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The function keys (F1-F12) can be bound to functions in a similar fashion as any other key.

For example, you might set the following three function keys:

(global-set-key [ist:f1] 'mail)
(global-set-key [ist:f2] 'mh-rmail)
(global-set-key [ist:f3] 'discuss)