Basic emacs

Although `emacs` has sophisticated features, the basics are easy to learn. Ordinary characters that are typed are put directly into the text. Commands to `emacs` are given by control characters (denoted '`C-`') and Meta characters (denoted '`M-`'). For example, '`C-f`' would be entered by holding down the `Ctrl` key while typing '`f`'. On IBM workstations, Meta is `Alt` ; on Suns, Meta is $\diamond$. Cursor positioning can be done with arrow keys or the left mouse button. Documentation and options can be found by holding down `Ctrl` while pushing mouse buttons.

`C-f`	Move the cursor Forward one character.
`C-b`	Move the cursor Backward one character.
`C-p`	Move up to the Previous line.
`C-n`	Move down to the Next line.
`C-a`	Move cursor to beginning of line.
`C-e`	Move cursor to End of line.
`M-f`	Move the cursor Forward one word.
`M-b`	Move the cursor Backward one word.
`C-v`	Move forward down the text by a screenful.
`M-v`	Move backwards up the text by a screenful.
`C-l`	Center the display around the cursor position.
`M-<`	Go to the beginning of the file.
`M->`	Go to the end of the file.
`C-d`	Delete a character.
`M-d`	Delete a word (saved: see `C-y`).
`C-k`	Kill to end of line. Two individual `C-k`'s delete a line and its carriage return. (saved: see `C-y`.)
`C-y`	Yank back what was killed earlier. Material can be duplicated by yanking it back multiple times. A single line can be yanked at the Lisp interpreter prompt and executed by a carriage return.
`C-u n`	Repeat the next command `n` times. For example, `C-u 6 C-k C-y C-y` will kill six lines (including the carriage returns) and make two copies.
`C-s str`	Search for the string `str`. When found, enter `ESC`ape to get out of search mode. If you want the next or previous occurrence of `str`, just enter `C-s` or `C-r` again.
`C-r str`	Reverse search for `str` .
`C-x C-v`	Visit a new file; EMACS will prompt for the file name.
`C-x C-w`	Write out the text buffer to a file.
`C-x C-s`	Save the text buffer in the file it came from.
`C-g`	Abort the current command.
`M-x run lisp`	Run Austin Kyoto Common Lisp with X underneath Emacs.
`M-x fi:common-lisp`	Run Allegro Common Lisp underneath Emacs.
`C-x 5`	Split the screen in half vertically to make two windows.
`C-x 2`	Split the screen in half horizontally to make two windows.
`C-M-z`	Evaluate the form under the cursor from Lisp.
`C-x C-c`	Stop Emacs.