

Org-Mode Reference Card (1/2)

(for version 3.15)

Getting Started

Put the following in your ~/.emacs¹
(autoload 'org-mode "org" "Org mode" t)
(autoload 'org-diary "org" "Org mode diary entries")
(autoload 'org-agenda "org" "Agenda from Org files" t)
(autoload 'org-store-link "org" "Store org link" t)
(autoload 'orgtbl-mode "org" "Orgtbl minor mode" t)
(autoload 'turn-on-orgtbl "org" "Orgtbl minor mode")
(add-to-list 'auto-mode-alist '("\\.org\$" . org-mode))
(define-key global-map "\C-cl" 'org-store-link)²
(define-key global-map "\C-ca" 'org-agenda)²
For the many customization options try M-x org-customize
To read the on-line documentation try M-x org-info

Visibility Cycling

rotate current subtree between states TAB
rotate entire buffer between states S-TAB
show the whole file C-c C-a

Motion

next heading C-c C-n
previous heading C-c C-p
next heading, same level C-c C-f
previous heading, same level C-c C-b
backward to higher level heading C-c C-u
jump to another place in document C-c C-j

Structure Editing

insert new heading at same level as current M-RET
insert new TODO entry M-S-RET
promote current heading up one level M-LEFT
demote current heading down one level M-RIGHT
promote current subtree up one level M-S-LEFT
demote current subtree down one level M-S-RIGHT
move subtree up M-S-UP
move subtree down M-S-DOWN
kill subtree C-c C-h C-w
copy subtree C-c C-h M-w
yank subtree C-c C-h C-y
archive subtree C-c \$
To set archive location for current file, add a line like³:
#+ARCHIVE: archive::* Archived Tasks

Filtering and Sparse Trees

show sparse tree for all matches of a regexp C-c /
view TODO's in sparse tree C-c C-v
create sparse tree with all deadlines due C-c C-w
time sorted view of current org file C-c C-r
agenda for the week C-c al
agenda for date at cursor C-c C-o

TODO Items

rotate the state of the current item C-c C-t
view TODO items in a sparse tree C-c C-v
set the priority of the current item C-c , [ABC]
remove priority cookie from current item C-c , SPC
raise priority of current item S-UP⁴
lower priority of current item S-DOWN⁴

per-file TODO workflow states: add line(s) like³:
#+SEQ_TODO: TODO PROCRASTINATE BLUFF DONE
per-file TODO keywords: add line(s) like³:
#+TYP_TODO: Phil home work DONE

Timestamps

prompt for date and insert timestamp C-c .
like C-c . but insert date and time format C-u C-c .
insert DEADLINE timestamp C-c C-d
insert SCHEDULED timestamp C-c C-s
create sparse tree with all deadlines due C-c C-w
the time between 2 dates in a time range C-c C-y
change timestamp at cursor by -1 day S-LEFT⁴
change timestamp at cursor by +1 day S-RIGHT⁴
change year/month/day at cursor by -1 S-DOWN⁴
change year/month/day at cursor by +1 S-UP⁴
access the calendar for the current date C-c >
insert timestamp matching date in calendar C-c <
access agenda for current date C-c C-o

While prompted for a date:
... select date in calendar mouse-1/RET
... scroll calendar back/forward one month < / >
... forward/backward one day S-LEFT/RIGHT
... forward/backward one week S-UP/DOWN
... forward/backward one month M-S-LEFT/RIGT

Links

globally store link to the current location C-c l²
insert a link (TAB completes stored links) C-c C-l
insert file link with file name completion C-u C-c C-l
open link at point C-c C-o
open file links in emacs C-u C-c C-o
open link at point mouse-2
open file links in emacs mouse-3

Link types

<http://www.astro.uva.nl/~dominik>
<mailto:adent@galaxy.net>
<news:comp.emacs>
<file:/home/dominik/img/mars.jpg>
<file:papers/last.pdf>
<file:~/code/main.c:255>
<bbdb:Richard Stallman>
<shell:ls *.org>
<gnus:group>
<gnus:group#id>
<vm:folder>
<vm:folder#id>
<vm://myself@some.where.org/folder#id>
Wanderlust <wl:...> and RMAIL <rmail:...> like VM
on the web
EMail address
Usenet group
file, absolute
file, relative
file with line nr.
BBDB person
shell command
GNUS group
GNUS message
VM folder
VM message
VM remote

Tables

Creating a table

insert a new Org-mode table M-x org-table-create
... or just start typing, e.g. |Name|Phone|Age RET |- TAB
convert region to table C-c C-c
... separator at least 3 spaces C-3 C-c C-c

Commands available inside tables

The following commands work when the cursor is *inside a table*.
Outside of tables, the same keys may have other functionality.

Re-aligning and field motion

re-align the table without moving the cursor C-c C-c
re-align the table, move to next field TAB
move to previous field S-TAB
re-align the table, move to next row RET

Row and column editing

move the current column left M-LEFT
move the current column right M-RIGHT
kill the current column M-S-LEFT
insert new column to left of cursor position M-S-RIGHT
move the current row up M-UP
move the current row down M-DOWN
kill the current row or horizontal line M-S-UP
insert new row above the current row M-S-DOWN
insert horizontal line below the current row C-c -
insert horizontal line above the current row C-u C-c -

Regions

cut rectangular region C-c C-h C-w
copy rectangular region C-c C-h M-w
paste rectangular region C-c C-h C-y
fill paragraph across selected cells C-c C-q

Calculations

Except for the summation commands, these need the Emacs
calc package installed.
set and eval column formula C-c =
set and eval named-field formula C-u C-c =
edit formulas in separate buffer C-c '
re-apply all stored equations to current line C-c *
re-apply all stored equations to entire table C-u C-c *
TAB, RET and C-c C-c trigger automatic recalculation in lines
starting with: | # |.

rotate calculation mark through # * ! ^ _ \$ C-#
display column number cursor is in C-c ?
sum numbers in current column/rectangle C-c +
copy down with increment S-RET⁴

A formula can also be typed directly into into a field and will
executed by TAB, RET and C-c C-c. A leading = introduces a
column formula, := a named-field formula.

Example: Add Col1 and Col2 =\$1+\$2
... with printf format specification =\$1+\$2;%.2f
... with constants from constants.el =\$1/\$c/\$cm
sum from 3rd hline above to here :=vsum(&III)
apply current column formula =

Miscellaneous

toggle visibility of vertical lines C-c |
export as tab-separated file M-x org-table-export
import tab-separated file M-x org-table-import

Tables created with the table.el package

insert a new table.el table C-c ~
recognize existing table.el table C-c C-c
convert table (Org-mode ↔ table.el) C-c ~

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Timeline and Agenda

show timeline of current org file	C-c C-r
... include past dates	C-u C-c C-r
add current file to your agenda	C-c [
remove current file from your agenda	C-c]
compile agenda for the current week	C-c a ²
agenda for date at cursor	C-c C-o

To set category for current file, add line³:

#+CATEGORY: MyCateg

Commands available in an agenda buffer

The agenda buffer is electric: single key presses execute commands.

View org file

show original location of item	SPC
... also available with	mouse-3
show and recenter window	l
goto original location in other window	TAB
... also available with	mouse-2
goto original location, delete other windows	RET
toggle follow-mode	f

Change display

delete other windows	o
switch to weekly view	w
switch to daily view	d
toggle inclusion of diary entries	D
toggle time grid for daily schedule	g
refresh agenda buffer with any changes	r
display the following org-agenda-ndays	RIGHT
display the previous org-agenda-ndays	LEFT
goto today	.

Remote editing

digit argument	0-9
change state of current TODO item	t
set priority of current item	p
raise priority of current item	S-UP ⁴
lower priority of current item	S-DOWN ⁴
display weighted priority of current item	P

change timestamp to one day earlier	S-LEFT ⁴
change timestamp to one day later	S-RIGHT ⁴
change timestamp to today	>
insert new entry into diary	i

Calendar commands

find agenda cursor date in calendar	c
compute agenda for calendar cursor date	c
show phases of the moon	M
show sunrise/sunset times	S
show holidays	H
convert date to other calendars	C

Quit and Exit

quit agenda, remove agenda buffer	q
exit agenda, remove all agenda buffers	x

Exporting

Exporting creates files with extensions *.txt* and *.html* in the current directory.

export as ASCII file	C-c C-x a
export visible text only (e.g. for printing)	C-c C-x v
export as HTML file	C-c C-x h
export as HTML and open in browser	C-c C-x C-h
prefix arg sets nb. of headline levels, e.g.	C-3 C-c C-x h
insert template of export options	C-c C-x t
toggle fixed width for entry or region	C-c :

HTML formatting

make words bold	*bold*
make words <i>italic</i>	/italic/
make words <u>underlined</u>	_underlined_
sub- and superscripts	x ³ , J _{dust}
TeX-like macros	\alpha, \to
typeset lines in fixed width font	start with :
tables are exported as HTML tables	start with
links become HTML links	http:... etc
include html tags	@...@

Export options

Include additional information for export by putting these anywhere in the org file. Use M-TAB completion to make sure to get the right keywords. M-TAB again just after keyword is complete inserts examples.

the title to be shown	#+TITLE:
the author	#+AUTHOR:
authors email address	#+EMAIL:
language code for html	#+LANGUAGE:
free text description of file	#+TEXT:
... which can carry over multiple lines	#+TEXT:
settings for the export process - see below	#+OPTIONS:

Settings for the OPTIONS line

set number of headline levels for export	H:2
turn on/off section numbers	num:t
turn on/off table of contents	toc:t
turn on/off linebreak preservation	\n:nil
turn on/off quoted html tags	@:t
turn on/off fixed width sections	::t
turn on/off tables	:t
turn on/off TeX syntax for sub/super-scripts	^:t
turn on/off emphasised text	*:nil
turn on/off TeX macros	TeX:t

Comments: Text not being exported

Text before the first headline is not considered part of the document and is therefore never exported. Lines starting with # are comments and are not exported. Subtrees whose header starts with COMMENT are never exported.

toggle COMMENT keyword on entry	C-c ;
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Completion

In-buffer completion completes TODO keywords at headline start, TeX macros after “\”, option keywords after “#-”, and dictionary words elsewhere.

Complete word at point	M-TAB
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Calendar and Diary Integration

To include entries from the Emacs diary in your Org-mode agenda:

(setq org-agenda-include-diary t)

To include your Org-mode agenda in your normal diary, make sure you’re using the fancy diary display and in your ~/diary file add

&%(org-diary)

to include all the files listed in **org-agenda-files**. For more selective file inclusion use a line for each file:

&%(org-diary) ~/path/to/some/org-file.org

Remember-mode Integration

See the manual for how to make remember.el use Org-mode links and files. The note-finishing command C-c C-c will first prompt for an org file. In the file, find a location with:

rotate subtree visibility	TAB
next heading	DOWN
previous heading	UP

Insert the note with one of the following:

as sublevel of heading at cursor	RET
right here (cursor not on heading)	RET
before current heading	LEFT
after current heading	RIGHT
shortcut to end of buffer (cursor at buf-start)	RET
Abort	q

CUA and pc-select compatibility

Configure the variable **org-CUA-compatibility** to make Org-mode avoid the S-<cursor> bindings used by these modes. When set, Org-mode will change the following keybindings (also in the agenda buffer, but not during date selection). See note mark four⁴ throughout the reference card.

S-UP	→ M-p	S-DOWN	→ M-n
S-LEFT	→ M--	S-RIGHT	→ M-+
S-RET	→ C-S-RET		

Notes

- ¹ The six autoload forms are only needed if Org-mode is not part of Emacs, or an XEmacs package.
- ² This is only a suggestion for a binding of this command. Choose you own key as shown under INSTALLATION.
- ³ After changing a #+KEYWORD line, press C-c C-c with the cursor still in a line to make Org-mode notice the change.
- ⁴ Keybinding affected by **org-CUA-compatibility**.

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