

# Writing Your Bio with Emacs

First, get the file and rename it:

```
% cp ~premapta/EmacsBio.txt ./
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% mv EmacsBio.txt firstname.txt
```

“firstname” is your first name

Open up the file in Emacs.

```
% emacs firstname.txt
```

**Some Useful tricks in emacs:** (Note: “+” = “at the same time”, so for example “Alt+x” = “Alt” key and “x” at the same time)

Ctrl+_	Undo (that's ctrl shift minus sign)
Ctrl+a	Beginning of line (like Home for Word)
Ctrl+e	End of line (like End for word)
Alt+\$	Spell check word that your curser is currently over

**Alt+x** will let you type on a command line at the bottom of your emacs window.

**Note:** TAB completions work on “Alt+x” commands. Very useful!

Here is one example of an “Alt+x” command.

```
replace-string
```

This command will bring up a prompt asking you for the string to replace. Type it in here. Then it will ask you what you want to replace it with. Type it in here.

## Now, start to edit your file!

1) Replace “FIRSTNAME” with your first name.

2) Replace “LASTNAME” with your last name

3) Write a 5-8 sentence bio for the website, include stuff like where you are from, where else you've been in school, your hobbies, why you like science. Here is the url to the Pre-MAP program website, where you can look at the bios of previous students:

<http://www.astro.washington.edu/users/premap/students.php>

When you're done, copy your file in my directory:

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% cp yourname.txt /astro/users/premapta/bios/
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**Due Date: October 1 (Wednesday) by 5 pm**