Vim Cheat Sheet

Global

:h[elp] keyword - open help for keyword

:sav[eas] file - save file as

:clo[se] - close current pane

:ter[minal] - open a terminal window

K - open man page for word under the cursor

Cursor movement

h - move cursor left

j - move cursor down

k - move cursor up

1 - move cursor right

H - move to top of screen

M - move to middle of screen

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{L}}$ - move to bottom of screen

w - jump forwards to the start of a word

W - jump forwards to the start of a word (words can contain punctuation)

e - jump forwards to the end of a word

E - jump forwards to the end of a word (words can contain punctuation)

b - jump backwards to the start of a word

B - jump backwards to the start of a word (words can contain punctuation)

ge - jump backwards to the end of a word

gE - jump backwards to the end of a word (words can contain punctuation)

% - move to matching character (default supported pairs: '()', '{}', '[]' - use : h matchpairs in vim for more info)

0 - jump to the start of the line

^ - jump to the first non-blank character of the line

\$ - jump to the end of the line

g_ - jump to the last non-blank character of the line

gg - go to the first line of the document

G - go to the last line of the document

Editing

 ${f r}$ - replace a single character.

R - replace more than one character, until **ESC** is pressed.

J - join line below to the current one with one space in between

gJ - join line below to the current one without space in between

gwip - reflow paragraph

g~ - switch case up to motion

gu - change to lowercase up to motion

gU - change to uppercase up to motion

cc - change (replace) entire line

C - change (replace) to the end of the line

c\$ - change (replace) to the end of the line

Ciw - change (replace) entire word

CW or **Ce** - change (replace) to the end of the word

S - delete character and substitute text

S - delete line and substitute text (same as cc)

xp - transpose two letters (delete and paste)

u - undo

U - restore (undo) last changed line

Ctrl + r - redo

. - repeat last command

Marking text (visual mode)

v - start visual mode, mark lines, then do a command (like y-yank)

V - start linewise visual mode

• - move to other end of marked area

Ctrl + v - start visual block

O - move to other corner of block

aw - mark a word

ab - a block with ()

aB - a block with {}
at - a block with <> tags

Macros

qa - record macro a

q - stop recording macro

@a - run macro a

@@ - rerun last run macro

Cut and paste

yy - yank (copy) a line

2yy - yank (copy) 2 lines

yw - yank (copy) the characters of the word from the cursor position to the start of the next word

yiw - yank (copy) word under the cursor

yaw - yank (copy) word under the cursor and the space after or before it

y\$ - yank (copy) to end of line

p - put (paste) the clipboard after cursor

P - put (paste) before cursor

dd - delete (cut) a line

2dd - delete (cut) 2 lines

dw - delete (cut) the characters of the word from the cursor position to the start of the next word

diw - delete (cut) word under the cursor

daw - delete (cut) word under the cursor and the space after or before it

D - delete (cut) to the end of the line

d\$ - delete (cut) to the end of the line

x - delete (cut) character

Indent text

>> - indent (move right) line one shiftwidth

- de-indent (move left) line one shiftwidth

>% - indent a block with () or {} (cursor on brace)

>ib - indent inner block with ()

>at - indent a block with <> tags

3== - re-indent 3 lines

=% - re-indent a block with () or {} (cursor on brace)

Working with multiple files

:e[dit] file - edit a file in a new buffer

:bn[ext] - go to the next buffer

:bp[revious] - go to the previous buffer

:bd[elete] - delete a buffer (close a file)

:b[uffer]# - go to a buffer by index #

:b[uffer] file - go to a buffer by file

:1s or :buffers - list all open buffers

:sp[lit] file - open a file in a new buffer and split window

:vs[plit] file - open a file in a new buffer and vertically split window

:vert[ical] ba[11] - edit all buffers as vertical

:tab ba[11] - edit all buffers as tabs

Ctrl + ws - split window

Ctrl + wv - split window vertically

Ctrl + ww - switch windows

Ctrl + wq - quit a window

Ctrl + wx - exchange current window with next one

Ctrl + w= - make all windows equal height & width

Ctrl + wh - move cursor to the left window (vertical split)

Ctrl + wl - move cursor to the right window (vertical

Ctrl + wj - move cursor to the window below (horizontal split)

 ${\tt Ctrl}$ + ${\tt wk}$ - move cursor to the window above (horizontal split)

Diff

zf - manually define a fold up to motion

zd - delete fold under the cursor

za - toggle fold under the cursor

zo - open fold under the cursor

zc - close fold under the cursor

zr - reduce (open) all folds by one levelzm - fold more (close) all folds by one level

zi - toggle folding functionality

1c - jump to start of next change

[c - jump to start of previous change

do or :diffg[et] - obtain (get) difference (from other

dp or :diffpu[t] - put difference (to other buffer)

:diffthis - make current window part of diff

:dif[fupdate] - update differences

5gg or 5G - go to line 5	ib - inner block with ()	=iB - re-indent inner block with {}
gd - move to local declaration	iB - inner block with {}	gg=G - re-indent entire buffer
gD - move to global declaration	it - inner block with <> tags]p - paste and adjust indent to
fx - jump to next occurrence of character x	Esc - exit visual mode	current line
tx - jump to before next occurrence of character x	Visual commands > - shift text right	Exiting • w - write (save) the file, but don't exit
Fx - jump to previous occurence of character x	< - shift text left	:w !sudo tee %-write
Tx - jump to after previous	y - yank (copy) marked text	out the current file using sudo
occurence of character x	d - delete marked text	:wq or :x or ZZ - write (save) and quit
; - repeat previous f, t, F or T movement	~ - switch case	: q - quit (fails if there are unsaved changes)
, - repeat previous f, t, F or T movement, backwards	u - change marked text to lowercase	:q! or ZQ - quit and throw
} - jump to next paragraph (or	U - change marked text to uppercase	away unsaved changes
function/block, when editing	Registers	: wqa - write (save) and quit on all tabs
{ - jump to previous paragraph	:reg[isters] - show	Search and replace
(or function/block, when editing code)	registers content	/pattern - search for
ZZ - center cursor on screen	"xy - yank into register x	pattern - search backward
Ctrl + e - move screen down	"xp - paste contents of register x	for pattern
one line (without moving cursor)	"+y - yank into the system clipboard register	\vpattern - 'very magic' pattern: non-alphanumeric characters are interpreted as special regex symbols (no escaping needed)
Ctrl + y - move screen up one line (without moving cursor)	"+p - paste from the system clipboard register	
Ctrl + b - move back one full	Marks and positions	n - repeat search in same direction
Ctrl + f - move forward one full screen	:marks - list of marks ma - set current position for	N - repeat search in opposite direction
Ctrl + d - move forward 1/2 a	mark A a - jump to position of mark	:%s/old/new/g - replace all old with new throughout file
screen	A - Jump to position of mark	:%s/old/new/gc - replace
Ctrl + u - move back 1/2 a screen	y`a - yank text to position of mark A	all old with new throughout file with confirmations
Insert mode - inserting/appending text	`0 - go to the position where Vim was previously exited	:noh[lsearch] - remove highlighting of search matches
i - insert before the cursor	" - go to the position when	Search in multiple files
I - insert at the beginning of the line	last editing this file - go to the position of the	<pre>:vim[grep] /pattern/ {`{file}`} - search for</pre>
a - insert (append) after the cursor	last change in this file	pattern in multiple files
A - insert (append) at the end of the line	- go to the position before the last jump	:cn[ext] - jump to the next match
• - append (open) a new line below the current line	:ju[mps] - list of jumps Ctrl + i - go to newer	:cp[revious] - jump to the previous match
0 - append (open) a new line	position in jump list	:cope[n] - open a window containing the list of matches
above the current line ea - insert (append) at the end	Ctrl + o - go to older position in jump list	:ccl[ose] - close the
of the word	: changes - list of changes	quickfix window
Ctrl + h - delete the character before the cursor during insert mode	g, - go to newer position in change list	Tabs :tabnew or :tabnew
Ctrl + w - delete word before the cursor during insert mode	g; - go to older position in change list	{page.words.file} - open a file in a new tab
Ctrl + j - begin new line	Ctrl +] - jump to the tag under cursor	Ctrl + wT - move the current split window into its own tab
during insert mode Ctrl + t - indent (move right) line one shiftwidth during		gt or :tabn[ext] - move to the next tab

Ctrl + t - indent (move right)
line one shiftwidth during

:diffo[ff] - switch off diff mode for current window

insert mode

Ctrl + **d** - de-indent (move left) line one shiftwidth during insert mode

Ctrl + **n** - insert (autocomplete) next match before the cursor during insert mode

Ctrl + p - insert (autocomplete) previous match before the cursor during insert mode

Ctrl + rx - insert the contents of register x

Ctrl + ox - Temporarily enter normal mode to issue one normal-mode command x.

Esc - exit insert mode

gT or :tabp[revious] - move to the previous tab

#gt - move to tab number #

:tabm[ove] # - move current tab to the #th position (indexed from o)

:tabc[lose] - close the current tab and all its windows

:tabo[nly] - close all tabs except for the current one

:tabdo command - run the command on all tabs (e.g. :tabdo q - closes all opened tabs)