Dired Reference Card

(based on Dired in GNU Emacs 30)
Commands marked with **(DX)** require dired-x

Entering and Exiting Dired

run dired	C-x d
dired the directory of the file you are editing	C-x C-j **(DX)**
quit dired	q

Motion Commands

move up to previous line	p
move down to next line	n
move up to previous directory line	<
move down to next directory line	>
move to next marked file	M-}
move to previous marked file	M-{
move up to previous subdirectory	M-C-p
move down to next subdirectory	M-C-n
move to parent directory	^
move to first child subdirectory	M-C-d

Mouse Commands

visit file or directory	Mouse_Button_2

Immediate Actions on Files

visit current file	f
view current file	v
visit current file in other window	o
create a new subdirectory	+
compare file at point with the one at mark	=

Marking and Unmarking Files

mark a file or subdirectory for later commands	m
unmark a file or all files of a subdirectory	u
unmark all marked files in a buffer	M-delete
mark files with a given extension	* .
mark all directories	* /
mark all symlinks	* @
mark all executables	* *
invert marking	t
mark all files in the current subdir	* s
mark file names matching a regular expression	* %
change the marks to a different character	* c
mark files for which Elisp expression returns t	* (**(DX)**

Modifying the Dired Buffer

insert a subdirectory into this buffer	i
remove marked files from the listing	k
remove a subdir listing	C-u k
re-read all directories (retains all marks)	g
toggle sorting of current subdir by name/date	s
edit ls switches	C-u s
recover marks, hidden lines, and such (undo)	C-_
hide all subdirectories	M-$
hide or unhide subdirectory	$

Commands on Files Marked or Specified by the Prefix

copy file(s)	C
rename a file or move files to another directory	R
change ownership of file(s)	O
change the group of the file(s)	G
change mode of file(s)	M
print file(s)	P
convert filename(s) to lower case	% l
convert filename(s) to upper case	% u
delete marked (as opposed to flagged) file(s)	D
compress or uncompress file(s)	Z
run info on file	I **(DX)**
make symbolic link(s)	S
make relative symbolic link(s)	Y
make hard link(s)	H
search files for a regular expression	A
regexp query replace on marked files	Q
byte-compile file(s)	B
load file(s)	L
shell command on file(s)	!
asynchronous shell command on file(s)	&

Flagging Files for Deletion

Unmark commands remove delete flags

flag file for deletion	d
flag all backup files (file names ending in ~)	~
flag all auto-save files	#
flag various intermediate files	% &
flag numeric backups (ending in .~1~, .~2~, etc.)	.
execute the deletions requested (flagged files)	x
flag files matching a regular expression	% d

Regular Expression Commands

mark filenames matching a regular expression	% m
copy marked files by regexp	% C
rename marked files by regexp	% R
hardlink	% H
symlink	% S
symlink, with relative paths	% Y
mark for deletion	% d

Dired and Find

dired file(s) whose name matches a pattern	M-x find-name-dired
dired file(s) that contain pattern	M-x find-grep-dired
dired file(s) based on find output	M-x find-dired

Getting Help

dired help	h
dired summary (short help) and error log	?