

## Documentation

The most useful software is sometimes rendered useless by poor or altogether missing documentation. Vim refuses to succumb to death by underdocumentation. With a book to extensive help files to a tips collection, all audiences should be pleased.

## Help Files

Vim's online documentation system, accessible via the `:help` command, is an extensive cross-referenced and hyperlinked reference. It's kept up-to-date with the software and can answer almost any question about Vim's functionality.

An up-to-date version of the help, with hyperlinks, can be found on [vimhelp.org](http://vimhelp.org). This is maintained by Carlo Teubner.

For translations of the help files see the [translation page](#).

## The Books

There are about a dozen books available about Vim and Vi. More information on [this page](#).

And now, for something completely different: Vim books in Japanese! [Vim完全バイブル](#)

## Learning Vim playfully

Especially useful for absolute beginners who fear being bored by learning the basic commands: [Vim Adventure](#). Starts with teaching you h, j, k and l movement commands and practice them in an adventure style interactive play.

Less playful, but a bit faster to go through is the Vim tutor. See **:help tutor** inside Vim.

## The FAQ [Vim FAQ](#)

A manual is great for reference, but voluminous reference materials aren't always the easiest way to locate answers to your questions. We've compiled a list of frequently asked questions,

along with good answers. You can find the FAQ[here](#). It comes from this [github project](#)

### **Tips**   [Vim Tips wiki](#)

Finding an answer is even harder if you don't know that you have a question. The [Vim tips collection](#) contains a seemingly endless supply of hints on making your vim use a more pleasant experience. The tips collection is also a great way to find quick hacks to perform common tasks.

You can also watch videos. You can find them with [Google search](#).

### **Screen casts**   [Vimcasts](#)

Workshops in the form of videos. Created between January 2010 and May 2011.

### **Other Documentation**

There are plenty of other sources of Vim documentation. We've got a [partial list](#) of them, but [Google](#) is another great way to find obscure documentation.

The [VimDoc](#) project has links to various types of Vim documentation. Unfortunately, the online, hyperlinked copy of the documentation is hopelessly outdated.