GNU Emacs Reference Card

(for version 23)

Starting Emacs

To enter GNU Emacs 23, just type its name: emacs

Leaving Emacs

suspend Emacs (or iconify it under X)	C-z
exit Emacs permanently	C-x C-c

Files

read a file into Emacs	C-x C-f
save a file back to disk	C-x C-s
save all files	C-x s
insert contents of another file into this	C-x i
buffer replace this file with the file you really	C-x C-v
want write buffer to a specified file	C-x C-w
toggle read-only status of buffer	C-x C-q

Getting Help

The help system is simple. Type C-h (or F1) and follow the directions. If you are a first-time user, type C-h t for a tutorial.