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# Introduction #
* C-a == Ctrl-a
* M-a == Alt-a
# General #
: q
          close
:w
          write/saves
:wa[!]
          write/save all windows [force]
:wq
          write/save and close
          save and quit, same as wq
: X
          force close if file has changed and not save changes
:q!
. . .
٧
         Enter visual mode for selection of LINES
C-v
         Enter visual mode for selection of BLOCKS
         Yank/copy selected region
У
         Yank/copy entire line
уу
"<reg>y
         Yank/copy marked region into register <reg> (register from a-z)
         Cut selection
С
         Paste yanked content
"<reg>p
        Paste yanked content in register <reg> (from a-z)
Р
         Paste yanked content BEFORE
. . .
         Undo
u
C-r
         Redo
:!<cmd> Execute shell command <cmd>
         send vim to background (fg brings it to front again)
C-z
### Windows ####
C-ws
         Split current window horizontally (alternative :split)
C-wv
         Split current window vertically (alternative :vsplit)
C-ww
         Jump to the next window
C-wARROW Jump to window left/right/top/bottom (arrow keys) to the current
C-w#<
         Shrink/resize current window from the right by # (default 1)
C-w#>
         Increase/resize current window to the right by # (default 1)
### Entering insert mode ###
a
         Append text after the cursor
Α
         Append text at the end of the line
i
         Insert text before the cursor
         Insert text before the first non-blank in the line
Ι
         Begin a new line BELOW the cursor and insert text
0
0
         Begin a new line ABOVE the cursor and insert text
         Erase the current letter under the cursor, set insert-mode
S
S
         Erase the whole line, set insert-mode
СС
         Delete the current line, set insert-mode
         Delete word, set insert-mode
CW
dd
         Delete line under curser
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### Recording ###
Vim has 26 registers (a-z), select the one you want to record in, see below. Exit
Record mode with ESC
         Start recording, everything will be recorded including movement actions.
q[a-z]
@[a-z]
         Execute the recorded actions.
### Spell checking ###
See vimcast #19 as an introduction: http://vimcasts.org/episodes/spell-checking/
Assuming that you have the following in .vimrc:
nnoremap <silent> <leader>s :set spell!<cr>
<leader>s Toggle Spelling
         Next spelling mistake
ls:
[s
         Previous spelling mistake
         Give Suggestions (prepent 1, use first suggestions automatically)
z=
         Add misspelled to spellfile
zg
         Remove word from spellfile
zug
see http://vimdoc.sourceforge.net/htmldoc/spell.html
# Navigation #
_essential_
h
         cursor left
         cursor down
j
1
         cursor right
k
         cursor up
. . .
Н
         Jump to TOP of screen
         Jump to MIDDLE of screen
Μ
         Jump to BOTTOM of screen
L
C-b
         Move back one full screen (page up)
C-f
         Move forward one full screen (page down)
         Move forward 1/2 screen; half page down
C-d
         Move back (up) 1/2 screen; half page up
C-u
. . .
         jump by start of words (punctuation considered words)
W
         jump to end of words (punctuation considered words)
е
         jump backward by words (punctuation considered words)
b
0 (zero) start of line
Λ
         first non-blank character of line
$
         end of line
G
         bottom of file
         top of file
gg
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_good to know_
Ε
         jump to end of words (no punctuation)
W
         jump by words (spaces separate words)
         jump backward by words (no punctuation)
В
#G
         goto line #
#gg
         goto line #
# Search, jump #
consider consulting `:help [` and `:help g`
         search for word under cursor (forward) and highlight occurrence (see
incsearch, hlsearch below)
%
         jump from open/close ( / #if / ( / { to corresponding ) / #endif / }
[{
         jump to start of current code block
         jump to end of current code block
]}
gd
         jump to var declaration (see incsearch, hlsearch below)
f<c>
         Find char <c> from current cursor position -- forwards
         Find char <c> from current cursor position -- backwards
F<c>
         Repeat previous f<c> or F<c> in opposite direction
         Repeat previous f<c> or F<c> in same direction
         jump back to last edited line.
         jump back to last edited position.
g;
         jump to start of funtion body
Γm
         show first declartion/use of the word under cursor
ſί
         show all occurrences of word under cursor in current file
[I
[/
         cursor to N previous start of a C comment
### vimgrep and quickfix list ###
built-in grep, vimgrep uses vim's quickfix list. see vimcasts#44 for introduction:
http://vimcasts.org/episodes/search-multiple-files-with-vimgrep/
:vimgrep /<regex>/g %
                             Search for <regex> with multiple occasions per line
(g)
                             in current file (%)
:vimgrep /<C-r>// %
                             On the command line, <C-r>/ (that is: CTRL-R followed
by /)
                             will insert the last search pattern.
                             Search in the given files (<filelist>)
:vimgrep /<a>/g <filelist>
:vimgrep /<a>/g *.cc
                             Search in all *.cc files current directory
:vimgrep /<a>/g **/*.cc
                             Search in all *.cc files in every sub-directory
(recursively)
:vimgrep /<a>/g `find . -type f`
                             Search in all files that are returns by the backtick
command.
         short for :vimgrep
:vim
         Jump to next record/match in quickfix list
:cnext
         Jump to previous record/match in quickfix list
:cprev
Unimpaired plugin (https://github.com/tpope/vim-unimpaired) provides the following
mappings:
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Γq
         see :cprev
         see :cnext
1q
[Q
         see :cfirst
         see :clast
]Q
see also: http://usevim.com/2012/08/24/vim101-quickfix/ and
http://vimdoc.sourceforge.net/htmldoc/quickfix.html
## Marks ##
Mark a position in a buffer and jump back to it. see also
http://vim.wikia.com/wiki/Using_marks
ma
         set mark a at current cursor location
'a
         jump to line of mark a (first non-blank character in line)
`a
         jump to position (line and column) of mark a
d'a
         delete from current line to line of mark a
d`a
         delete from current cursor position to position of mark a
c'a
         change text from current line to line of mark a
         yank text to unnamed buffer from cursor to position of mark a
y`a
:marks
         list all the current marks
:marks aB list marks a, B
(text is copied from link above)
# Editing #
         Delete char UNDER cursor
Х
         Delete char BEFORE cursor
Χ
         Delete the next # chars. starting from char under cursor
#x
         Delete next word
dw
         Delete UP TO the next word
dW
d۸
         Delete up unto the beginning of the line
d$
         Delete until end of the line
         See d$, delete until end of the line
D
         Delete whole line
dd
         Delete contents in parenthesis '(' ')' block (e.g. function args)
dib
         Delete inner '{' '}' block
Delete a '{' '}' block
diB
daB
         Delete a senctence
das
diw
         Delete word under cursor
         Delete until next occurence of <c> (char) found (including <c>) [in single
df<c>
line]
dt<c>
         Delete until next occurence of <c> (char) found (without <c>!!!) [in
single line]
CiW
         Change word under cursor
         Change inner '{' '}' block
See "df<c>" but change instead of delete
ciB
cf<c>
         See "dt<c>" but change instead of delete
ct<c>
#J
         Merge # number of lines together
. . .
         (in visual-mode) format selected text according to line-width
gq
         format current line according to line-width
gqq
         format next #-lines
#gqq
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C-n
         Keyword completion
Tab
         Keyword completion (SuperTab plugin)
r<c>
         Replace char <c>
#r<c>
         Replace follow # chars with <c>, : csock, cursor on s, 3re ceeek
               Replace xxx with yyy at the first occurrence
:s/xxx/yyy/
:s/xxx/yyy/g
               Replace xxx with yyy first occurrence, global (whole sentence)
:s/xxx/yyy/gc Replace xxx with yyy global with confirm
:%s/xxx/yyy/g Replace xxx with yyy global in the whole file
. . .
u
         Convert selection (visual mode) to lowercase
        Convert selection (visual mode) to uppercase
:g/^#/d Delete all lines that begins with #
:g/^$/d Delete all lines that are empty
# Misc #
. . .
         Show ASCII of char under cursor
ga
# Key sequences #
#### Replace a word in a number of occurrences with 'bar'; use word under cursor
(`*` or `/foo`) ####
 * cw bar ESC n .`
      word under cursor 'foo'
      change word (enter insert mode)
CW
      typed new word 'bar'
bar
ESC
      exit insert mode
      next occurrence
n
      repeat previous command
#### Insert 3 times "Help!": `Help! Help! ` ####
`3i Help!_ ESC`
#### Insert previously yanked text in line after current ####
`oESCp`
#### Search for selected text ####
\cdotselect> y / C-r0\cdot
<select> Select text in VISUAL mode (v)
        Yank selection
У
/
         Search for
C-r0
        Press Ctrl-R and 0 to paste in
#### Comment out selection ####
`C-v <select> # ESC ESC`
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Enter VISUAL block mode
C-v
<sel> Select lines
     Comment char for programming language (perl, python, bash, etc)
ESC
     Completes adding comment char for previous selected block
ESC
# Abbreviations #
auto correction of frequently misspelled words.
:abbr Lunix Linux
:abbr accross across
:abbr hte the
# Configuration #
* If you set the **incsearch** option, Vim will show the first match for the
pattern, while you are still typing it. This quickly shows a typo in the pattern.
* If you set the __hlsearch__ option, Vim will highlight all matches for the
pattern with a yellow background. This gives a quick overview of where the search
command will take you. In program code it can show where a variable is used. You
don't even have to move the cursor to see the matches.
# NERD-tree #
https://github.com/scrooloose/nerdtree/blob/master/doc/NERD_tree.txt
         Toogle NERD-Tree visible
F3
# ctrlp.vim #
https://github.com/kien/ctrlp.vim
         Open ctrlp window (alternative :CtrlP)
C-p
:CtrlP d Open CtrlP with specific d = directory
. . .
C-b
         Change mode: mru (most recent used) | buffers | files
# Formating #
Use `gq` (see Editing section) for formating lines according to configured line-
For C++ formating using clang-format see https://github.com/rhysd/vim-clang-format
# Links #
## Cheat sheets ##
* http://www.worldtimzone.com/res/vi.html
* http://www.fprintf.net/vimCheatSheet.html
* https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Vim
* http://www.fprintf.net/vimCheatSheet.html
* [Yet Another Vim Cheat Sheet](http://rtorruellas.com/vim-cheat-sheet/)
## Articles ##
* Seven habits of effective text editing: http://www.moolenaar.net/habits.html
* Vim After 11 Years: http://statico.github.com/vim.html
* Coming Home to Vim: http://stevelosh.com/blog/2010/09/coming-home-to-vim
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## tipps and tricks ##
* [vimcasts.org](http://vimcasts.org/) Video-casts on vim
* [usevim.com](http://usevim.com/) Plugin introductions and useful tipps
* [vimregex.com](http://vimregex.com/) Infos about vims regex engine
* Productive vim shortcuts http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1218390/what-is-your-
most-productive-shortcut-with-vim
* 100 Vim commands every programmer should know
http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/100-vim-commands-every-programmer-should-know
* [VimGenius](http://vimgenius.com/) Interactive vim lesson, with some muscle learn
potential
' [Best of VimTips](http://zzapper.co.uk/vimtips.html) zzapper 15 Years of Vi + 8+
years of Vim and still learning
http://rayninfo.co.uk/vimtips.html
* Use ag (silver searcher) as an indexer for Ctrl-P; and py-matcher for ctrl-p
matching function: http://blog.patspam.com/2014/super-fast-ctrlp
* [Command-T authors cheatsheet](https://wincent.com/wiki/Vim_cheatsheet)
* https://takac.github.io/2013/01/30/vim-grammar/
## Plugins ##
* NERDTree
* NERDCommenter
* Ctrl-P
* easytags
* unimpard
* supertab
* tagbar
* omnicomplete (C++)
## Themes ##
* zenburn
* tango
## Color column ##
* activate colorcolumn: http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1919028/how-to-show-
vertical-line-to-wrap-the-line-in-vim
* set color: http://choorucode.wordpress.com/2011/07/29/vim-set-color-of-
colorcolumn/
. . .
:set colorcolumn=81
highlight ColorColumn ctermbg=8
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