**Linux editor vi commands**

Text input mode:

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| **KEY** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| i | Insert text before the cursor position |
| I | Insert new text at the beginning of the current line |
| a | Add text after the current cursor position |
| A | Append text at the end of the current line |
| o | Open a blank line below the current cursor position |
| O | Open a blank line above the current cursor position |

Command mode (press Esc to enter command mode):

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| **KEY** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| H | Move one character left |
| L | Move one character right |
| J | Move down one line |
| K | Move up one line |
| ^ | Move to the start of the current line |
| $ | Move to the end of the current line |
| B | Move back one screen |
| F | Move forward one screen |
| <line number>G | Move cursor to particular line in text |
| x | Delete character where cursor is positioned |
| dw | Delete from the cursor position to the start of the next word |
| dd | Delete the current line (optionally prefix with a number to delete multiple lines) |
| u | Undo the last command |
| U | Restore the current line to its original state |
| /*string* | Searches forward for *string*. (n to continue searching in the same direction, N to reverse the direction of the search) |
| ?*string* | Searches backwards for *string* (n to continue searching in the same direction, N to reverse the direction of the search) |

Command mode, command line:

A number of commands must be typed at the command line (preceded by a colon (:)), when the **:** is typed, the 'command line' will move to the foot of the screen

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| **KEY** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| :w | Write to disk |
| :q | Quit vi |
| :wq | Write the current file then quit |
| :q! | Quit without saving the text |
| :e <filename> | Load the file <filename> into the editor |
| :e! | Force the loading of a new file whether the current file has been saved or not |