Emacs Quick Reference Sheet

Emacs Commands:

Basic Commands:

C-<chr> (hold down control, then press the character)
M-<chr> (hold down the meta key (diamond on a unix keyboard, escape or alt on a windows keyboard- if using esc, only press once, do not hold down), then press character)
C-g (cancel current command)
C-x u (undo previous command)
C-u <number> command (repeat command number of times)
C-h (help)
C-h t (tutorial)
C-h c command (displays brief description of command)
C-h k command (displays full description of command)
C-h a keyword (search for commands that contain this keyword (apropos))
emacs -nw (start emacs in text mode, no new x-window)
emacs & (start emacs in new x-window and new shell, keep current shell open)
emacs (follow with C-z to suspend, then bg (background) at command to get back the emacs x-window working again or fg (foreground) at command prompt to get text mode emacs working again)
M-x shell (open shell in emacs window)
C-x C-c (exit)

Buffers

C-x C-f (find/open file)
C-x C-s (save buffer)
C-x b (type name of other buffer (currently open file/process))
C-x C-b (list all buffers in new window)
C-x s (save buffer which isn't in current window)

Navigating

C-v (view next page)
M-v (view previous page)
C-l (small L, centers page at cursor)
C-p (move to previous line)
C-n (move to next line)
C-b (move back a character)
C-f (move forward one character)
M-b (move back one word)
M-f (move forward one word)
C-a (move to beginning of line)
C-e (move to end of line)
M-a (move to beginning of sentence)
M-e (move to end of sentence)
M-< (goto beginning)
M-> (goto end)

Cut/Paste/Highlight

C-<space> (start highlight, move cursor, then use cut command)
C-w (cut highlighted region)
M-W (copy highlighted region)
C-y (paste/yank)
M-y (following C-y, lets you go through previous yanks)
Backspace (delete previous character)
C-d (delete following character)
M-backspace (delete previous word)
M-d (delete following word)
C-k (cut rest of line)
M-k (cut rest of sentence)
C-t (transpose two characters)
M-t (transpose two words)

Windows

C-x 1 (make current buffer the only window)
C-x 2 (split current window in two, horizontal cut)
C-x 3 (split current window in two, vertical cut)
C-x o (visit the next (other) window)
C-M-v (scroll other window)
C-x ^ (make window bigger)
M-x shrink-window
C-x 4 f (open file in other window)

Search/Replace

C-s (incremental search, backspace to search backwards)
C-r (reverse direction incremental search)
M-% (ask for each search/replace)
M-x replace-string (search/replace without asking every time)

Modes/Structure:

M-x text-mode (text mode)
M-x auto-fill-mode (turns on/off line wrapping)
M-q (fix spacing/wrapping (refill) in paragraph)
M-x goto-line (goto a certain line number)
M-x $ (spellcheck word)

ESS Commands:

C-x 2 (makes two windows)
M-x S (starts Splus)
M-x R (starts R)
F12 (goto command prompt)
F9 (submit line of file)
F10 (submit highlighted chunk)
F7 (cursor at start of function, submits whole function)