

## Vi Editor Cheat Sheet

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| Starting vi                                   |  |
|---|--|
| vi file                                       | Edits file *.  |
| vi -r <i>file</i>                             | Edits last version of <i>file</i> after crash.                             |
| vi + n<br>file                                | Edits <i>file</i> and places cursor at line <i>n</i> .                     |
| vi + file                                     | Edits <i>file</i> and places cursor on last line.                          |
| vi<br>+/string<br>file                        | Edits <i>file</i> and places cursor at first occurrence of <i>string</i> . |
| vi file1<br>file2                             | Edits file1 then file2   |
| Files will be created when saving if they did |  |

| Saving           |   |
|------------------|---|
| :W               | Save changes  |
| :w!              | Save and ignore checks                                |
| :w file          | Save changes to file                                  |
| :w! file         | Save changes to <i>file</i> and ignore checks         |
| :n,mw<br>file    | Save lines <i>n</i> to <i>m</i> to <i>file</i>        |
| :n,mw<br>>> file | Save lines <i>n</i> to <i>m</i> to end of <i>file</i> |

| Quitting vi |                                |  |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| :q          | Quit (no modifications)        |  |
| :q!         | Quit and discard modifications |  |
| :wq         | Save modifications and quit    |  |
| ZZ          | Same as :wq                    |  |



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