

Emacs Cheat Sheet

General Emacs Commands

Ctrl-x Ctrl-c quit
Ctrl-g break (i.e. interrupt dialog/command)
Ctrl-/ Emacs undo
Ctrl-R Redo (via evil and undo-tree)
Ctrl-s, Ctrl-r search forward / backward
M-% query replace
M-! run shell command
M-| run shell command on selected text

M-x untabify convert tabs to spaces (all or region)

Ctrl-\ toggle input method
Ctrl-x RET Ctrl-\ set input method
M-x set-input-method RET Tex .. enable T_EX style input of symbols
M-x insert-char insert unicode character

Getting help

Ctrl-h v describe a variable.
M-x describe-variable display the value and documentation of a global variable
Ctrl-h f describe a function
M-x describe-function same as above
M-x set-variable change a global variable; like to (setq ...) in init file
M-x eval-region evaluate Emacs lisp code in region, useful for changing init file

My Emacs customizations

Ctrl+ or Ctrl-= increase text size
Ctrl-- decrease text size

<leader> commands, all modes

These are my customizations using the evil-leader package. All commands are prefaced with <leader>, where:

<leader> = <SPC>

x execute extended command (M-x)
w save buffer
k kill buffer
b switch buffer
e open (find) file
t transpose chars
a org-mode agenda
n org-mode capture (take note)
..... toggle line numbers mode
\ split window right
- split window below
0 delete current window
1 delete other windows
[or] move to other “window” (Emacs splits)
{ or } move to other “frame” (OS window)

<leader> commands, code

ci comment/uncomment lines
cl quick comment/uncomment to a specific line
cc copy and comment lines
cp comment/uncomment paragraphs
cr comment/uncomment region
cb draw comment box around region

<leader> commands, org mode

SPC org global cycle
TAB org cycle
t todo
T show todo tree
v org tree to indirect buffer
z narrow to subtree
Z widen (opposite of narrow to subtree)
* toggle headings
h move backward heading, same level
H move forward heading, same level
e org export
i toggle inline images
y copy subtree
p paste subtree
' enter/leave SRC editing mode

<leader> commands, auctex mode

l compile and view L^AT_EX file