Dired Reference Card
(based on Dired in GNU Emacs 20.x)

Commands marked with (DX) require dired-x

Entering and Exiting Dired

run dired                       C-x d
dired the directory of the file you are editing C-x C-j (DX)
quit dired                      q

Motion Commands

move up to previous line        p
move down to next line          n
move up to previous directory line <
move down to next directory line >
move to next marked file        M-
move to previous marked file    M-{
move up to previous subdirectory M-C-p
move down to next subdirectory  M-C-n
move to parent directory       M-
move to first child subdirectory M-C-d

Mouse Commands

visit file                       Mouse_Button_2
popup menu                      Control-Mouse_Button_3

Immediate Actions on Files

visit current file               f
view current file                v
visit current file in other window o
visit current file in other frame w
display current file             C-u o
create a new subdirectory       +
compare file at point with the one at mark =

Marking and Unmarking Files

mark a file or subdirectory for later commands m
unmark a file or all files of a subdirectory u
mark all marked files in a buffer M-delete *.
mark files with a given extension *.
mark all directories            *
mark all symlinks                *
mark all executables            *
invert marking                  *
mark all files in the current subdir M-
mark file names matching a regular expression * s
change the marks to a different character * c
mark files for which Elisp expression returns t

Getting Help

dired help                      h
dired summary(short help) and error log ?

Commands on Files Marked or Specified by the Prefix

copy file(s)                         C
rename a file or move files to another directory R
change ownership of file(s)           U
change the group of the file(s)       G
change mode of file(s)                M
print file(s)                        P
convert filenames to lower case        % l
convert filenames to upper case        % u
delete marked (as opposed to flagged)  X
unencode or undecode file(s)          U
compress or uncompress file(s)        Z
run info on file                     I(DX)
make symbolic link(s)                 S
make relative symbolic links          Y
make hard link(s)                     H
search files for a regular expression A
query replace regular expression      Q
byte-compile files                    B
load files                           L
shell command on file(s)              !

Flagging Files for Deletion

Unmark commands remove delete flags
flag file for deletion               d
backup and remove deletion flag      delete -
flag all backup files (file names ending in ~) .
flag all auto-save files             #
flag various intermediate files      &
flag numeric backups (ending in .1", .2", etc.) .
execute the deletions requested (flagged files) x
flag files matching a regular expression % d

Modifying the Dired Buffer

insert a subdirectory into this buffer i
remove marked files from the listing k
remove a subdirectory                C-u k
re-read all directories (retains all marks) g
toggle sorting of current subdir by name/date s
edit is switches                    C-u s
recover marks, hidden lines, and such C-
hide all subdirectories              M-s
hide or unhide subdirectory         s

Regular Expression Commands

mark filenames matching a regular expression % m
copy marked files by regexp           % C
rename marked files by regexp         % R
hardlink                             % H
symlink                              % S
symlink, with relative paths         % Y
mark for deletion                    % d

Dired and Find

dired file(s) whose name matches a pattern M-x find-names-dired
dired file(s) that contain pattern M-x find-grep-dired
dired file(s) based on find output   M-x find-dired