

## C

**Control**  
Hold Ctrl

## M

**Meta**  
Hold Alt or press and  
release Escape

### File operations

C-x C-f	Open a file
C-x C-s	Save file
C-x C-w	Save as...
C-x C-k	Close file
C-x C-c	Quit

### Text Selection

*If using a mouse, you can click and drag to select a region of text.*

C-<space> or C-@	Start selection
C-g	Deselect

### Copy & Paste

C-w	Cut
M-w	Copy
C-y	Paste ("yank" from kill)
C-k	Cut line after cursor
M-d	Cut word after cursor

### Undo

C-/	Undo
or C-x u	

### M-x cua-mode

Activates modern copy & paste keyboard shortcuts.

C-x	Cut
C-c	Copy
C-v	Paste

### Panic!

Cancel a command or operation in progress
C-g

### Help

Discover whether a key combo is already bound.
C-h k → <key combo>
Display all key bindings.
C-h b

### Windows, frames, and buffers

A **buffer** holds a process or file.  
A **window** is your view of a buffer.  
A **frame** is the desktop window.

C-3	Vertical split
C-2	Horizontal split
C-1	No splits (1 window)
C-0	Remove window
C-x <arrow>	Cycle (left or right) through active buffers
C-o	Visit other [split] window
C-x 52	Open a new frame

### Navigation

*If your keyboard has arrow keys, you can use them to move your cursor.*

C-p	Previous line
C-n	Next line
C-b	Back a character
M-b	Back a word
C-f	Forward a character
M-f	Forward a word
C-a	Go to start of line
C-e	Go to end of line

### Packages

M-x list-packages	List all available packages
M-x describe-package	Describe current package (at cursor)
M-x package-menu-mark-install	Mark current package for install
M-x package-install-selected-packages	Install all selected packages