VIM Cheat Sheet

How to use VIM

Open a file with VIM from the command line. If the file does not yet exist, VIM will create it. \$ vim file_name

Entering VIM "insert mode". In insert mode, text is inserted and deleted like a normal text editor. press: i

Entering VIM "normal mode". In normal mode, you can issue commands, search, find and replace, and save. press: **Esc**

(All of the commands below apply to "normal mode")

Navigating a File		Deleting, Copying, and Pasting Text	
<a>ArrowKeys> move up, down, left, right		x	delete letter under the cursor
h	move left	dw	delete word
j	move down	dd	delete line
k	move up	5dd	delete 5 lines
1	move right	đ\$	delete until the end of the line
<ctrl+u></ctrl+u>	page up	đG	delete until the end of the file
<ctrl+d></ctrl+d>	page down	уу	copy line
0	move to beginning of line	10yy	copy 10 lines
\$	move to end of line	р	paste copied line below
gg	move to beginning of file	P	paste copied line above
G	move to end of file		
: N	move to line N	Many c	combinations of <number><action> and</action></number>
		<action><direction> can work.</direction></action>	
Searching for Text			The Command Line Interface
/pattern	search for pattern	:	bring up command line at bottom
n	go to next hit of pattern	: N	move to line N
N	go to previous hit of <i>pattern</i>	:% s /f	ind/replace/g
/ <uparrow></uparrow>	look through search history		search through the file and replace
:set hlsear	gg	0 10	all instances of 'find' with 'replace'
:set nohlsearch turn off highlight search		:%s/find/replace/gc	
		same as above, but check with user first	
Use '\' to escape special characters. For example, to		:read file_name	
search for: /home/username/file			open the contents of file into this file
Type in VIM: /\/home\/username\/file			
Saving and Quitting		Other Useful Things to Know	
:q quit ed	iting the file	u	Undo last change
	iting the file without saving	<ctrl< th=""><th>6</th></ctrl<>	6
	ne file, continue editing	١.	Repeat the last change
	nd quit	0	Start insert mode below current line
_	ut to save and quit	0	Start insert mode above current line
Additional Info and Training			
\$ vimtutor		http://openvim.com/	
		http://vim-adventures.com/	
		http://linuxconfig.org/vim-tutorial	