

Introduction to Emacs

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SOME HISTORY

The **text editors** we use today are very different from the text editors used in the early decades of computer science.

One of the first line editor was developed in 1969 for the **UNIX** operating system, and it is called **ed**

ed – Line editor

How to use `ed` (1/2)

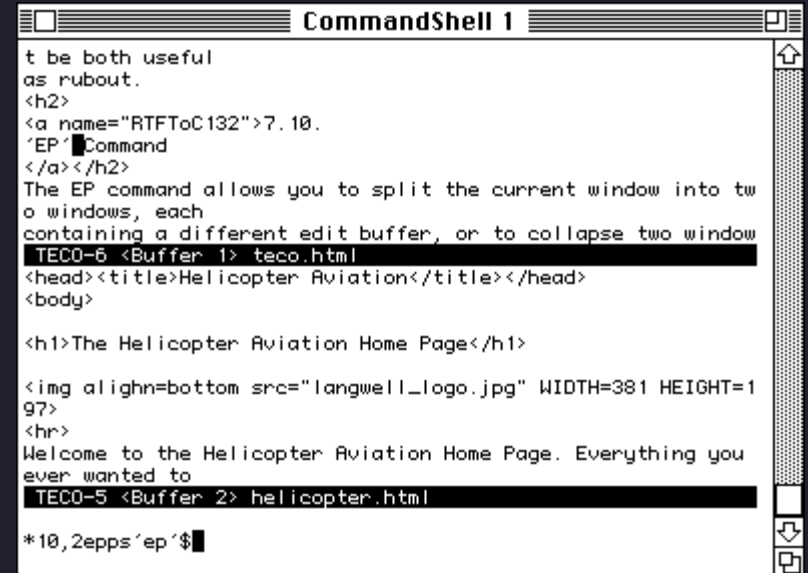
Write "Hello World!" in the file `hello.txt`

```
$ ed
a           # start append mode
Hello World! # write text
.           # stop append mode
w hello.txt # write to file
13
```

Out of **ed** and other similar editors came the **vi** family of text editors

- ed, 1969
- vi, 1976
- vim, 1991
- neovim, 2014

Another editor of that time was called **TECO**, and it was developed in 1962 by **Dan Murphy**, during his period at MIT.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "CommandShell 1". It displays the output of a TECO session editing a file named "teco.html". The text in the terminal includes HTML tags like <h2>, 7.10., <head><title>Helicopter Aviation</title></head>, <body>, <h1>The Helicopter Aviation Home Page</h1>, and . It also shows the command "The EP command allows you to split the current window into two windows, each containing a different edit buffer, or to collapse two windows" and the command "TECO-6 <Buffer 1> teco.html". At the bottom, it shows "TECO-5 <Buffer 2> helicopter.html" and a prompt "*10,2epps'ep'\$".

```
CommandShell 1
t be both useful
as rubout.
<h2>
<a name="RTFTtoC132">7.10.
'EP' Command
</a></h2>
The EP command allows you to split the current window into two
windows, each
containing a different edit buffer, or to collapse two windows
TECO-6 <Buffer 1> teco.html
<head><title>Helicopter Aviation</title></head>
<body>

<h1>The Helicopter Aviation Home Page</h1>


<hr>
Welcome to the Helicopter Aviation Home Page. Everything you
ever wanted to
TECO-5 <Buffer 2> helicopter.html

*10,2epps'ep'$
```

TECO → Text Editor & COrrector

TECO implemented the notion of **macros**

TECO is not only an editor but also an interpreted programming language for text manipulation.

Arbitrary programs (called "macros") for searching and modifying text give it great power. (Wikipedia)

What are macros?

What are macros?

Macros are methods for saving **arbitrary sequences of keybinds** under simple aliases, which can then be called on in order to execute again the saved sequence.

Example of a TECO's macro

So complex it is practically a "**write-only**" language

```
!START! j 0aua  
!CONT! l 0aub  
qa-qb"q xa k -l ga luz '  
qbua  
l z-."q -l @o/CONT/ '  
qz"q 0uz @o/START/ '
```

(Craig Finseth, The Craft of Text Editing)

(**Real Programmers Don't Use Pascal**)

Out of TECO came different extensions of the editor.

Among these we find **TECMAC** e **TMACS**, developed around 1976 from **Guy Steele, Dave Moon, Richard Greenblatt, Charles Frankston**, et al.

TECO \longrightarrow TECMAC, TMACS

Also in 1976, Richard Stallman, Guy Steele and Dave Moon develop the first version of EMACS

?MACS → EMACS → Editor MACroS

After this first implementation of Emacs various others came later

- TECMAS, TMACS (1976)
- EMACS, EINE (Eine is Not Emacs) (1976)
- Multics Emac, ZWEI (ZWEI Was EINE Initially) (1978)
- ZMACS (1980)
- Gosling Emacs (1981)
- ...
- **GNU Emacs** v13.0 (1985)
- ...

Emacs Timeline

Of these, one of the most important has been **GNU Emacs**, released in 1985 as the first software of the **GNU project**, founded by **Richard Stallman** in 1978.



Key difference between Emacs and vi

vim was developed to edit text, and only edit text.

Emacs was developed as a comprehensive software system that can also edit text and that runs on top of the underlying OS.

Let us now understand in depth what makes Emacs special.

WHAT IS EMACS?

Initially, you can think of Emacs as a **very, very powerful text editor**.

Emacs can indeed edit any sort of text, and in general it is very powerful when it comes to textual manipulations.

We must be careful however to not think of Emacs as
only a text editor.

That's because Emacs is much, much more.

Emacs contains an interpreter for the programming language called **emacs-lisp**

Elisp code that computes the n th Fibonacci number

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, ...

```
(defun fib (n)
  (cond ((eq n 1) 1)
        ((eq n 2) 1)
        (t
         (+ (fib (- n 1))
            (fib (- n 2))))))
```

$$F_1 = F_2 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1}, \quad n \geq$$

Questo è un file di testo.

Emacs permette di modificare e gestire i file di testo.

Ma Emacs non si limita ad essere un text editor.

Tramite Emacs siamo infatti in grado di eseguire codice elisp.

```
#+begin_src elisp
(defun fib (n)
  (cond ((eq n 1) 1)
        ((eq n 2) 1)
        (t
         (+ (fib (- n 1))
            (fib (- n 2))))))
```

```
(fib 10)
```

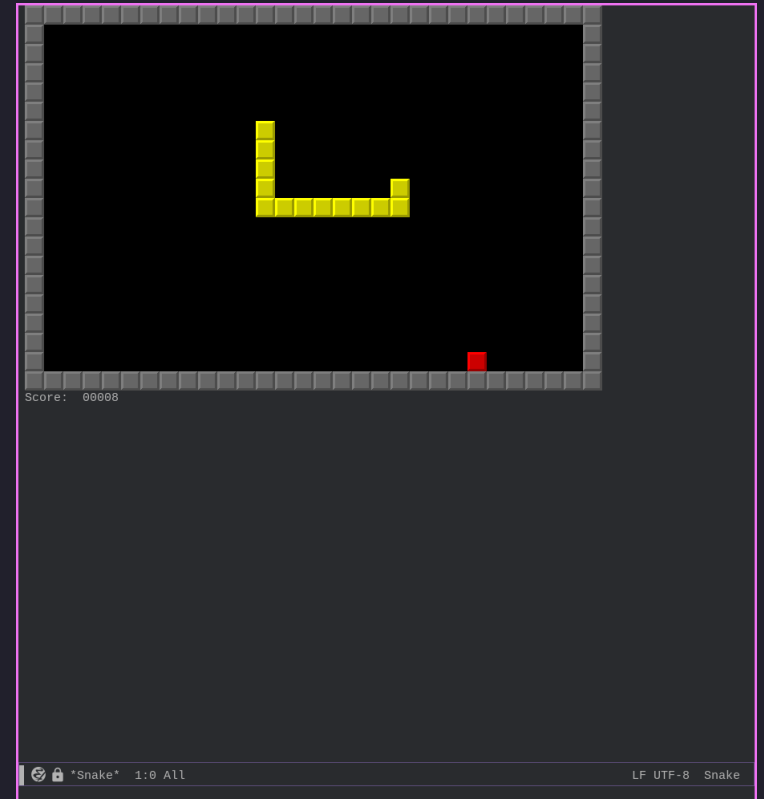
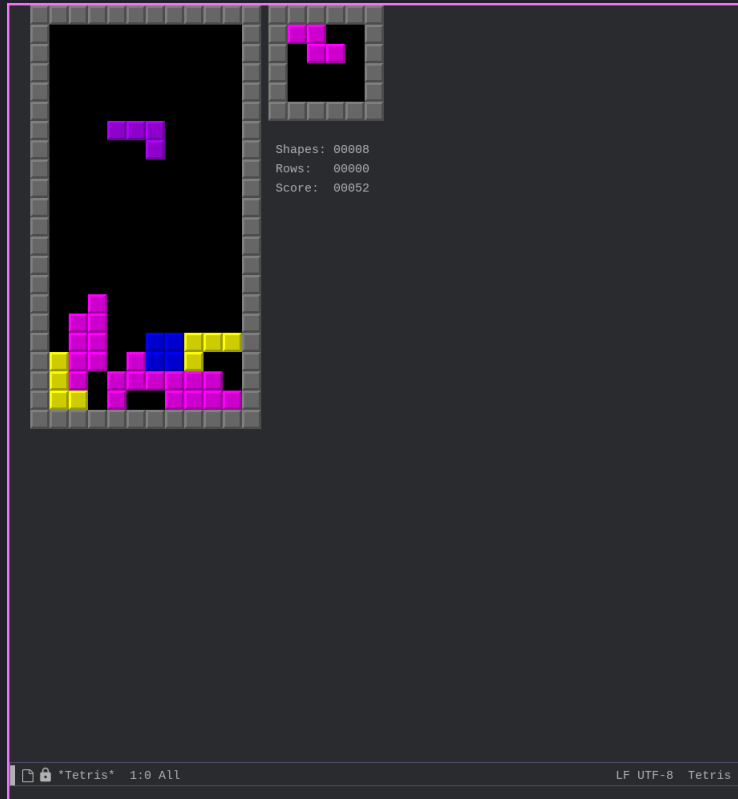
```
#+end_src
```

```
#+RESULTS:
```

```
: 55
```

What makes Emacs extremely flexible the ability to execute emacs lisp code, which is a **Turing-Complete language** with many interesting characteristics.

For example, we can play games in emacs



Learning Emacs comes down to learning about **emacs-lisp** and the ways in which you can use elisp code to program any sort of actions and behavior that Emacs can execute.

It is about learning what it truly means to have a fully programmable and extensible software.

I suggest you to read the 1981 article by Stallman himself

<https://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/emacs-paper.html>

EMACS
The Extensible, Customizable
Self-Documenting Display Editor

Richard M. Stallman
Artificial Intelligence Lab
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, MA 02139

Paper abstract

EMACS is a display editor which is implemented in an interpreted high level language. This allows users to extend the editor by replacing parts of it, to experiment with alternative command languages, and to share extensions which are generally useful.

The ease of extension has contributed to the growth of a large set of useful features. This paper describes the organization of the EMACS system, emphasizing the way in which extensibility is achieved and used.

The importance of emacs-lisp (1/2)

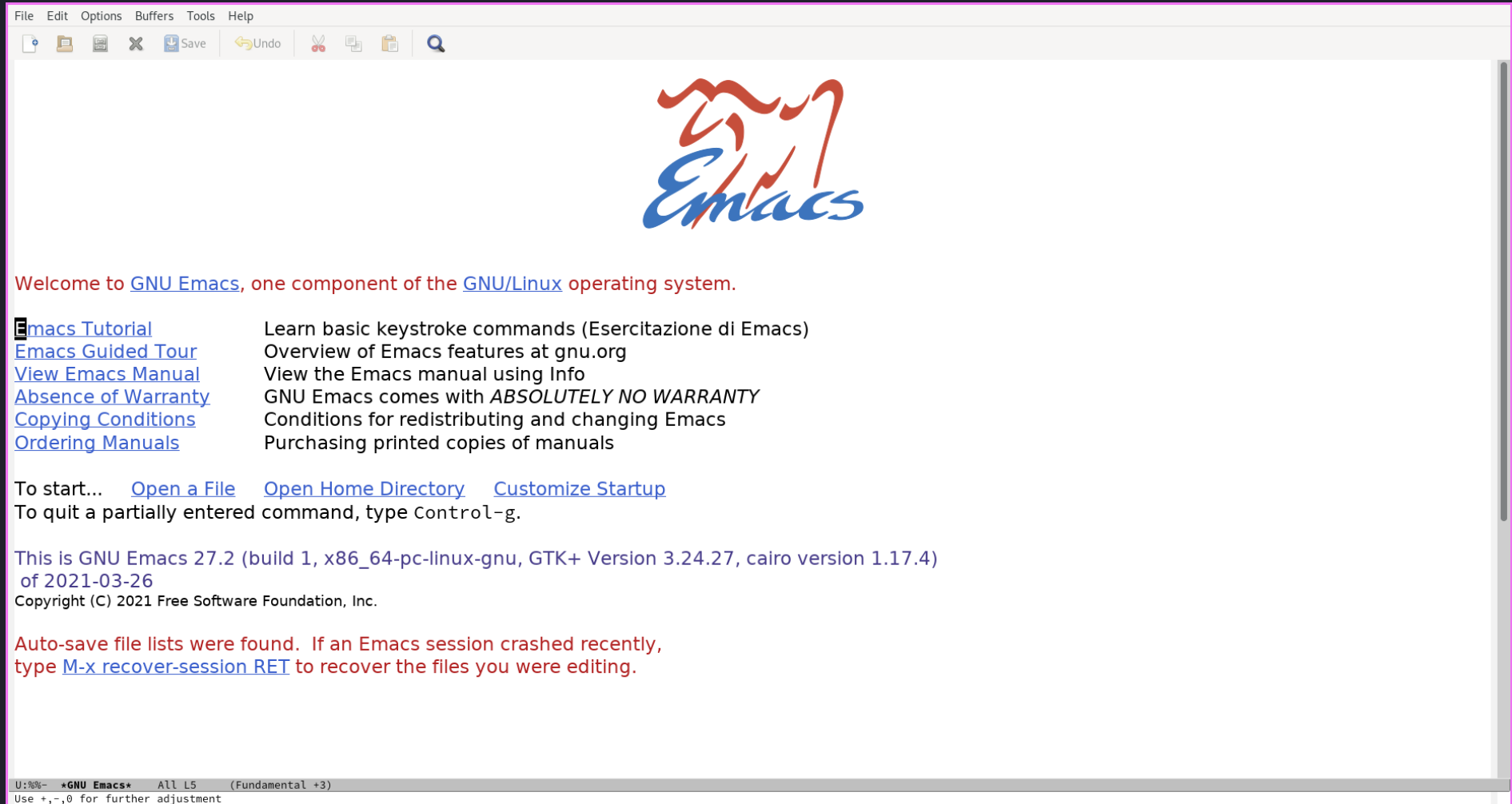
*Adherents of non-Lisp programming languages often conceive of implementing an EMACS for their own computer system using PASCAL, PL/I, C, etc. **In fact, it is simply impossible to implement an extensible system in such languages.** This is because their designs and implementations are batchoriented; a program must be compiled and then linked before it can be run.*

The importance of emacs-lisp (2/2)

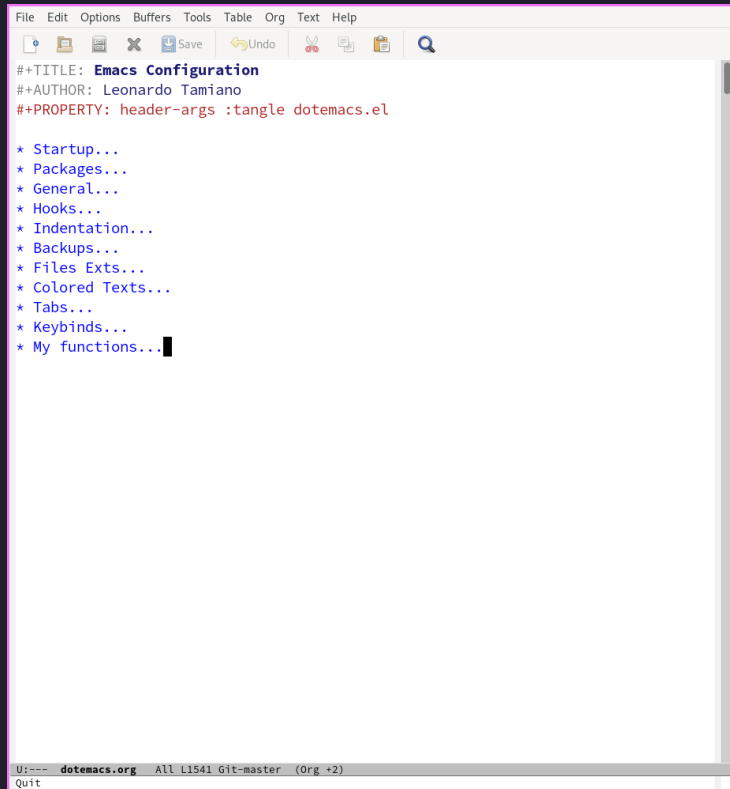
An on-line extensible system must be able to accept and then execute new code while it is running. This eliminates most popular programming languages except LISP, APL and Snobol. At the same time, Lisp's interpreter and its ability to treat functions as data are exactly what we need.

HOW I USE EMACS

Even though Emacs is a very powerful tool, it's learning curve is non-trivial.



It takes a lot of dedication, effort and time to unlock it
and to begin to understand its power.



A screenshot of the Emacs editor interface. The menu bar at the top includes File, Edit, Options, Buffers, Tools, Table, Org, Text, and Help. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for Save, Undo, Cut, Copy, Paste, and Find. The main text area contains the following Org mode header and list:

```
#+TITLE: Emacs Configuration
#+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano
#+PROPERTY: header-args :tangle dotemacs.el

* Startup...
* Packages...
* General...
* Hooks...
* Indentation...
* Backups...
* Files Exts...
* Colored Texts...
* Tabs...
* Keybinds...
* My functions...
```

The status bar at the bottom shows the file path `U:--- dotemacs.org`, the commit hash `All L1541`, the branch `Git-master`, and the Org mode version `(Org +2)`. The Emacs logo and the word "Quit" are also visible.



A screenshot of the Emacs editor interface, showing the same configuration file as the left screenshot, but with the sections expanded. The main text area contains the following Org mode header and list:

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+ Keybinds...
+ My functions...
```

The status bar at the bottom shows the file path `knwl/dotfiles/dotemacs.org`, the commit hash `1541:0`, the branch `Org (+2)`, and the Emacs version `25.1`. The Emacs logo and the word "Quit" are also visible.

I will now show some (few) personal use-cases in order to make you understand a bit better what Emacs allows you to do.

I have divided my use-cases into the following categories:

- OS interface layer
 - Terminal emulator
 - File explorer
 - Email manager
- Programming
 - Git client
 - Rust IDE
- Org-Mode
 - Notes
 - Blog
 - Slides

OS INTERFACE LAYER

TERMINAL EMULATOR

There are various **packages** for transforming Emacs into a typical **terminal emulator**

```
leo@archlinux
-----
OS: Arch Linux x86_64
Kernel: 5.10.32-1-lts
Uptime: 1 hour, 8 mins
Packages: 1404 (pacman)
Shell: bash 5.1.4
Resolution: 1920x1080, 1366x768
WM: i3
Theme: Adwaita [GTK2/3]
Icons: Adwaita [GTK2/3]
Terminal: emacs
CPU: Intel i7-2600K (8) @ 3.800GHz
GPU: NVIDIA GeForce GTX 970
Memory: 1980MiB / 7931MiB

PREPARING TO SYNCH...
=====
Synching knwl and Dropbox/org_files
=====
Unison 2.51.2 (ocaml 4.11.0): Contacting server...
Looking for changes
Reconciling changes
Nothing to do: replicas have not changed since last sync.
=====
Synching public and Dropbox/org_files
=====
Unison 2.51.2 (ocaml 4.11.0): Contacting server...
Looking for changes
Reconciling changes
Nothing to do: replicas have not changed since last sync.
=====
DONE SYNCHING
[leo@archlinux ~]$ whoami
leo
[leo@archlinux ~]$
```

(**vterm**, **term-mode**, **shell-mode**, **eshell**)

FILE EXPLORER

Emacs has a built-in file explorer called **dired**, which allows us to deal with files and directories.

```
/home/leo/repos/TBD/test:
total used in directory 44 available 334.3 GiB
drwxr-xr-x 11 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 .
drwxr-xr-x  8 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 ..
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_1
D drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_2
* drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_3
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_4
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_5
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_6
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_7
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_8
drwxr-xr-x  2 leo users 4096 24 apr 10.52 dir_junk_9
```

~/repos/TBD/test/ 10:52 Editable Dired (+4)

EMAIL MANAGER

There are packages for dealing with emails (**mu4e**, **gnus**, **notmuch**)

```
mu4e - mu for emacs version 1.4.5

Basics

* [j]ump to some maildir
* enter a [s]earch query
* [c]ompose a new message

Bookmarks

* [bu] Unread messages      (0/0)
* [bt] Today's messages    (0/0)
* [bw] Last 7 days
* [bp] Messages with images (0/414)

Misc

* [;]Switch context
* [U]pdate email & database

* [N]ews
* [A]bout mu4e
* [H]elp
* [q]uit

Info

* database-path      : /home/leo/.cache/mu/xapian
* maildir            : /home/leo/Maildir
* in store           : 7824 messages
* personal addresses : leonardotamiano95@gmail.com, leo95.shop@gmail.com, leo95.game@gmail.com, leo95.dev@gmail.com,
leotwork@protonmail.com, leonardo.tamiano@alumni.uniroma2.eu

[Personal]10:29 LF UTF-8 mu4e:main (+2)
Use +, -, 0 for further adjustment
```

For those interested in a possible mu4e configuration walkthrough, check out my blog post on the matter

<https://blog.leonardotamiano.xyz/tech/mu4e-setup/>

PROGRAMMING

The extreme flexibility of Emacs allows to create custom IDE-like experiences in various programming languages.

GIT CLIENT

The **magit** package allows a simple and intuitive client interface to the versioning software **git**.

```
Head:      master Update
Push:      local/master Update

Untracked files (13)
Unstaged changes (12)
modified  dotfiles/.compton.conf
modified  dotfiles/.i3blocks.conf
@@ -5,6 +5,10 @@ separator=true
separator_block_width=15
markup=pangon

+[covid19]
+label=VAC
+interval=once
+
# Disk usage
#
# The directory defaults to $HOME if the instance is not specified.
modified  dotfiles/emacs_bookmarks
modified  languages/bash/ppa
modified  languages/latex/cv/auto/cv.el
modified  languages/latex/cv/cv.log
modified  languages/latex/cv/cv.pdf
modified  languages/latex/cv/cv.tex
modified  languages/python/utils/index_generator.py
modified  notes/languages.org
modified  notes/os.org
modified  notes/tools.org

Recent commits
```

magit: knwl 30:0 10:41 LF UTF-8 Magit (+2)

RUST IDE

Thanks to **lsp**, **rustic** and **rust-analyzer**, we can have a comfortable experience while programming in **rust**

```
> src > crypto.rs > cbc_encrypt
192 (&(&bytes)[0..(&bytes).len() - padding_byte as usize]).try_into().unwrap()
193 }
194
195 // -----
196
197 pub fn cbc_encrypt(plaintext_bytes: &Vec<u8>, key: [u8; 16], iv: [u8; 16]) -> Vec<u8> {
198     // add padding when needed
199     let pbytes : Vec<u8> = (&plaintext_bytes).clone();
200     let plaintext_bytes : Vec<u8> = if (&(&plaintext_bytes).len() % 16) != 0 {
201         pad_pkcs7(pbytes, 16)
202     } else {
203         pbytes
204     };
205
206     let mut ciphertext_bytes : Vec<u8> = Vec::new();
207     let mut iv_bytes : [u8; 16] = iv;
208
209     let mut i: usize = 0;
210
211     while &(i + 16) <= (&plaintext_bytes).len() {
212         let plaintext_chunk : Vec<u8> = (&(&plaintext_bytes)[i..i+16]).try_into().unwrap();
213
214         let iv : Vec<u8> = iv_bytes.try_into().unwrap();
215         let chunk : [u8; 16] = apply_xor(&plaintext_chunk, &iv).try_into().unwrap();
216         let encrypted_chunk : [u8; 16] = ecb_encrypt_block(chunk, key);
217
218         (&mut ciphertext_bytes).append(&mut (&encrypted_chunk).to_vec());
219
220         iv_bytes = encrypted_chunk;
221         &mut i += 16;
222     }
223
224     ciphertext_bytes
225 } fn cbc_encrypt
226
227 pub fn cbc_decrypt(ciphertext_bytes: &Vec<u8>, key: [u8; 16], iv: [u8; 16]) -> Vec<u8> {
228     // TODO: add check on vector length. If it is not divisible by 16, trigger a panic.
229
230     if (&(&ciphertext_bytes).len() % 16) != 0 {
231         panic!("[INFO]: CBC can only decrypt blocks of 16 bytes length");
232     }
233
234     let mut plaintext_bytes : Vec<u8> = Vec::new();
235     let mut iv_bytes : [u8; 16] = iv;
236
237     let mut i: usize = 0;
238     while &(i + 16) <= (&ciphertext_bytes).len() {
239         let encrypted_chunk : [u8; 16] = (&(&ciphertext_bytes)[i..i+16]).try_into().unwrap();
240
241         let decrypted_chunk : [u8; 16] = ecb_decrypt_block(encrypted_chunk, key);
242         (&mut plaintext_bytes).append(&mut (&decrypted_chunk).to_vec());
243
244         iv_bytes = decrypted_chunk;
245         &mut i += 16;
246     }
247
248     plaintext_bytes
249 } fn cbc_decrypt
250
251 -UU:-----F1 crypto.rs 44% (209,18) Git:main (Rustic company Lens FlyC LSP[rust-analyzer:48] (*) ivy ElDoc Wrap) 2/2 7:47AM -----
Quit
```

In general, for most programming languages you will find an Emacs package for that language.

ORG-MODE

Out of the many functionalities of Emacs, **org-mode** is without a doubt among the greatest thing you will find in Emacs.

Org-mode can be seen from two point of views:

1. As a **markup language**, such as markdown, xml or html
2. As a **major-mode** in **Emacs**

Org-mode files are plaintext files that are dynamically processed by Emacs

```
#+TITLE: Esempio file Org-Mode
#+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano
```

```
* Outline 1
  Prova.
```

```
** Sub-Outline 1.1
*** Sub-Sub-Outline 1.1.1
*** Sub-Sub-Outline 1.1.2
** Sub-Outline 1.2
*** Sub-Sub-Outline 1.2.1
    Prova prova.
```

```
* Outline 2
** Sub-Outline 2.1
** Sub-Outline 2.2
    Prova prova.
```

```
*** Sub-Sub-Outline 2.2.1
*** Sub-Sub-Outline 2.2.2
**** Sub-Sub-Sub-Outline 2.2.2.1
```

test.org 21:32 All LF UTF-8 Text (+4)
Use +, -, 0 for further adjustment

```
#+TITLE: Esempio file Org-Mode
#+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano
```

```
+ Outline 1
  Prova.
```

```
+ Sub-Outline 1.1
+ Sub-Sub-Outline 1.1.1
+ Sub-Sub-Outline 1.1.2
+ Sub-Outline 1.2
+ Sub-Sub-Outline 1.2.1
    Prova prova.
```

```
+ Outline 2
+ Sub-Outline 2.1
+ Sub-Outline 2.2...
```

test.org 16:0 LF UTF-8 Org (+3)
Use +, -, 0 for further adjustment

The syntax used by org-mode is called **Org-Mode Markup Language**

* This Is A Heading

** This Is A Sub-Heading

*** And A Sub-Sub-Heading

Paragraphs are separated by at least one empty line.

~~monospaced~~

[[http://Karl-Voit.at][Link description]]

http://Karl-Voit.at → link without description

- list item

- sub-item

- 1. also enumerated

- [] yet to be done

- [X] item which is done

: Simple pre-formatted text such as for source code.

Source: [karl-voit - Org Mode Is One of the Most Reasonable Markup Languages to Use for Text](#)

NOTES

Anytime I have to take a note on something, I use Emacs with org-mode.

- Studying
- Penetration testing
- Writing

HTB writeup written in org-mode

```
#+TITLE: HTB - Reddish
#+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano

⊞ Enumeration...
⊞ Privilege Escalation...
⊞ Original Walkthrough...
⊞ Video notes
  [2021-12-25 Sat 03:37]

+ Scans with nmap
  nmap -sC -sV reddish

  #+begin_example
  All 1000 scanned ports on reddish (10.129.180.63) are closed
  #+end_example

  nmap -p- reddish

  #+begin_example
  PORT      STATE SERVICE
  1880/tcp  open  vsat-control
  #+end_example

  nmap -sC -sV -p 1880 reddish

  #+begin_example
  PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
  1880/tcp  open  http      Node.js Express framework
  |_http-title: Error
  #+end_example

+ RCE on Docker #1...
+ Docker #1 (NODE-red)...
+ Docker #2 (Redis)...
+ Docker #3 (Web server)...
+ Pivoting from Docker #1 to Docker #3...
+ PrivEsc on Docker #3 (user)...
+ Docker #4 (Backup server)...
+ Pivoting from Docker #3 to Docker #4...
+ PrivEsc on Docker #4 (root)...
⊞ Resources and Extra...
⊞ Flags...
```

htb/m/r/reddish_log.org 1172:1 All [500] LF UTF-8 Org ymaste

BLOG

I manage my blog in a single file org.

```
#+TITLE: Blog Content
#+STARTUP: content
#+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano
#+HUGO_BASE_DIR: ../
#+HUGO_AUTO_SET_LASTMOD: t
#+OPTIONS: author:nil ^:nil

⌕ About...
⌕ Favorites...
⌕ Reviews...
⌕ Posts
  :PROPERTIES:...

+ DONE How to manage e-mails in Emacs with Mu4e      :tech:emacs:...
+ DONE The Complete Beginners Introduction to Emacs - Part 1/3 - How I use Emacs :tech:emacs:...
+ DONE The Complete Beginners Introduction to Emacs - Part 2/3 - The Basics of Emacs
:tech:emacs:...
+ DONE Se questo è un uomo                          :life:books:...
+ DONE The Complete Beginners Introduction to Emacs - Part 3/3 - A Crash Course on Emacs-Lisp
:tech:emacs:...
+ DONE Sulla pigrizia                                :life:...
+ DONE The Importance of RSS                         :tech:university:...
+ DONE How I Learned the Power of the Command Line   :life:htb:university:...
+ DONE How I Track my Expenses with Ledger           :tech:finance:...
+ DONE On Doubly-Linked Lists, and how they are Implemented in the Linux Kernel
:tech:data_structures:programming:...
+ DONE Implementing a Crossword Solver in C++         :tech:programming:games:...
+ DONE La tregua                                     :books:life:...
+ DONE Lettera pre COVID-19                         :life:...

⌕ HTB Writeups
  :PROPERTIES:...

+ DONE HTB Writeup - Bashed                          :tech:htb:...
+ DONE HTB Writeup - Nibbles                        :tech:htb:...
+ DONE HTB Writeup - Poison                          :tech:htb:...
+ DONE HTB Writeup - Valentine                      :tech:htb:...

⌕ Scratch...
⌕ Footnotes...
⌕ COMMENT Local Variables                          :ARCHIVE:...
```

blog/content-org/content.org 141:7 All LF UTF-8 Org master

```
cd ~ |
```

cv whoami favorites archive

Hello, whoever you are, and welcome to my blog (♥).

I'm a university student, and I enjoy writing about a bunch of different things, such as:



I also share all my university lecture notes, the code I write, and other stuff in my [ppa](#), with the hope that it may help you in some way.



And now, some quotes:

The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of.

Blaise Pascal

HTB Writeup - Valentine

2021-03-29

#tech #htb

Complete writeup of the Valentine machine in Hack The Box.

[Read more →](#)

‡ Bonus

‡ Inside heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)

To understand better this vulnerability the following resources might help:

- [Commit in which it was fixed](#)
- [CVE-2014-0160](#)
- <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/32745>
- <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/32764>
- <https://stackabuse.com/heartbleed-bug-explained/>

By downloading the version of the code right before it got fixed, we can start to analyze the flaw. The files of interest are two, as is shown the commit: `ssl/d1_both.c` and `ssl/t1_lib.c`. Since however the `d1_both.c` is used for the DTLS implementation, which a version of TLS that uses the UDP transport protocol - as opposed to the traditional version of TLS that uses TCP - we will only check out `t1_lib1.c`. Let us first discuss the flawed version of the code, and at the end we will discuss how it was fixed.

The function of interest is `tls1_process_heartbeat()`. As soon as we enter in the function the server reads the number bytes that the client declared to have sent, and puts such number in the `payload` variable.

```
#+begin_src c
#ifdef OPENSSL_NO_HEARTBEATS
int
tls1_process_heartbeat(SSL *s)
{
    // -- p points to record data from client
    unsigned char *p = &s->s3->rrec.data[0], *pl;
    unsigned short hbtype;
    unsigned int payload;
    unsigned int padding = 16; /* Use minimum padding */

    /* Read type and payload length first */
    hbtype = *p++;
    // -- read 2 bytes from p and put them in payload
    n2s(p, payload);
    pl = p;

    // -- now payload has length of data from client

```

#+end_src

If the message was an heartbeat request, the server then proceeds to allocate memory. The memory allocated depends on the amount of data specified by the client, that is on the variable `payload`.

#+begin_src c

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Bonus

Inside heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)

To understand better this vulnerability the following resources might help:

- [Commit in which it was fixed](#)
- [CVE-2014-0160](#)
- <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/32745>
- <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/32764>
- <https://stackabuse.com/heartbleed-bug-explained/>

By downloading the version of the code right before it got fixed, we can start to analyze the flaw. The files of interest are two, as is shown the commit: `ssl/d1_both.c` and `ssl/t1_lib.c`. Since however the `d1_both.c` is used for the DTLS implementation, which a version of TLS that uses the UDP transport protocol - as opposed to the traditional version of TLS that uses TCP - we will only check out `t1_lib1.c`. Let us first discuss the flawed version of the code, and at the end we will discuss how it was fixed.

The function of interest is `tls1_process_heartbeat()`. As soon as we enter in the function the server reads the number bytes that the client declared to have sent, and puts such number in the `payload` variable.

```
#ifndef OPENSSL_NO_HEARTBEATS
int
tls1_process_heartbeat(SSL *s)
{
    // -- p points to record data from client
    unsigned char *p = &s->s3->rrec.data[0], *pl;
    unsigned short hbtype;
    unsigned int payload;
    unsigned int padding = 16; /* Use minimum padding */

    /* Read type and payload length first */
    hbtype = *p++;
    // -- read 2 bytes from p and put them in payload
    n2s(p, payload);

```

SLIDES

I prepare my slides using org-mode

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##+AUTHOR: Leonardo Tamiano
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⊞ Che cos'è Emacs?...
⊞ Come utilizzo Emacs
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  Per quanto Emacs sia un tool estremamente potente, la configurazione
  iniziale lascia molto a desiderare, sia in termini di estetica che
  di funzionalità.

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  Investendo abbastanza tempo ed impegno però è possibile trasformarlo
  in ciò che si vuole.

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  ##+REVEAL: split

  Andiamo adesso a vedere alcuni (pochi) use-case personali di
  utilizzo di Emacs.

  + Interfacciamento OS...
  + Programmazione...
  + Org-Mode...
  ⊞ Perché imparare Emacs?...

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Mark set
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INTRODUZIONE AD EMACS

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WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN EMACS

Learning Emacs is difficult, mostly because its ideas are not trivial to understand, since they are vastly different from what we're typically exposed in our development years.

Yet, there are many reasons why someone might decided to learn Emacs.

Why should you learn Emacs?

- it can be fun!
- it can expand your mind
- it can increase your productivity

At the end of the day, I do not think it is useful to approach Emacs just simply because you want to be more productive.

You will get stuck, you will lose (momentarily) your productivity, and you will go back to tools that work "ok" on first install.

Approach Emacs with an open mind.

Allow yourself to explore, to waste time, to get stuck.

This will bring you closer to the true power of Emacs.

The more you learn about Emacs, the more you will understand all the different problems that can be tackled with it, with uniquely fascinating solutions that only makes sense within Emacs.

You can even make memes in Emacs.

Yes, memes.

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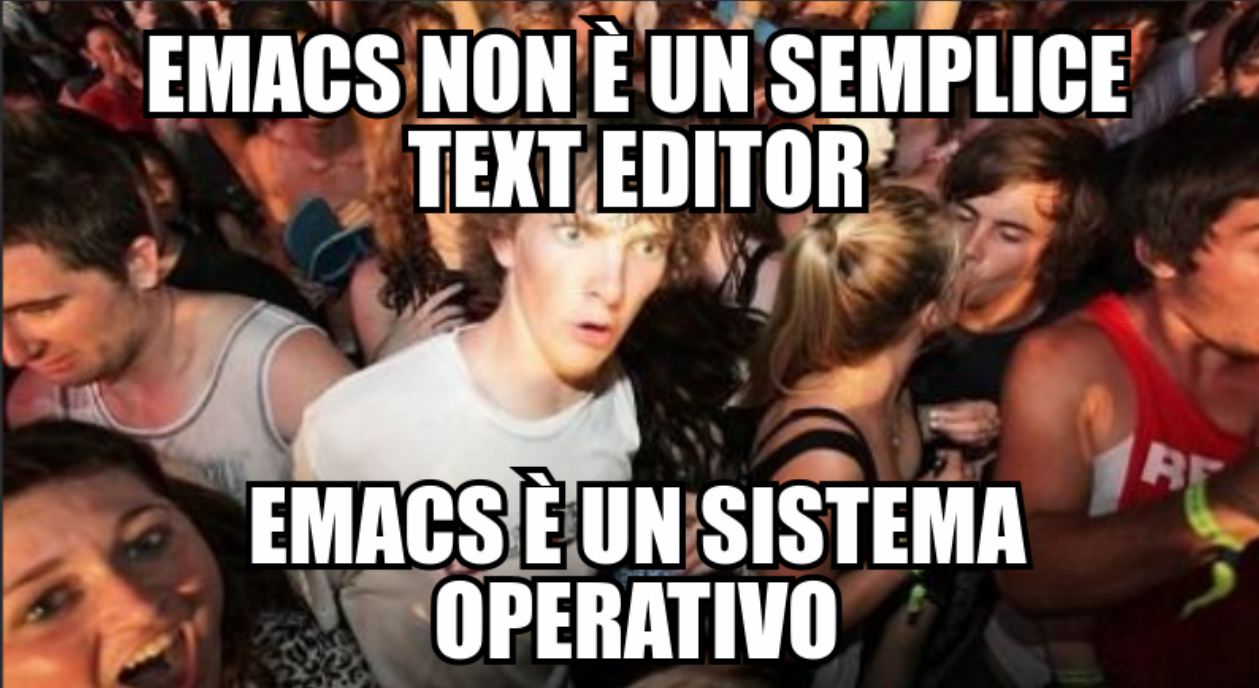
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OPERATIVO**



HIT THE RETURN KEY TO
SAVE

OR TO UPLOAD TO IMGUR

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