First Steps with Emacs

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The Perception of Emacs

Intimidated?

Decades of history.

Bazillion tutorials.

Opinionated views.

But fear not!

Incremental use works.

Learn a few steps. Master them.

Learn some more.

A really good builtin resource

The Emacs Tutorial

C-h t

Type **Ctrl** *and* h and then type **t**.

Key Advantages

- Particular uses *carry from one mode to another*
- (Maybe my) Favourite example
    - `C-space` to mark a starting
    - Navigate to end
    - `M-x comment-region` will uncomment the regions
    - In any programming language or text format
- Also cool: Prefix the same with `C-u` ("undo") to uncomment

More Key Advantages

- Indentation is always sensitive to the programming language
- `M-q` formats ("flows") indents a paragraph
- `C-M-\` indents a region in the current language

Resources

This is a semi-random collection

- Awesome Emacs https://github.com/emacs-tw/awesome-emacs
- Collection of resources (2011) https://batsov.com/articles/2011/11/30/the-ultimate-collection-of-emacs-resources/
- Opinionated Emacs Guide https://m00natic.github.io/emacs/emacs-wiki.html
- Batteries Included https://karthinks.com/software/batteries-included-with-emacs/
- More Batteries Included https://karthinks.com/software/more-batteries-included-with-emacs/
- EmacsLife Video List https://emacslife.com/videos.html

Images and Logos

- ESS logo from the ESS Project site hosted by the R Project at
  https://ess.r-project.org

- Emacs Organ image from http://anagilemind.net/2015/07/31/a-few-more-agile-related-memes/ah-finally-got-my-emacs-setup-just-how-i-like-it-v2/