

Editing Files in Vi/Vim

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vi vs vim vs view

Vi stands for Visual. It is a text editor that is an early attempt to a visual text editor.

Vim stands for Vi IMproved. It is an implementation of the Vi standard with many additions

View stars Vim with Real-only mode

Most Important Vi / Vim Shortcuts

^ (shift + 6) - Go to the Beginning of the line

\$ (shift + 4) - Go to the End of the line

i - insert at the cursor position

I (shift + i) - insert at the beginning of the line

a - append after the cursor position

A (shift + a) - append at the end of the line

o - insert a new empty line below the cursor position

Most Important Vi / Vim Shortcuts

`:w` - writes (saves) the file

`:w!` - Forces the file to be saved

`:q` - Quit

`:q!` - quit without saving any thing

`:wq` - Write and Quit

`:wq!` - Write and Quit Forcefully

`:x` - same as `:wq`

Most Important Vi / Vim Shortcuts

`:n` - Positions the cursor at line n (e.g: `:1` , `:4` , `:146`)

`:$` - Positions the cursor at the last line

`gg` - Positions the cursor at the First line of the file

`G` (shift + g) - Positions the cursor at the last line of the file

`:set nu` - Turn on line numbering

`:set nonu` - Turn off line numbering

Most Important Vi / Vim Shortcuts

:help [subcommand] - get help for that subcommand

v - Visual Selection

y (stands for yank) - copy

d (stands for delete) - Cut

p - Paste

yy - copy the current line (use without v)

u - Undo

Most Important Vi / Vim Shortcuts

`/<Pattern>` - to search for the specified Pattern

`n` - after typing enter for the `/<Pattern>` then `n` will search for the next

`N` - after typing enter for the `/<Pattern>` then `N` will search for the Previous