Vim Cheatsheet

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1 Launching ... and exiting

1.1 invocation

vim file1 file2 ... fileN
vim +linenumber file
vim scp://login@serveur/path/to/file
vim scp://login@serveur/path/

1.2 Exiting

:q Quit
:qa Close all files
:wq Save and quit
:q! Quit without saving

2 Moving

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{h, j, k, l} & \text{Move cursor} \\ \leftarrow \downarrow \uparrow \rightarrow & \text{Move cursor} \end{array}$

2.1 Inside the line

\$ Jump to last char Jump to first word of the line Next word W b Previous word Jump to next occurence of char f char Jump before next occurrence of char t char F char Jump to previous occurence of char Jump after previous occurence of char T char Repeat last f/t command Repeat last F/T command

Iump to first char

2.2 Inside the file

gg Jump to first line (start)
G Jump to last line (start)
nnn gg Jump to line nnn
% Jump to matching Paren, Brace, etc.

2.3 Inside the screen

ZZCenter the current line Send current line to the bottom zb Send current line to the top 7 t Н Jump to the top of the file М Jump to the middle of the file Jump to the bottom of the file CTRL + b Scroll up Scroll up (half a page) CTRL + u Scroll down (half a page) CTRL + d Scroll down CTRL + f

3 Switch to insert mode

At cursor position
After cursor
At the end of the line
Open a new line (after)
Open a new line (before

4 Switch to visual mode

v Visual mode (char by char)
V Visual mode (line by line)
CTRL+v Visual mode (block)

5 Normal mode

u Undo CTRL+r Redo

. Repeat last edit

6 Without leaving Insert mode

CTRL+w Erase previous word
CTRL+u Erase until the begining of the line
CTRL+o Single command mode command

7 Open / Save

:e fichier Open a file in a buffer :w Save :w fichier Save as

:browse old Recently opened file

8 Buffers

:1s List all buffers
:b7 Switch to buffer 7
:bn Next buffer
:bp Previous buffer

9 Windows

CTRL+w v Split vertically
CTRL+w s Split horizontally
CTRL+w h, j, k, 1 Change window
CTRL+w H, J, K, L Move window
CTRL+w R, r Rotate windows
CTRL+w c Close window

Of course, you can substitute h,j,k,l by arrows

:sp file Open file in a split window

10 Sessions

:mks fichier.vim Save the session :source fichier.vim Restore the session

11 Search

/word Find next occurence of "word"
?word Find last occurence of "word"
n Next
N Previous

12 Macros

qa Record macro a q Stop recording macro @a Run macro a @@ Rerun last run macro

13 Copy / Paste

13.1 Copy current selection

y (yank) Copy d (delete) Cut

13.2 Paste

p (put) Paste (after) P (put) Paste (before)

13.3 Copy without selection selection

yy Copy current line
dd Cut current line
yny Copy n lines
yw Copy current word

y\$ Copy from cursor to the end of the line

13.4 Using registers

"ay Copy in register a
"Ay Copy and add to a register
: reg Display registers

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The registers you can use are the following:

a..z 26 general-purpose registers

1...9 9 last uses of d

+ System copy-paste register (ctrl+c)
* System copy-paste register (mouse)

% Filename

14 Search & replace

:%s/expr1/expr2/g

expr1 Expression we're searching expr2 Replacement expression % Search scope

% Search scope g Options

14.1 Scope:

n,m From line n to m

.,+5 Current line and 5 following

% In all file

14.2 Options:

g Continue after first match c Ask before replacing i Ignore case

14.3 Replace with foobar (y/n/a/q/l/^E/^Y)?

y Yes n No

a Replace all remaining matches

q Quit substitution

Last one!
CTRL + e Scroll down
CTRL + y Scroll up

15 Marking lines

m a Mark line in register a 'a Return to mark a

16 Shell Commands

:r file Insert the content of <file>

:! cmd Execute the command cmd in a shell

:r! cmd Execute the command cmd and insert the result

: term Open a terminal window

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17 Tabs

: tabnew
gt
gT
: tab ba
Open a new tab
Move to next tab
Move to previous tab
Edit all buffers as tabs

18 Spell checking

Start spell checking :spell lang=fr Correction in current buffer :setlocal spell lang=fr :set nospell Stop spell checking Next erroneous word ls s Previous erroneous word Suggest a correction z=Add to dictionary zg Mark word as incorrect ZW

19 Coders' corner

19.1 Increase / Decrease

CTRL+a Adds 1 to a number
CTRL+x Subsracts 1 to a number

19.2 Indentation

Auto. indent selection
 Auto. indent line
 Increase indentation
 Reduce indentation
 Increase indentation of the current line
 Reduce indentation of the current line
 Increase by 1 indentation of n lines

19.3 Compilation

:make Launch make in the current folder

20 File management (netrw)

:Explore Open file manager

20.1 Operations

D Delete file/directory d Create new folder % Open a new file

20.2 Marked / unmark

mf Mark a file
mu Unmark all files
mp Display marked files
mt Tag current folder

20.3 Operations on tagged files

me Edit
md Diff
mc Copy in tagged folder
mm Move to tagged folder

21 More on windows

21.1 Scroll simultaneously

:set scrollbind Have windows scroll together

21.2 Resizing windows

CTRL-w - Decrease the height
CTRL-w + Increase the height
CTRL-w > Decrease the width
CTRL-w > Increase the width
CTRL-w = Make all splits equal

22 Do you speak vim?

22.1 Format

<Number of times> + <Command> + <Motion> or <Text object>

22.2 Commands

С	Change
d	Delete
у	Yank

22.3 Motion

)	Move cursor to end of sentence
(Move cursor to beginning of prior sentence
}	Move cursor to the next paragraph
{	Move cursor to the beginning of the prior paragraph
W	Move cursor to next word
b	Move cursor back a word
\$	Move cursor to the end of the logical line
0	Move cursor to the beginning of the logical line
G	Move cursor to the end of the file
gg	Move cursor to the beginning of the file

22.4 Text Objects

S	Sentence
W	Word
p	Paragraph
a"	Quoted string
a′	Quoted string (Single quote)

22.5 More precise Text Objects

W	From cursor to the end of the word
iw	Inner word (Full word)
aw	Around word (including trailing whitespaces)

23 Digraphs

CTRL-k code Insert digraph

4 Moves illustrated

