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

:wg – 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)

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

Ctr+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

