



# Emacs cheatsheet

Emacs is the extensible, customizable, self-documenting real time display text editor. This reference was made for Emacs 27.

## # Getting started

### Starting Emacs

To enter GNU Emacs 27, just type its name:

\$ emacs

C-z

Suspend Emacs  
(or iconify it under X)

C-x C-c

Exit Emacs permanently

### Files

C-x C-f

Read a file into Emacs

C-x C-s

Save a file back to disk

C-x s

Save all files

### Motion

#### Backward

#### Forward

#### Entity to move over

C-b

C-f

Haracter

M-b

M-f

Word

C-p

C-n

Line

C-a

C-e

Line beginning  
(or end)

M-a

M-e

Sentence

M-{

M-}

Paragraph

C-x [

C-x ]

Page

C-M-b

C-M-f

Sexp

C-M-a

C-M-e

Function

### Case Change

M-u

Uppercase word

M-l

Lowercase word

M-c

Capitalize word

C-x C-u

Uppercase region

C-x C-l

Lowercase region

### Error Recovery

C-g

Abort partially typed or  
executing command

M-x recover-session

Recover files lost by a system  
crash