm keybindings which are not shipped with Emacs.

Below are the bindings that are shipped with Emacs or the packages one installs. To be somewhat useful to others, my personal bindings will be “enclosed” in quotes. I will write `X,Y-x,y` to denote one of `X` or `Y` followed by one of `x` or `y`; e.g., `C,M-d` denotes `C-d` and `M-d` –for character and word deletion, respectively. Hopefully this makes it easier to group related commands.

TODO Provide support for *three* columns, not two.

Textual Navigation

<code>C-b, f</code>	<code>←, →</code> character
<code>M-b, f</code>	<code>←, →</code> word
<code>C-p, n</code>	<code>↑, ↓</code> line
<code>M-g g</code>	go to a line
<code>C-a, e</code>	start, end line
<code>M-a, e</code>	start, end sentence
<code>M-{, }</code>	start, end paragraph
<code>M-<, ></code>	start, end buffer
<code>C-v</code>	down page
<code>M-v</code>	up page
<code>C-l</code>	centre page

Org-mode: All commands are prefixed by `C-c`.

<code>n,p</code>	next, previous heading
<code>f,b</code>	<code>n,p</code> same level heading
<code>C-u</code>	backward to higher heading
<code>C-j</code>	<code>↑↓</code> jump to another heading

Marking & Regions

<code>C-SPC</code>	Set mark
<code>C-x C-x</code>	Exchange point & mark
<code>M-h</code>	Mark paragraph
<code>C-x h</code>	Mark buffer

Killing & Yanking

<code>C,M-d</code>	forward kill character, word
<code>C,M-del</code>	backward kill word prefix
<code>C-k</code> , “ <code>M-k</code> ”	forward, backward kill line
<code>C-x del</code>	backward kill sentence
<code>C,M-w</code>	Kill, copy region
<code>C-x r k</code>	Kill region

By default `M-k` is forward kill sentence.

Narrowing

This allows us to “zoom in” or “focus” on a particular region; the rest of the buffer is ‘hidden’. All commands begin with `C-x n`.

<code>n</code>	Narrow to region
<code>w</code>	Widen to full view
<code>e</code>	Narrow to org element
<code>s</code>	Narrow anywhere inside org subtree

Org Visibility

<code>tab</code>	Cycle visibility
<code>S-tab</code>	Cycle <i>global</i> visibility
<code>C-c C-x C-v</code>	Toggle inline image display
<code>C-c C-x C-l</code>	Toggle, preview, \LaTeX for tree

Structure Editing

<code>C-[S]-Ret</code>	new [Todo] heading after current tree
<code>M-[S]-Ret</code>	new [Todo] heading / [checkbox] item at current position
<code>C-c -, *</code>	Demote, promote headings to items
<code>M-←, →</code>	Promote, demote heading
<code>C-c C-t</code>	Set state of tree
<code>C-c , A,B,C</code>	Set priority <code>A</code> , <code>B</code> , or <code>C</code> for tree
<code>C-c , Spc</code>	Remove priority from tree
<code>M-↑, ↓</code>	Move <i>any</i> org element up or down
<code>M-S-↑, ↓</code>	Move a line up or down
<code>C-c c</code>	Capture new item
<code>C-c C-x C-a</code>	Archive tree

Babel

C-c C-c	Execute code block
C-c C-v j	Insert header argument
C-c C-v I	View, possibly global, header info
C-c C-v g	Go to named block
C-c C-v n,p	Go to next, previous block
C-c C-v d	Demarcate, split up, code block
C-c C-v t	Tangle all blocks in buffer

Misc

C-c C-x p,e	Set property, effort of tree
C-c C-x i	Capture column view in dynamic block

Timestamps

C-c .	Prompt for date & insert timestamp
C-c C-d	Insert deadline for tree
C-c C-s	Schedule a tree
S-↑,↓,→,←	Alter timestamp by a day →←, year ↓↑
C-c C-x C-t	Globally toggle date display

C-c C-o Open link at point

Clocking Time

C-c C-x C-i,o	Start, stop clock on tree
C-c C-x C-r	Insert, update, clock report

Agenda

C-c a a	See agenda for the week
C-c a t	Compile global todo list
C-c C-x b	Open agenda task in dedicated indirect buffer
F	Toggle follow mode: See details as you navigate
v	Change agenda view, e.g., to day or month
f / b	Forward, backward a view, e.g., day or month
R	See report of total clocked time
. / j	Go to today, or prompt for a date
e, t, a	Remotely set effort, state, or archive
I, 0, X	Start, stop, cancel clock on current item