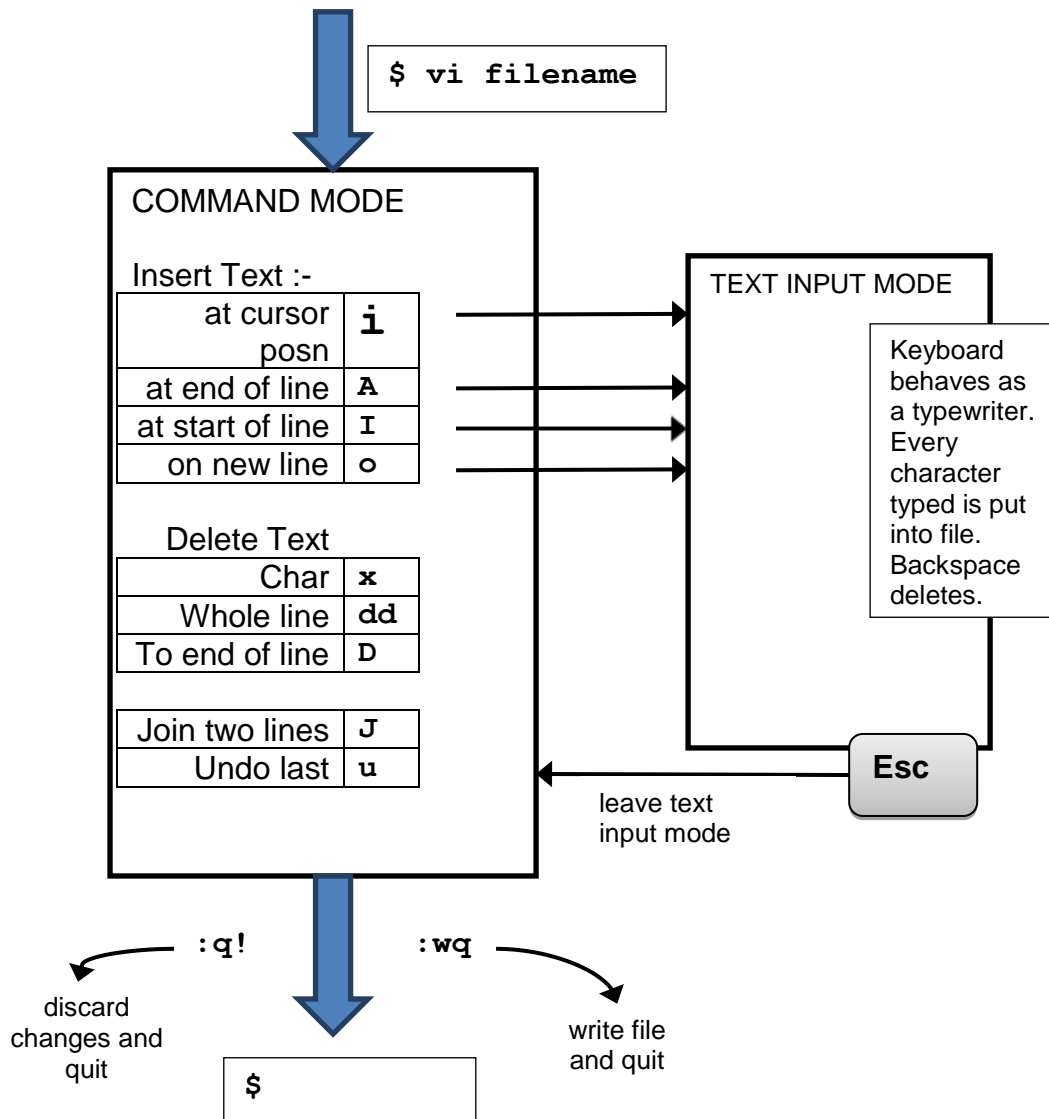


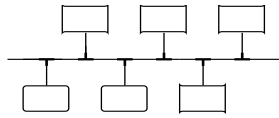
vi Editor Cheatsheet

Unlike many editors vi does not start in text entry (insert) mode.

To enter “insert mode” the user must remember to press “**i**”.



Pressing the **[Esc]** key will return to command mode.



Some Command Mode Functions

Copy Text

yy copy the current line into the paste buffer
Nyy copy N lines into the paste buffer

Deleting Text

x delete a character
dw delete a word
dd delete a whole line
D deletes the rest of a line

Each of the above commands may be preceded by a number:
For example “6dd” deletes 6 lines, 6yy copies 6 lines.

Deleted or copied text is put into a “paste” buffer.

Paste Text

P puts deleted/copied text before cursor position.
p puts deleted/copied text after cursor.
24p puts deleted/copied text 24 times

File commands

:w write (save) to file
:q quit vi
:wq save and quit
:q! quit and abort all changes