Appendix C
GNU Emacs—The Sixty+ Most Useful Commands

^x means hold down the control key and press x.

Esc-x means press Esc, release it, then press x (or hold down the meta key and press x).

Use tab key for filename completion in the minibuffer.

General				
^x ^c	exit	^g	panic key—aborts current situation	
^x u	undo	^z	suspend Emacs (fg to restart)	

Cursor Motion			
^n	next line	^p	previous line
^a	beginning of line	^e	end of line
^f	forward character	^b	back character
Esc-f	forward word	Esc-b	back word
Esc-<	beginning of buffer	Esc->	end of buffer
^v	next page	Esc-v	previous page
^l	redraw screen, centring line		

Deletion		
^d	delete next character	Esc-d delete next word

Files	
^x ^f	load file
^x i	read file into current buffer
^x ^s	save file
^x s	save all buffers
^x ^w	write named file
Esc-x write-region	save region

Buffers			
^x b	switch to another buffer	^x ^b	list all buffers
^x ^k	kill buffer		

Search and Replace	
^s	incremental search forward*
^r	incremental search backward*
Esc-%	query replace

* terminate with **Esc** (leave point on found item) or
^g (point remains where it was at start of search).

Cut and Paste (region = from mark to point)	
^k	kill to end of line
^k ^k	kills to end of line then next new line
^w	kill region
Esc-w	copy region to kill ring
^y	yank from kill ring
Esc-y	yank pop (use after ^y)
^@ or ^space	set mark
^x ^x	swap point and mark
^u ^@	goto previous mark
Esc-h	mark paragraph
^x h	mark buffer

Transposing, Capitalizing, Help, etc.			
^t	transpose characters	Esc-t	transpose words
Esc-l	lowercase word	Esc-u	uppercase word
^x ^u	uppercase region	^x ^l	lowercase region
^q	insert literal	^h k	describe key (help)
^h l	show last 100 chars typed	^h t	Emacs tutorial
Esc-q	reformat paragraph	^x ^t	transpose lines

Windows	
^x 2	divide screen into two windows
^x o	switch to other window
^x 1	current window becomes only window

Mail	
^x m	mail buffer
^c ^c	send mail, select other buffer
^c ^s	send mail, leave mail buffer open

Macros	
^x (	start recording keyboard macro
^x)	end recording keyboard macro
^x e	play keyboard macro

Shell	
Esc-!	shell
Esc-|	shell with region as input
Esc-x shell	start shell buffer