

# VI Editor Cheat Sheet

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| Controls  |                             |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| :w        | Save                        |
| :x or :wq | Save & Exit                 |
| :q        | Exit, is no changes         |
| :q!       | Exit, ignore any changes    |
| :set ic   | Ignore case while searching |
| :set noic | Case-sensitive searching    |
| :set nu   | Turn on line numbers        |

## Markers

| mc | Set marker c on this line          |
|----|------------------------------------|
| `c | Go to beginning of marker c line   |
| 'c | Go to first non-blank character of |
|    | marker c line                      |

| Navigation |           |  |  |
|------------|-----------|--|--|
| h or       | Move left |  |  |
| +          |           |  |  |







| W | Move to next word |
|---|-------------------|
|   |                   |

Move down

| VV | Move to next blank delimited word |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| b  | Move to the beginning of the word |

- B Move to the beginning of the blank delimited word
- e Move to the end of the word
  - Move to the end of blank delimited word
- 0 Move to the beginning of the line
- \$ Move to the end of the line
- 1G Move to the first line in file

or :0

Ε

G or Move to the last line in file

:\$

nG Move to the nth line in file

or :n

% Move to associated (), {}, []

| Inserting | Toyt |
|-----------|------|
| moermy    | ICAL |

- Insert before cursor
- I Insert before line
- a Append after cursor
- A Append after line
- o Open a new line after current line
- O Open a new line before current line
- r Replace one character
- R Replace many characters

# **Deleting Text**

| Х | Delete character to the right of |
|---|----------------------------------|
|   | cursor                           |

- X Delete character to the left of cursor
- D Delete to the end of line
- dd Delete current line

or:d

- :%d Delete all lines
- :1,\$d Delete lines from beginning of file to end of current line
- :x,yd Delete lines x through y
- ndw Delete the next n words
- ndb Delete the previous n words
- ndd Delete n lines starting with current

#### Copy and Paste

| yy or :y  | Yank current line               |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| y{motion} | Yank {motion} text              |
| р         | Put after the position or line  |
| Р         | Put before the position or line |

#### Changing text

| С   | Change to end of the line   |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| CC  | Change the whole line       |
| guu | Lowercase line              |
| gUU | Uppercase line              |
| ~   | Toggle upper and lower case |

# Searching

| /string | Search forward for string   |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| ?string | Search backwards for string |

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# Searching (cont)

- n Go to next match
- N Go to previous match
- \* Search for next instance of current word
- # Search for last instance of current word

#### Replacing

:s/pt/-

| str/flag  |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| :%        | Replace all old with new |
| s/old/new |                          |

Replace pattern with string

#### Flags

| i lago |                            |  |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| g      | Replace all occurrences of |  |
|        | pattern                    |  |
| С      | Confirm replaces           |  |
| &      | Reneat last is command     |  |

#### Other

| u  | Undo last change         |
|----|--------------------------|
| U  | Undo all changes to line |
| J  | Join lines               |
| nJ | Join next n lines        |
|    | Repeat last command      |
| >  | Indent                   |
| <  | De-indent                |

# Other Navigation

| (  | Move a sentence back     |  |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| )  | Move a sentence forward  |  |
| {  | Move a paragraph back    |  |
| }  | Move a paragraph forward |  |
| fc | Move forward to c        |  |
| Fc | Move back to c           |  |

## Clean Up

| :g/^\$/d          | Delete blank lines           |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| :%s/-<br>\s\+\$// | Delete trailing white space  |
| :s/\s\+/          | Delete all extra white space |
| /g                | between words                |

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