

# Custom Text Editor Overview

## 1. Features

This text editor is a command-line based, Vim-inspired editor implemented in C++. It supports both **normal** and **insert** modes, various navigation options, editing features, search and replace functionalities, and file handling commands.

### Modes

- **Insert Mode (i)**: Allows typing text into the document.
  - **Normal Mode (default)**: Used for navigation and command execution.
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## 2. Controls and Commands

### Insert Mode Controls

- **Arrow Keys** → Move cursor (Up: ↑ / 65, Down: ↓ / 66, Right: → / 67, Left: ← / 68)
- **Enter** → Insert a new line
- **Backspace** → Delete the character before the cursor
- **ESC** → Exit insert mode

### Normal Mode Controls

#### Navigation:

- **Arrow Keys** or **65-68** → Move cursor (Up, Down, Right, Left)
- **w** → Move to next word
- **b** → Move to previous word
- **e** → Move to end of current word

- `0` → Move to start of line
- `$` → Move to end of line

#### Line Movement:

- `a` → Move down 5 lines
- `n` → Insert new line
- `J` → Join current and next line

#### Editing:

- `x` → Delete character at cursor
- `d` → Delete to end of line
- `l` → Delete two lines
- `k` → Delete three lines
- `z` → Delete a specific line (asks for line number)
- `f f` → Delete current line

#### Indentation:

- `>` → Indent current line
- `<` → Unindent current line

#### Copy/Paste:

- `y` → Yank (copy) current line
- `Y` → Yank (copy) two lines

- `p` → Paste after current line
- `P` → Paste before current line

### Search and Replace:

- `/` → Search for a pattern in the current line
- `m` → Move to next match
- `N` → Move to previous match
- `;` → Search and replace command input (e.g. `:s/old/new/g`)

### History & Info:

- `h` → Display command history

### File Commands (triggered with `:`):

- `:w` → Save file
- `:q` → Quit
- `:wq` → Save and quit
- `:q!` → Force quit without saving

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## 3. Data Structures Used

- `std::vector<std::string>`  
Stores all lines of the document, allowing random access and dynamic resizing. Each line is a separate string element.
- `std::stack<std::string>` or `std::vector<std::string>` (for yank buffer)  
Temporarily stores lines for `yank`, `paste`, and undo operations.

- **std::string**  
Used extensively for line content manipulation, character insertion, deletion, search, and replace.
  - **std::map / std::unordered\_map** *(if used in internal logic)*  
For storing command mappings or maintaining command history.
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## 4. Utility Functions

- **getChar()**: Reads keyboard input, including handling of special keys (arrow keys via `_getch()`).
  - **handleFileCommand()**: Parses and executes file-related commands starting with `:.`
  - **handleSearchReplaceCommand()**: Processes search and replace functionalities.
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## 5. Conclusion

This text editor emulates core features of Vim within a terminal environment using C++. It offers a mixture of mode-based editing, keyboard navigation, and text manipulation. The use of standard STL containers ensures efficient memory management and performance.