VI Editor Cheat Sheet

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Quitting

- :x Exit, saving changes
- :q Exit as long as there have been no changes

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- ZZ Exit and save changes if any have been made
- :q! Exit and ignore any changes

Inserting Text

- i 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

Motion h Move left Move down i Move up k I Move right Move to next word W Move to next blank delimited word W b Move to the beginning of the word В Move to the beginning of blank delimted word е Move to the end of the word Е Move to the end of Blank delimited word Move a sentence back Move a sentence forward) Move a paragraph back } Move a paragraph forward 0 Move to the begining of the line \$ Move to the end of the line Move to the first line of the file 1G G Move to the last line of the file Move to *n*th line of the file nG

:n Move to nth line of the file



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fc	Move forward to c
Fc	Move back to c
Н	Move to top of screen
Μ	Move to middle of screen
L	Move to botton of screen
%	Move to associated (), { }, []
:0	Move to the beginning of the file
:\$	Move to the end of the file
[ctrl] + d	go down half a screen
[ctrl] + u	go up half a screen
[ctrl] + f	go forward a screen
[ctrl] + b	go back a screen

Modes

Vi has two modes insertion mode and command mode. The editor begins in command mode, where the cursor movement and text deletion and pasting occur. Insertion mode begins upon entering an insertion or change command. [ESC] returns the editor to command mode (where you can quit, for example by typing :q!). Most commands execute as soon as you type them except for "colon" commands which execute when you press the ruturn key.

Deleting Text

х	Delete character to the right of cursor
Х	Delete character to the left of cursor
D	Delete to the end of the line
dd	Delete current line
:d	Delete current line

Yanking Text

- yy Yank the current line
- :y Yank the current line

Changing text		
С	Change to the end of the line	
CC	Change the whole line	
guu	lowercase line	
gUU	uppercase line	
~	Toggle upp and lower case	

Putting text

- p Put after the position or after the line
- P Put before the poition or before the line

Markers	
m <i>c</i>	Set marker c on this line
`c	Go to beginning of marker <i>c</i> line.
'c	Go to first non-blank character of marker <i>c</i> line.

Search for strings		
/string	Search forward for string	
?string	Search back for string	
n	Search for next instance of string	
Ν	Search for previous instance of string	

Replace	
:s/pattern/strin g/flags	Replace pattern with string according to flags.
g	Flag - Replace all occurences of pattern
С	Flag - Confirm replaces.
&	Repeat last :s command

Ranges		
:n,m	Range - Lines n-m	
:.	Range - Current line	
:\$	Range - Last line	
:'c	Range - Marker c	
:%	Range - All lines in file	
:g/pattern/	Range - All lines that contain pattern	

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Files	
:w file	Write to <i>file</i>
:r <i>file</i>	Read <i>file</i> in after line
:n	Go to next file
:р	Go to previous file
:e file	Edit file
‼program	Replace line with output from program

Other

- J Join lines . Repeat last text-changing command
- u Undo last change
- U Undo all changes to line



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