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Vim ***cheatsheet***

[Vim](https://www.vim.org/) is a very efficient text editor. This reference was made for Vim 8.0.

For shortcut notation, see :help key-notation.

[**#**](https://devhints.io/vim#getting-started)Getting started

Exiting

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| :qa | Close all files |
| :qa! | Close all files, abandon changes |
| :w | Save |
| :wq */* :x | Save and close file |
| :q | Close file |
| :q! | Close file, abandon changes |
| ZZ | Save and quit |
| ZQ | Quit without checking changes |

Navigating

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| h j k l | Arrow keys |
| <C-U> */* <C-D> | Half-page up/down |
| <C-B> */* <C-F> | Page up/down |

#### Words

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| Shortcut | Description |
| b */* w | Previous/next word |
| ge */* e | Previous/next end of word |

#### Line

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| 0 *(zero)* | Start of line |
| ^ | Start of line *(after whitespace)* |
| $ | End of line |

#### Character

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| --- | --- |
| fc | Go forward to character c |
| Fc | Go backward to character c |

#### Document

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| Shortcut | Description |
| gg | First line |
| G | Last line |
| :n | Go to line n |
| nG | Go to line n |

#### Window

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| zz | Center this line |
| zt | Top this line |
| zb | Bottom this line |
| H | Move to top of screen |
| M | Move to middle of screen |
| L | Move to bottom of screen |

#### Search

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| n | Next matching search pattern |
| N | Previous match |
| \* | Next whole word under cursor |
| # | Previous whole word under cursor |

#### Tab pages

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| Shortcut | Description |
| :tabedit [file] | Edit file in a new tab |
| :tabfind [file] | Open file if exists in new tab |
| :tabclose | Close current tab |
| :tabs | List all tabs |
| :tabfirst | Go to first tab |
| :tablast | Go to last tab |
| :tabn | Go to next tab |
| :tabp | Go to previous tab |

Editing

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| a | Append |
| A | Append from end of line |
| i | Insert |
| o | Next line |
| O | Previous line |
| s | Delete char and insert |
| S | Delete line and insert |
| C | Delete until end of line and insert |
| r | Replace one character |
| R | Enter Replace mode |
| u | Undo changes |
| <C-R> | Redo changes |

Exiting insert mode

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| Shortcut | Description |
| Esc */* <C-[> | Exit insert mode |
| <C-C> | Exit insert mode, and abort current command |

Clipboard

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| Shortcut | Description |
| x | Delete character |
| dd | Delete line *(Cut)* |
| yy | Yank line *(Copy)* |
| p | Paste |
| P | Paste before |
| "\*p */* "+p | Paste from system clipboard |
| "\*y */* "+y | Paste to system clipboard |

Visual mode

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| v | Enter visual mode |
| V | Enter visual line mode |
| <C-V> | Enter visual block mode |

#### In visual mode

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| Shortcut | Description |
| d */* x | Delete selection |
| s | Replace selection |
| y | Yank selection *(Copy)* |

See [Operators](https://devhints.io/vim#operators) for other things you can do.

[**#**](https://devhints.io/vim#operators)Operators

Usage

Operators let you operate in a range of text (defined by *motion*). These are performed in normal mode.

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| d | w |
| Operator | Motion |

Operators list

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| Shortcut | Description |
| d | Delete |
| y | Yank *(copy)* |
| c | Change *(delete then insert)* |
| > | Indent right |
| < | Indent left |
| = | Autoindent |
| g~ | Swap case |
| gU | Uppercase |
| gu | Lowercase |
| ! | Filter through external program |

See :help operator

Examples

Combine operators with *motions* to use them.

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| Shortcut | Description |
| d*d* | *(repeat the letter)* Delete current line |
| d*w* | Delete to next word |
| d*b* | Delete to beginning of word |
| *2*dd | Delete 2 lines |
| d*ip* | Delete a text object *(inside paragraph)* |
| *(in visual mode)* d | Delete selection |

See: :help motion.txt

[**#**](https://devhints.io/vim#text-objects)Text objects

Usage

Text objects let you operate (with an *operator*) in or around text blocks (*objects*).

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| v | i | p |
| Operator | [i]nside or [a]round | Text object |

Text objects

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| p | Paragraph |
| w | Word |
| s | Sentence |
| [ ( { < | A [], (), or {} block |
| ' " ` | A quoted string |
| b | A block [( |
| B | A block in [{ |
| t | A XML tag block |

Examples

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| Shortcut | Description |
| vip | Select paragraph |
| vipipipip | Select more |
| yip | Yank inner paragraph |
| yap | Yank paragraph (including newline) |
| dip | Delete inner paragraph |
| cip | Change inner paragraph |

See [Operators](https://devhints.io/vim#operators) for other things you can do.

Diff

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| Shortcut | Description |
| gvimdiff file1 file2 [file3] | See differences between files, in HMI |

[**#**](https://devhints.io/vim#misc)Misc

Folds

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| zo */* zO | Open |
| zc */* zC | Close |
| za */* zA | Toggle |
| zv | Open folds for this line |
| zM | Close all |
| zR | Open all |
| zm | Fold more *(foldlevel += 1)* |
| zr | Fold less *(foldlevel -= 1)* |
| zx | Update folds |

Uppercase ones are recursive (eg, zO is open recursively).

Navigation

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| Shortcut | Description |
| % | Nearest/matching {[()]} |
| [( [{ [< | Previous ( or { or < |
| ]) | Next |
| [m | Previous method start |
| [M | Previous method end |

Jumping

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| <C-O> | Go back to previous location |
| <C-I> | Go forward |
| gf | Go to file in cursor |

Counters

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| Shortcut | Description |
| <C-A> | Increment number |
| <C-X> | Decrement |

Windows

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| z{height}<Cr> | Resize pane to {height} lines tall |

Tags

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| Shortcut | Description |
| :tag Classname | Jump to first definition of Classname |
| <C-]> | Jump to definition |
| g] | See all definitions |
| <C-T> | Go back to last tag |
| <C-O> <C-I> | Back/forward |
| :tselect Classname | Find definitions of Classname |
| :tjump Classname | Find definitions of Classname (auto-select 1st) |

Case

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| ~ | Toggle case (Case => cASE) |
| gU | Uppercase |
| gu | Lowercase |
| gUU | Uppercase current line (also gUgU) |
| guu | Lowercase current line (also gugu) |

Do these in visual or normal mode.

Marks

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| `^ | Last position of cursor in insert mode |
| `. | Last change in current buffer |
| `" | Last exited current buffer |
| `0 | In last file edited |
| '' | Back to line in current buffer where jumped from |
| `` | Back to position in current buffer where jumped from |
| `[ | To beginning of previously changed or yanked text |
| `] | To end of previously changed or yanked text |
| `< | To beginning of last visual selection |
| `> | To end of last visual selection |
| ma | Mark this cursor position as a |
| `a | Jump to the cursor position a |
| 'a | Jump to the beginning of the line with position a |
| d'a | Delete from current line to line of mark a |
| d`a | Delete from current position to position of mark a |
| c'a | Change text from current line to line of a |
| y`a | Yank text from current position to position of a |
| :marks | List all current marks |
| :delm a | Delete mark a |
| :delm a-d | Delete marks a, b, c, d |
| :delm abc | Delete marks a, b, c |

Misc

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| Shortcut | Description |
| . | Repeat last command |
| ]p | Paste under the current indentation level |
| :set ff=unix | Convert Windows line endings to Unix line endings |

Command line

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| Shortcut | Description |
| <C-R><C-W> | Insert current word into the command line |
| <C-R>" | Paste from “ register |
| <C-X><C-F> | Auto-completion of path in insert mode |

Text alignment

:center [width]  
:right [width]  
:left

See :help formatting

Calculator

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| Shortcut | Description |
| <C-R>=128/2 | Shows the result of the division : ‘64’ |

Do this in insert mode.

Exiting with an error

:cq  
:cquit

Works like :qa, but throws an error. Great for aborting Git commands.

Spell checking

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| --- | --- |
| Shortcut | Description |
| :set spell spelllang=en\_us | Turn on US English spell checking |
| ]s | Move to next misspelled word after the cursor |
| [s | Move to previous misspelled word before the cursor |
| z= | Suggest spellings for the word under/after the cursor |
| zg | Add word to spell list |
| zw | Mark word as bad/mispelling |
| zu / C-X (Insert Mode) | Suggest words for bad word under cursor from spellfile |

See :help spell

[**#**](https://devhints.io/vim#also-see)Also see

[Vim cheatsheet](https://vim.rtorr.com/) *(vim.rotrr.com)*

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