

Basic commands

Command	Description
h j k l	For moving around the file
I	Insert mode
A	Appending text
o	Open a line below the cursor in Insert mode
O	Open a line above the cursor in Insert mode
a	Insert text AFTER the cursor
A	Insert text after the end of the line
e	Move to the end of a word
x	Deleting letter
dw	Deleting the word starting from the place where you are
d\$	Delete to the end of the line
W	Move forward to the beginning of a word (after whitespace)
E	Move forward to the end of a word (after punctuation)
<number> d	Delete a number of words
rx	Replace the character at the cursor with 'x'
ce	Change until the end of a word
cc	Change the entire line
C	Change from the cursor to the end of the line
G	Move to the bottom of the file
gg	Move to the start of the file
	Saving and exiting the file
!	Quit without saving
	Write (save) the file
	Save and quit
ZZ	Save and quit
!	Quitting file

Visual Mode

Command	Description
V	Start visual mode
v	Start visual mode (character-wise)
CTRL-V	Start visual block mode
:<,>w	Write the selected lines to the file

Searching

Command	Description
/ <phrase>	Search for the phrase (n - backwards, N - forwards) to lower part of the file
? <phrase>	Search for the phrase (n - backwards, N - forwards) to upper part of the file
n	Repeat the last search in the same direction
N	Repeat the last search in the opposite direction

Substitution

Command	Description
/old/new/g	Substitute 'new' for 'old'
:%s/old/new/g	Substitute 'new' for 'old' in the entire file
/old/new/	Substitute 'new' for 'old' on the current line

File Management

Command	Description
FILENAME	Save the changes made to the text
FILENAME	Open a file
	Close the current buffer (file)
	List all open buffers
N	Switch to buffer N

:!dir	Execute the 'dir' command (list directory contents in Windows)
:!ls	Execute the 'ls' command (list directory contents in Unix/Linux)
:!del TEST	Execute the 'del TEST' command (delete file in Windows)
:!rm TEST	Execute the 'rm TEST' command (delete file in Unix/Linux)
!ls	Read the output of the 'ls' command into the file

Undo and Redo

Command	Description
u	Undo the last change
U	Undo all changes on the current line
CTRL-R	Redo the last undone change
R	Replace more than one character (Replace mode until <ESC> is pressed)

Copy and Paste

Command	Description
y	Yank (copy) text
p	Put (paste) text
yy	Yank (copy) a line
P	Put (paste) before the cursor
yw	Yank (copy) to the end of the word
y\$	Yank (copy) to the end of the line

Status and Options

Command	Description
CTRL-G	Show your location in the file and the file status
ic	Ignore upper/lower case when searching
is	Show partial matches for a search phrase

hls	Highlight all matching phrases
nu	Show line numbers
nonu	Hide line numbers
rnu	Show relative line numbers
normu	Hide relative line numbers

Advanced Navigation

Command	Description
%	Move to matching bracket
*	Search forward for the word under the cursor
#	Search backward for the word under the cursor
H	Move to the top of the screen
M	Move to the middle of the screen
L	Move to the bottom of the screen

Miscellaneous

Command	Description
	View all settable options
all	View all options and their values
	Open help documentation
<cmd>	Show help for the specified command
on	Enable syntax highlighting
off	Disable syntax highlighting