

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

Ctrl + p – word/variables auto filling

Ctrl+o :w – save command :w-save for saving by shortcut Ctrl+o during insert mode

v – visual mode (highline text fragment):

y – copy highlined

p – paste highlined after cursor

Esc – return to command (normal mode)

u – undo last change (1 change in vi; more in vim)

Ctrl+r/. – repo last change

?keyword – find keyword

:lineNumber – go to file line

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

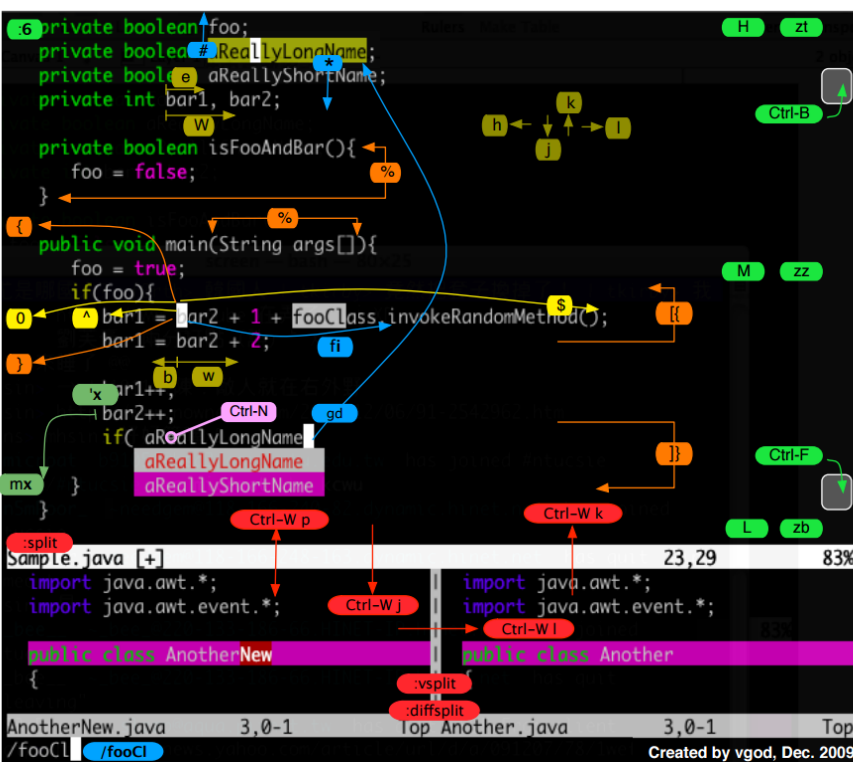
4) there are other editors, with different controls like **nano**.

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

uncomment line:

```
#force_color_prompt=yes
```

Vim Visual Cheat Sheet



Movement/Range	
Character	
h j k l	
← ↓ ↑ →	
word, WORD(all non-blank ch)	
w b	next/prev word
W B	next/prev WORD
e E	end of word/WORD
Line	
O \$	begin/end of line
^	begin (non-blank) of line
Paragraph, Block	
{ }	prev/ next paragraph
{ }	begin/end of block
%	matching parenthesis
Window, File	
H	top of win
zt	scroll to top
M	mid of win
zz	scroll to middle
L	btm of win
zb	scroll to bottom
C-B C-F	prev/next page
gg G	begin/end of file
mx 'x	mark/jump to x
Search	
* #	find current word backward/forward
fx	to character x to right
gd	to definition of current word
/xxx	search xxx
n N	next/prev search result
Mode Commands	
ESC C-V	enter normal mode
v	enter visual mode
V	enter visual line mode
C-v	enter visual block mode
i	enter insert mode
R	enter replace mode
a	append
A	append at end of line
General Commands	
y	yank/copy (range)
d	delete/cut (range)
c	modify (range)
x	delete/cut (character)
D	delete to end of line
C	modify to end of line
p	paste after cursor
J	join lines
r	replace (character)
>	indent
<	indent leftward
.	redo
u	undo
EX Commands	
:w	save(:wq save and quit)
:q	quit(:q! quit anyway)
:e x	edit file x
:n	new window
:h	vim help
:xx	jump to line #xx
Auto-completion [insert mode]	
C-N C-P	auto-complete
C-X C-F	next/prev keyword
	auto-complete file name
Split window	
:vsp :sp	vertically/horizontally split
:diffs	split and diff
:C-W p	to last accessed window
:C-W w	to next window

6) different stuff:

split window

:sp

:vsp

split window, and open file

:sp file.txt

switch view to neighbour window:

Ctrl+w arrow

run shell command:

:! ls

:! ./RUN_COMMANDS.sh