

# Vi/Vim - Finding a word

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Linux is a versatile operating system that lets you use the standard way to search in **Vi** with "/" and "?" in **VI / Vim**; just type "/" or "?", along with the word you need to find. With the n key, you may choose to go to the next exact match of the word. You may even start a search for the word where the cursor is pointing and later press \* or # to look up forwards or backwards. Vim lets you include files and search for a word. The function most used is the lookup for the prototype of a function. Point the cursor and key in "[I:". Vim shows a list of identical occurrences for the function name, which is in included files.

## [VI/VIM] Finding a word

To find a word in VI / Vim, just type "/" or "?", followed by the word you're searching for. Pressing the n key, will allow you to go directly to the next occurrence of the word. Another feature is to launch a search on the word where the cursor is positioned. Place the cursor over the word to search for, then press \* or # to look it up.



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