Emacs Cheat Sheet

Starting `emacs`

> `emacs` `ENTER`
   to start emacs.
> `emacs filename` `ENTER`
   to start emacs and load a file
> `emacs -nw filename` `ENTER`
   to start emacs with no new window (load file)

Quitting

`CTRL` `X` `CTRL` `C`
   quit emacs (Can be used with impunity -- the system will prompt if the workspace has not yet been saved.)

`CTRL` `G`
   aborts any command in progress

Help

`CTRL` `H` `T`
   to see the tutorial
`CTRL` `H` `A` *topic* `ENTER`
   to see help about *topic*
`CTRL` `X` `U`
   undo the last command

Cursor Positioning

`CTRL` `F` or `→`
   forward (right) one character.
`CTRL` `B` or `←`
   back (left) one character
`CTRL` `P` or `Up`
   up one character
`CTRL` `N` or `↓`
   down one character
`ESC` `B`
   left one word
`ESC` `F`
   right one word

`CTRL` `A`
   to beginning of line
`CTRL` `E`
   to end of line
`ESC` `<`
   start of document
`ESC` `>`
   end of document
`ESC` `V`
   page up
`CTRL` `V`
   page down

`CTRL` `L`
   cursor in middle of screen
`CTRL` `U` *20* `CTRL` `N`
   advance *20* lines
`CTRL` `X` `W`
   display the line number where the cursor is located
`ESC` `X` *goto-line* `ENTER` *999* `ENTER`
   go to line number *999*

Search and Replace

`CTRL` `S` *patterntext* `ENTER`
   search for *patterntext*; cursor moves as you type. Press `ENTER` once at the correct location
`CTRL` `R` *patterntext* `ENTER`
   search backwards for *patterntext*; cursor moves as you type.
`CTRL` `S` `ENTER` `ENTER`
   search for the next occurrence
`ESC` `%` *oldstring* `ENTER` *newstring* `ENTER`
   Search for *oldstring* and

Regions

`CTRL` `SPC`
   set mark at cursor
`CTRL` `W`
   kill region
`ESC` `W`
   copy region to kill ring
`CTRL` `Y`
   yank back last thing killed

Loading and Saving

`CTRL` `X` `CTRL` `F` *filename*
   create new *filename* for editing (clears workspace)
`CTRL` `X` `CTRL` `F` *filename*
   load in *filename* for editing
`CTRL` `X` `CTRL` `W` *filename*
   write (save) as *filename*
`CTRL` `X` `CTRL` `S`
   resave under the current filename (based on above or name given when starting `emacs`)

replace it with *newstring*.
The **Y** key confirms each
replacement, **N** skips it, **Q** to
exit

Common Lisp

CTRL X L
start Common Lisp lisp
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