VSCode Emacs MCX Keyboard Shortcuts

Cheat Sheet (Emacs Notation) — vscode-emacs-mcx

C- = Cmd/Ctrl, M- = Option/Alt, S- = Shift

Movement

Shortcut	Action
C-f	Move forward (forward-char)
C-b	Move backward (backward-char)
C-n	Move to the next line (next-line)
C-p	Move to the previous line (previous-line)
C-a	Move to the beginning of line
C-e	Move to the end of line
M-f	Move forward by one word unit
M-b	Move backward by one word unit
C-→, M-→	Right word (behaves like M-f)
C-←, M-←	Left word (behaves like M-b)
M-m	Move to first non-whitespace character
C-v	Scroll down by one screen unit
M-v	Scroll up by one screen unit
M-S-[	Move to previous paragraph beginning
M-S-]	Move to next paragraph end
M-S-,	Move to the top of the buffer
M-S-.	Move to the end of the buffer
M-g g	Jump to line (command palette)
M-g n	Jump to next error
M-g p	Jump to previous error
C-l	Center screen on current line

Search & Replace

Shortcut	Action
C-s	Incremental search forward
C-r	Incremental search backward
C-M-s	Begin incremental regexp search
C-M-r	Begin reverse incremental regexp search
M-S-5	Replace (query-replace)
C-M-S-5	Replace with regexp
C-M-n	Add selection to next find match
C-M-p	Add selection to previous find match
M-s o	Open occur command

Editing & Killing

Shortcut	Action
C-d	Delete right (DEL)
C-h	Delete left (BACKSPACE)
M-\	Delete spaces and tabs around point
C-x C-o	Delete blank lines around
M-S-6	Join two lines cleanly
M-d	Kill word
M-Bksp	Kill word left
C-k	Kill from cursor to end of line
C-S-Bksp	Kill whole line
C-w	Kill region
M-w	Copy region to kill ring
C-y	Yank
M-y	Yank pop
C-o	Open line
C-j	New line
C-m	New line

General Operations

Shortcut	Action
C-x h	Select All
C-x u, C-/	Undo
C-;	Toggle line comment in and out
M-;	Toggle region comment in and out
C-x C-l	Convert to lower case
C-x C-u	Convert to upper case
M-c	Convert to title case
C-g	Cancel
C-'	IntelliSense Suggestion
M-x	Open command palette
C-M-SPC	Toggle SideBar visibility
C-x z	Toggle Zen Mode
C-x C-c	Close window

Mark & Region

Shortcut	Action
C-SPC	Set the mark at point, and activate it
C-SPC C-SPC	Set mark without activating it
C-u C-SPC	Move point to where mark was
C-x C-x	Exchange point and mark

Files & Buffers

Shortcut	Action
C-x C-f	QuickOpen a file
C-x C-s	Save
C-x C-w	Save as
C-x s	Save all files
C-x C-n	Open new window
C-x b	Switch to another open buffer
C-x k	Close current tab (buffer)
C-x ←	Select the previous tab
C-x →	Select the next tab

Windows & Splits

Shortcut	Action
C-x 0	Close editors in current group
C-x 1	Close editors in other group
C-x 2	Split editor horizontal
C-x 3	Split editor vertical
C-x 4	Toggle split layout
C-x o	Focus other split editor

Rectangles

Shortcut	Action
C-x r k	Kill rectangle
C-x r M-w	Copy rectangle
C-x r d	Delete rectangle
C-x r y	Yank rectangle
C-x r o	Insert blank space (open rectangle)
C-x r c	Clear rectangle
C-x r t	Replace rectangle with string
C-x SPC	Toggle Rectangle Mark mode

Registers

Shortcut	Action
C-x r s r	Copy region into register r
C-x r i r	Insert text from register r
C-x r SPC r	Record position in register r
C-x r j r	Jump to position in register r
C-x r r r	Copy rectangle to register r

Prefix Arguments

Shortcut	Action
C-u	Universal argument
M-<number>	Digit argument
M--	Negative argument

S-expressions

Shortcut	Action
C-M-f	Move forward over balanced expression
C-M-b	Move backward over balanced expression
C-M-S-2	Set mark after following balanced expression
C-M-k	Kill balanced expression forward
C-M-Bksp	Kill balanced expression backward
C-S-k	Kill line respecting delimiters