

A Bare Bones Emacs HOWTO

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• Installation:

- Emacs comes preinstalled with Linux/UNIX
- For OS X:
 - * Could use the non-gui version of Emacs which comes preinstalled
 - * Could also buy the gui version from:
<http://www.mindlube.com/products/emacs/>
 - * Could also try your luck with the panther version of Emacs from:
<http://www.webweavertech.com/ovidiu/emacs.html>
 - * For brave hearts: try out directions from:
<http://members.shaw.ca/akochoi-emacs/stories/obtaining-and-building.html>
- For Windows:
 - * Download Emacs i.e. the file
`emacs-21.3-fullbin-i386.tar.gz` from
<http://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/emacs/windows/>:
 - * Now unzip the file and you would be good to go!

• Some Emacs notation:

- Commands designated by `C- \grave{a} letter \grave{z}` are called Control commands. To execute Control commands, hold down the Control key while typing the letter indicated.
- Commands designated by `M- \grave{a} letter \grave{z}` are called Meta commands. To execute Meta commands, hold down the Meta key (the Apple key for OS X and the Alt key in Windows) while typing the letter indicated.
- Commands designated by `ESC \grave{a} letter \grave{z}` are Escape commands. Execute these by pressing the Escape key ONCE and then typing the letter indicated.

• Some Commonly Used Commands:

<code>C-x C-f</code>	Open a new file or find an old file
<code>C-x C-s</code>	Save an open file
<code>C-x C-w</code>	Write the contents of the buffer to a file
<code>C-<space></code>	Set mark
<code>M-w</code>	Copy selected region
<code>C-w</code>	Kill selected region
<code>C-y</code>	Yank or paste
<code>C-v</code>	Move down a screen
<code>M-v</code>	Move up a screen
<code>M-d</code>	Delete a word forward
<code>M-<delete></code>	Delete a word backward
<code>C-g</code>	Quit from a command
<code>C-x C-c</code>	Quit Emacs

Note the usual Windows stuff, namely, `C-c`, `C-x`, `C-v` for copy, kill and paste does not work!

- Detailed reference:

- <http://www.mindlube.com/products/emacs/>
- <http://refcards.com/refcards/gnu-emacs/>

- Detailed Tutorial:

- <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/keith/tcl-course/emacs-tutorial.html>
- <http://www.stolaf.edu/people/humke/UNIX/emacs-tutorial.html>