Grep

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
Grep under Emacs	 Emacs support several find and grep commands that can be executed from within Emacs. Doing so has several advantages: The command output is collected in the *grep* Emacs buffer while the command runs asynchronously. The buffer is read-only, you can search within it right away. If you type <ret> on a found line, Emacs visit the file of the match at the appropriate line.</ret> Without even going inside the search result buffer you can type one of the 'goto match' commands to move to the next or previous match: (next-error): C-x ^, M-g n or M-g M-n (previous_error): M-g p or M-g M-p Stop the grep asynchronous operation with C-c C-k or <f11> g k</f11> The search commands keep a history for the searches. You can browse the history at the prompt. 		
Run grep via find (See also ∑ File mngt)	• <f11> f g • <f11> g f</f11></f11>	(find-grep COMMAND-ARGS)	Run grep via find, with user-specified args COMMAND-ARGS. • Collect output in a buffer. • While find runs asynchronously, you can use the C-x `command to find the text that grep hits refer to. • This command uses a special history list for its arguments, so you can easily repeat a find command.
Run grep	<f11> g g</f11>	(grep COMMAND-ARGS)	Run Grep with user-specified COMMAND-ARGS, collect output in a buffer. • While Grep runs asynchronously, you can use C-x ` (M-x next-error), or <ret> in the "grep" buffer, to go to the lines where Grep found matches. To kill the Grep job before it finishes, type C-c C-k. • For doing a recursive 'grep', see the 'rgrep' command. For running Grep in a specific directory, see 'lgrep'. • This command uses a special history list for its COMMAND-ARGS, so you can easily repeat a grep command. • A prefix argument says to default the COMMAND-ARGS based on the current tag the cursor is over, substituting it into the last Grep command in the Grep command history (or into 'grep-command' if that history list is empty).</ret>
<u>Local grep</u>	<f11> g 1</f11>	(Igrep REGEXP & optional FILES DIR CONFIRM)	Run grep, searching for REGEXP in FILES in directory DIR. • The search is limited to file names matching shell pattern FILES. • FILES may use abbreviations defined in 'grep-files-aliases', e.g. entering 'ch' is equivalent to ''.[ch]'. As whitespace triggers completion when entering a pattern, including it requires quoting, e.g. 'C-q <space>'. • With C-u prefix, you can edit the constructed shell command line before it is executed. • With C-u C-u prefix, directly edit and run 'grep-command'. • Collect output in a buffer. While grep runs asynchronously, you can use C-x ` (M-x next-error), or RET in the grep output buffer, to go to the lines where grep found matches. • This command shares argument histories with <f11> g r and <f11> g g.</f11></f11></space>
Recursive regexp grep over files in directory tree using RipGrep	• C-c s r • <f11> g i</f11>	(rg QUERY FILES DIR)	Run ripgrep, searching for REGEXP in FILES in directory DIR. • The search is limited to file names matching shell pattern FILES. • FILES may use abbreviations defined in 'rg-custom-type-aliases' or ripgrep builtin type aliases, e.g. entering 'elisp' is equivalent to '*.el'. REGEXP is a regexp as defined by the ripgrep executable. • With C-u prefix (CONFIRM), you can edit the constructed shell command line before it is executed. • Useful to add the -z option to search into compressed files (.zip, .el.gz, etc). • Collect output in a buffer. While ripgrep runs asynchronously, you can use C-x ` (M-x 'next-error'), or RET in the rg output buffer, to go to the lines where rg found matches. • Requires the rg.el package and ripgrep command line utility. • PEL activates this when the pel-use-ripgrep customize variable is set to t.
Recursive literal grep over files in directory tree using RipGrep	• C-c s t • <f11> g I</f11>	(rg-literal QUERY FILES DIR)	Run ripgrep, searching for literal PATTERN in FILES in directory DIR. • With C-u prefix (CONFIRM), you can edit the constructed shell command line before it is executed. — Useful to add the -z option to search into compressed files (.zip, .el.gz, etc). Requires the rg.el package and ripgrep command line utility. PEL activates this when the pel-use-ripgrep customize variable is set to t.
Recursive grep over files in directory tree using grep	<f11> g r</f11>	(rgrep REGEXP &optional FILES DIR CONFIRM)	Recursively grep for REGEXP in FILES in directory tree rooted at DIR. • The search is limited to file names matching shell pattern FILES. • FILES may use abbreviations defined in 'grep-files-aliases', e.g. entering 'ch' is equivalent to '*.[ch]'. As whitespace triggers completion when entering a pattern, including it requires quoting, e.g. 'c-q <space>'. • With C-u prefix, you can edit the constructed shell command line before it is executed. With C-u prefix, directly edit and run 'grep-find-command'. • Collect output in a buffer. While the recursive grep is running, you can use C-x or M-g n (M-x next-error), or <ret> in the grep output buffer, to visit the lines where matches were found. • To kill the job before it finishes, type C-c C-k. • This command shares argument histories with M-x Igrep and M-x grep-find. • When called programmatically and FILES is nil, REGEXP is expected • to specify a command to run. As seen above, typing the C-u prefix before the command keystroke, we can modify the command line found, e.g. for adding a sort -V so that output list the files in sorted order with</ret></space>
Recursive Gzip grep	<f11> g z</f11>	(zrgrep REGEXP &optional FILES DIR CONFIRM TEMPLATE)	lines number also sorted. Recursively grep for REGEXP in gzipped FILES in tree rooted at DIR. Like 'rgrep' but uses 'zgrep' for 'grep-program', sets the default file name to '*.gz', and sets 'grep-highlight-matches' to 'always'.
Kill grep process	• C-c C-k • <f11> g k</f11>	(kill-grep)	Kill the grep process that runs asynchronously.