Emacs Cheat Sheet

Basic Commands / Interaction

C-x C-c	**Exit**, will prompt to save open buffers	C-g	**Leave lower buffer / stop command sequence**
C-x C-s	**Save** changes to an existing file	C-h	Enter a command for **help** on it
C-_	**Undo** previous action(s)	C-x C-w	**Save as** (i.e. save buffer into a new file)
C-x C-f	**Open** a file into a new buffer	C-x i	**Import** existing file into current buffer
C-z	**Suspend** to terminal (fg to return)	M-*n*	**Repetition Prefix** (repeats next action *n* times)

Buffer Operations

C-x 1	Make only **one display pane** (the active one)	C-x 2	Split window **horizontally**
C-x 3	Split window **vertically**	C-x o	Cursor to **next available buffer**.
C-l	**Center** buffer at cursor.	C-x C-b	**List buffers** available/running
C-x k	**Kill buffer** (interactively)	C-x b	Choose a **buffer** to **switch** to in current window

Cursor Movement Operations

C-b		character (LEFT)	C-f		character (RIGHT)
M-b	**Move back** one	word (C-LEFT)	M-f	**Move ahead** one	word (C-RIGHT)
C-p		line (UP)	C-n		line (DOWN)
M-a		sentence	M-e		sentence
BKSP		character	C-d		character (DEL)
M-DEL	**Delete back** one	word (C-BKSP)	M-d	**Delete ahead** one	word (C-DEL)
C-x BKSP		sentence (dangerous)	M-k		sentence (dangerous)
C-k	**Delete** from cursor **to end of line**		C-a C-k	**Delete entire line**	
C-a	Go to the **beginning** of the current line (HOME)		C-e	Go to the **end** of the current **line** (END)	
M-v	**Scroll Up** one page (PGUP)		C-v	**Scroll Down** one page (PGDN)	
M-<	Go to the **beginning** of the **buffer** (C-HOME)		M->	Go to the **end** of the **buffer** (C-END)	
C-j	Open **new line** (**indented**) (C-RETURN)		C-o	Open **blank line** (RETURN)	

Selection, Cut/Copy/Paste, Indents, etc

Step 1: Cursor to the beginning of the region to cut or copy, press C-Space
Step 2: Cursor to the end of the region to cut or copy, then do:

C-w	**Cut** current selection	M-w	**Copy** current selection
C-M-\	**Repair indentation** on current selection	TAB	**Indent current line** automatically.

Step 3: Pasting can be done with the previous cut or copy, or with historical cuts or copies:

C-y	**Paste** region that was just cut or copied.	M-y	**Historical Paste** (show previous cuts/copies)

Searching

C-s	Search **forward** (incrementally) each C-s will go to next matching result).	C-r	Search **backward** (incrementally) each C-r will go to next matching result).