Vim Cheat Sheet

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1 Help

	Shortcut	Description
N	:help	help overview
N	:help x	help for Normal mode command
N	:help v_u	help for Visual mode command "u"
N	:help i_ <esc></esc>	help for Insert mode command " <esc>"</esc>
N	:help :quit	help for Command-line command " <esc>"</esc>
N	:help c_ 	help for Command-line editing " "
N	:help -r	help for Vim command argument "-r"
N	:help 'textwidth'	help for Option "textwidth"
N	:helpgrep word	search for help (matching help entries for "word")
N	h/j k/l	move left / down / up / right in help
N	zz :q	exit help
N	CTRL-]	jump to a subject (the "tag" under the cursor)
N	CTRL-T CTRL-0	jump back
	Shortcut	Description
N	:help UltiSnips Ul	tiSnips (snippets) help

2 Handling of Buffers and Windows

	Shortcut		Description	
N N N	:q :q! :w :w! z z		exit [and discard changes] write changes [and try to override read-only files] write changes and exit (shortcut for :wq)	
N N	CTRL-g CTRL-d	CTRL-u	display status line screen move down / up	

3 Motions: left-right, up-down, word, text object motions/selection

- linewise vs. characterwise vs. blockwisew
- exclusive vs. inclusive
- exclusive-linewise

	Shortcut		Description		
N	h/j	k/l	move left / down / up / right		
N	W	W	move forward one [big] word		
N	b	В	move backward one [big] word		
N	0	\$	move to the begin / end of current line		
N	^		move to the first non-blank character of current line		
N	<n>G</n>	<n>g g</n>	go to line <n></n>		
N	<n>0</n>	<n>\$</n>	move to the begin / end of current line		
N	f <c></c>	t <c></c>	move to / 'til the next occurence of <char> to the right</char>		
N	F <c></c>	T <c></c>	move to / 'til the next occurence of <char> to the left</char>		
\longrightarrow	Note: <char: <esc="">> aborts the command</char:>				

4 Insert mode commands

Shortcut			Description
N	i <s><esc></esc></s>	a <s><esc></esc></s>	<pre>insert / append <string> (left / right of cursor)</string></pre>
N	o <s><esc></esc></s>	0 <s><esc></esc></s>	open new line after / before current line
N	J	<n>J</n>	join next line / next <n> lines</n>
N	Х	Χ	delete char under / before cursor
N	~	<n>~</n>	exchange lowercase ↔ uppercase of current / next <n> characters</n>
N	r <c></c>		replace current character with <char></char>
N	<n>r<c></c></n>		replace next <n> characters with <char></char></n>
N	r <enter></enter>	<n>r<enter></enter></n>	exchange current character with a line break
Shortcut		ut	Description
N	d < m >		delete along <motion></motion>
N	c <m><s><esc></esc></s></m>		delete along <motion> and insert <string></string></motion>
N	d d		delete current line
N	c c <s><esc></esc></s>		delete current line and insert <string></string>
N	D	d\$	delete current line from current position
N	C <s><esc></esc></s>	c\$ <s><esc></esc></s>	delete current line from current position and insert <string></string>
N	dw		delete current word (from current position)
N	d3w		delete next 3 words (from current position)
N	3dw		3-times, delete current word (from current pos.)
N	cw"hello"<	Esc>	replace current word with "hello"

5 Keyboard macros

Shortcut		Description	
N .		repeat last text manipulating command	
N q <c:a-z> start recording commands (in register <char:a-z>)</char:a-z></c:a-z>		start recording commands (in register <char:a-z>)</char:a-z>	
N	q	end recording	
N	@ <c:a-z></c:a-z>	play recorded commands (saved in register <char:a-z>)</char:a-z>	

Keyboard macro example (complex command sequence):

- Goal: stdio .h \longrightarrow #include "stdio .h"

- Use keyboard macro with @a or <n>@a

6 Digraphs

Shortcut	Description
N .	repeat last text manipulating command

7 Searching

	Shorto	cut	Description
N	/ <s><enter></enter></s>	? <s><enter></enter></s>	search for next occurence of <string> (\rightarrow/\leftarrow)</string>
N	/ <enter></enter>	? <enter></enter>	search for next occurence of last <s> (\rightarrow/\leftarrow)</s>
N	/ <up></up>	? <up></up>	step through search history
N	/ <down></down>	? <down></down>	step through search history
N	n	N	repeat the last search (same / reverse direction)
N	:nohlsearch		un-highlight last search
N	:sethlsearch	:nosethlsearch	[do not] highlight searches
N	:setincsearch	:nosetincsearch	[do not] use incremental searches

Example searches:

- simple word: hello use simple regex: ^ \$. ? \