

GNU Emacs cheat sheet

Files

Ctrl + X then Ctrl + V	Replace this file with another file
Ctrl + X then Ctrl + Q	Toggle read only status of buffer

Leaving Emacs

Ctrl + Z	Suspend or iconify Emacs
Ctrl + X then Ctrl + C	Exit Emacs completely

Help

The help system is simple. Type Ctrl + H or F1 and follow the directions. If you are a first time user, type Ctrl + H for a tutorial.

Ctrl + Meta + V	Scroll help window
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Error recovery

Ctrl + _	Undo an unwanted change
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Motion

Ctrl + B	Character - backward
Ctrl + F	Character - forward
Meta + F	Word - forward
Meta + {	Paragraph - backward
Meta + <	Go to beginning of buffer
Meta + >	Go to end of buffer
Meta + V	Scroll to previous screen

Killing and deleting

Meta + W	Copy region to kill ring
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Query replace

Valid responses in query-replace mode are replace, skip, back up and exit.

Case change

Meta + C	Capitalize word
Ctrl + X then Ctrl + U	Uppercase region

Ctrl + X then Ctrl + L	Lowercase region
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The minibuffer

The following keys are defined in the minibuffer.

Tab	Complete as much as possible
Enter	Complete and execute

Spelling check

Meta + \$	Check spelling of current word
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Simple customization

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More information: defkey.com/gnu-emacs-shortcuts?filter=basic

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