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^	The Control (Ctrl) key
^a	Move to beginning of line
^c	Current cursor position
^d	Delete character
^e	Move to end of line
^g	Get Help
^I	Insert a tab
^j	Justify (format) the text
^k	Cut text
^l	Refresh screen
^o	Write (save) the file
^r	Read (include) another file
^t	Spell check
^u	Uncut text
^v	Next page
^w	Whereis (search for) text
^x	Exit and save the file
^y	Previous page

emacs

^	The Control (Ctrl) key
<esc>	The Escape(Esc) key
^A	Go to the beginning of the line
^B	Previous character
^C	Insert space
^D	Delete next character
^E	Go to the end of the line
^F	Next character
^K	Delete to end of line
^N	Next line
^O	Open (insert) new line
^P	Previous line
^R	Reverse search from cursor
^S	Search from cursor
^T	Transpose characters
^V	Next screen
^X^I	Include new file at the cursor
^X^S	Save this buffer to disk
^X!	Execute this command
^Z	Previous screen
<esc> C	Capitalize word
<esc> D	Delete next word
<esc> B	Backward word
<esc> F	Forward word
<esc> G	Go to line
<esc> L	Change word to lowercase
<esc> N	Front of paragraph
<esc> P	End of paragraph
<esc> R	Word replace
<esc> U	Change word to uppercase
<esc> ^Z	Write changes and exit
<esc> <	Beginning of file
<esc> >	End of file
<return>	New line

Unix Text Editors Reference Card

A helpful reference to Unix text editors on the CECS
Unix computers.



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vi / vim

^	The Control (Ctrl) key	p	After a yank (y) command, this will place the lines after the current position	^g	Gives the line number of current position
a	Append text after current position	P	After a yank (y) command, this will place the lines before the current position	^u	Scrolls screen up half a window
A	Append text after the end of the line	r	Replace current character	^w	Delete the current word
b	Move cursor to first character of previous word	s	Deletes the current character and appends text until next <ESC>	^[Escape; leave insert mode
cc	Replaces all characters in the current line	S	Replaces all the characters in the current line	:vi	command mode
ncc	Replaces <i>n</i> characters	tx	Move cursor right to character just before character <i>x</i>	:n	Move to line <i>n</i>
cw	Replaces the current word or remaining characters in the word	Tx	Move cursor left to character just after character <i>x</i>	:q	Quit vi
ncw	Replaces <i>n</i> words	u	Undo effects of the last command	:q!	Quit without making any changes
C	Replaces remaining characters in the current line	U	Restores the current line to its state prior to the present changes	:r <i>fname</i>	Insert contents of <i>fname</i> at the current position
dd	Delete the current line	w	Move cursor to first character in next word	:s / <i>old_txt</i> / <i>new_txt</i> /	Replaces the first instance of <i>old_txt</i> with <i>new_txt</i> in the current line
ndd	Delete <i>n</i> lines	x	Deletes the current character	:s / <i>old_txt</i> / <i>new_txt</i> / g	Replaces every occurrence of <i>old_txt</i> with <i>new_txt</i> on the current line
dw	Delete a word from cursor through the next space or punctuation	xy	Yanks (copies) <i>n</i> lines	:g / <i>old_txt</i> / s / / <i>new_txt</i> / g	Replaces every occurrence of <i>old_txt</i> with <i>new_txt</i> in the entire buffer
ndw	Delete <i>n</i> words	i	Continue search for character specified by f, F, t or T command	:sh	Temporarily return to the shell (use ^-d to exit shell and return to vi)
D	Deletes the current line from the cursor to the end of the line	,	Same as ; but searches for previous occurrence	:w	Write changes made
e	Move cursor to end of current word	.	Repeat action performed by previous command	:w <i>fname</i>	Write entire edit file into file named <i>fname</i>
fx	Move cursor right to character <i>x</i>	+	Move cursor to beginning of next line	:x,z w <i>fn</i>	Write the lines <i>x</i> thru <i>z</i> to file named <i>fn</i>
Fx	Move cursor left to character <i>x</i>	-	Move cursor up to beginning of next line	:wq	Write changes made and exit
G	Move cursor to beginning of last line	(Move cursor to beginning of sentence	:\$	Move cursor to beginning of the last line
nG	Move cursor to beginning of line <i>n</i>)	Move cursor to beginning of next sentence	:. , \$d	Deletes all lines from the current line to the end
h	Moves the cursor to the left one character	{	Move cursor to beginning of paragraph	/ <i>pattern</i>	Search for the specified “ <i>pattern</i> ”
H	Move cursor to first line on screen (Home)	}	Move cursor to beginning of next paragraph	? <i>pattern</i>	Search backward for specified “ <i>pattern</i> ”
i	Insert text at this position	@	Erase the current line of text		
I	Insert text at beginning of line	~	Changes the case of the current character		
j	Moves the cursor down one line	<ESC>	Escape; leave insert mode		
k	Moves the cursor up one line	^b	Scrolls screen back a full window		
l	Moves the cursor right one character	^d	Scrolls screen down half a window		
L	Move cursor to last line of screen	^f	Scrolls screen forward full window		
M	Move cursor to middle line of screen				
n	Repeat last pattern search command				
N	Repeat last pattern search command in the opposite direction				
o	Add lines following the current position				
O	Add lines above the current position				