VI TEXT EDITOR BRIEF START

1) **vi/vim** (slightly modernized vi) is a common text editor in majority of UNIX distributions, it is fully configurable and useful – it needs only a few commands to know to start editing:

      #touch someTextFile.txt && vim someTextFile.txt
      Esc – starting base command mode
      a – insert text (append mode)
      Esc – return to command (normal) mode
      :w – save document
      :q – close document without saving
      :q! - force closing document without saving changes
      :wq – save and close
      Ctr + p – word/variables auto filling
      Ctr+o :w – save command :w-save for saving by shortcut Ctr+o during insert mode
      v – visual mode (highline text fragment):
            y – copy highlined
            p – paste highlined after cursor
      Esc – return to command (normal mode)

2) vim configuration file (add after line „syntax on"):

      #sudo vi /etc/vim/vimrc
          set autoindent
          set ts=4
          set sw=4
          set mouse=a
          set number

It sets line autoindent, tab space number, block autoindent, mouse handling and line numbers.
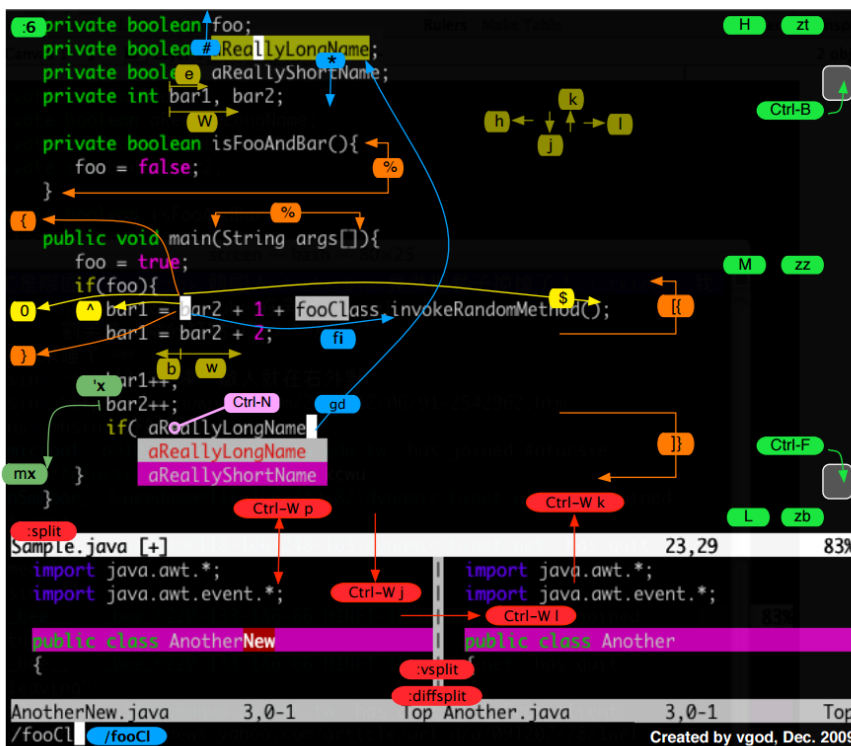
3) view – vi file viewer

4) there are other editors, with different controls like **nano**.

5) terminal colorization – edit file in home directory ~/bashrc:

  uncomment line:
      #force_color_prompt=yes