

emacs

- emacs is available on all Linux systems; a less common variant, xemacs, is also generally available
- emacs has many other capabilities other than text editing: it can be used for email, debugging, etc.
- Rather than having different modes for command and insert, like vi, emacs uses the Control and META key for special commands
 - You can use Alt for the META key or you can use Escape; if you use Escape, you must release the key before you type the rest of the key combination or commands listed further in this lesson
 - It is purely a question of taste as virtually all keyboards today have both an Alt and Escape keys



