

Delete from beginning of line  
to cursor

Delete region and move it to  
kill ring

Copy region to kill ring

Retrieve most recently deleted  
item from kill ring

Retrieve prior item from kill  
ring, replacing most recently  
restored item

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## Other Useful Commands

Cancel partially typed com-  
mand

Insert new line in text

Invoke online help

Refresh screen

Repeat next command <num>  
times

<num>

Repeat previous action or com-  
mand

Transpose characters

Transpose words

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# EMACS Quick Reference Card

**EMACS**



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## Keycap Conventions

Hold down the Control key while also pressing the X key Ctrl X

Press the Escape key, release it, then press the X key Esc X

Hold down the Control key while also pressing the X key Release those keys and then press the ] key Ctrl X ]

## Entering and Exiting EMACS

Type the PRIMOS® command

### EMACS [pathname] [options]

**pathname** is the name of the file that you wish to edit or create For a list of **options** see the **EMACS REFERENCE GUIDE** Check to see which options your installation requires

Save file Ctrl X Ctrl S

Write file Ctrl X Ctrl W

Exit EMACS Ctrl X Ctrl C

## Cursor Movement

Move cursor to top of file Esc <

Move cursor to end of file Esc >

Move cursor to beginning of line Ctrl A

Move cursor to end of line Ctrl E

Move cursor to previous screen Esc V

Move cursor to next screen Ctrl V

Move cursor forward one character Ctrl F

Move cursor back one character Ctrl B

Move cursor forward one word Esc F

Move cursor back one word Esc B

Move cursor forward one sentence Esc E

Move cursor back one sentence Esc A

Move cursor up one line Ctrl Z

Move cursor down one line Ctrl N

Move cursor forward one paragraph Ctrl X ]

Move cursor back one paragraph Ctrl X [

## Files

Find file Ctrl X Ctrl F

Insert file Ctrl X Ctrl I

Save file Ctrl X Ctrl S

Write file Ctrl X Ctrl W

## Regions

The cursor and the *mark* specify the ends of a region

Set *mark* at the current cursor position Ctrl @

Mark entire buffer Ctrl X H

Interchange *mark* and cursor Ctrl X Ctrl X

## Searching and Replacing

Forward search Ctrl R

Reverse search Ctrl R

Global replace throughout region Esc X replace

Query replace throughout region Esc %

## Removing and Restoring Text

Delete current character Ctrl D

Delete previous character Backspace

Delete next word Esc D

Delete previous word Esc Backspace

Delete from cursor to end of line Ctrl K