**EditPlus – Regular Expression quickie**

**Remove all empty lines:**

**Find:** "^\n" (Ignore double-quotes in all find/replace)
**Replace:** ""
Where,
^ – Beginning of the line
\n – New Line

**Remove Multiple Spaces convert into single space:**

**Find:** " +"
**Replace:** " "
Where,
+ – find one or more occurrence of space character.

**Comment multiple line of code:**

**Find:** "^"
**Replace:** “#” or “//”
You may optionally use: Edit Menu > Format > Line Comment.

**Generate Comma Separated List from new line delimited list:**

**Find:** "\n"
**Replace:** ", "
This helps in even joining some of lines of code instead of replacing by comma you may replace it with ",".

**Manipulate columns display order / punctuation:**

**Find:** "((0-9)+\t([a-zA-Z]+))"
**Replace:** "\2\t\1"
Where,
[0-9]+ – Finds one or more digits
[a-zA-Z]+ – Finds one or more characters
() – mark the block or capture the group
\2 – 2nd mark expression

**Eg:**
123 abc
345 cde
567 efg
Becomes:
abc 123
cde 345
efg 567

**The Other Way:**
- Press Alt+C
- Drag your mouse to select respective column and click
- Copy / Cut as required
Add semicolon (any character) at the end of the line:
Find: "\n"
Replace: ";\n"

Enclose lines by quotes:
Find: "\n"
Replace: "'\n'"

Delete all lines containing a given STRING:
Find: "^.*STRING.*$"
Replace: ""

Remove lines not containing a given STRING:
I don’t know how to do this!! 😞

Convert tab separated file into insert statements:

TSV: abcd de4 iirn 34399
SQL: INSERT INTO TABLENAME VALUES ("abcd", "de4", "iirn","34399");
Find: "(.*\t(.*\t(.*\t(.*\n"
Replace: "INSERT INTO TABLENAME VALUES ("1", "2", "3","4");"

Format the telephone number:

Find: "([0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9])([0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9])([0-9].*)"
Replace: "\1-\2-\3"
Eg.:
Original: 1231231231
Formatted-1: 123-123-1231

Remove Brackets:

Find: "((\|))"
Replace: ""
Where,
| – Match (\ is required to escape marking the expression.
\| – or

Replace 1st occurrence of character:

Find: " (.*)"
Replace: "-\1"
Where,
(.* ) – matches everything and marks the block
** Make sure you ignore double-quotes (" ") while writing in find / replace boxes.