

# Vim Notes

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## Vim:

h = ←

k = ↑

l = →

j = ↓

x = delete letter

i = insert ch. at cursor

A = append text

:wq = quit and save a file

:q! = quit without saving

dw = delete a word

d\$ = delete until the end of the line

d = delete operator + <motion>

- w = until the start of the next word (Excluding the first character)
- e = to the end of the current word (Including the last word)
- \$ = to the end of the line (Including the last character)
- d = delete the whole line

Pressing just the motion keys will move to that position

A number before the action will repeat it that many times.

For example,

O (#) = moves to the start of the line

<d> <number> <motion>

dd = delete whole line

u = undo last command

U = fix whole line

p = put deleted text

r<Letter> = replace letter at cursor with <Letter>

ce = change until the end of the word

c <number> <motion>

CTRL + G = "Display File" and list line number etc...

G = to move to a certain line # in a file

or

<#>G

gg = Move to the START OF THE FILE  
 G = Move to the END OF THE FILE  
 /<PHRASE> = To search for the specified phrase.  
 To search for the same phrase again: n  
 Opposite direction: N  
 To search in the backward direction: ?  
 To go back = Control + O  $\Leftarrow$  *repeat to go further*  
 Control + I = goes forward  
 % = find matching ), ], }  
 Press % to switch to the starting/ending symbol  
 :s/old/new/g = substitute "old" with "new".  
 (*changes "old"  $\rightarrow$  "new" for current line*)  
 /g = current line  
 :#, #s/old/new/g = #, # are line numbers  
 :%s/old/new/g = change every occurrence of "old" to "new" in the whole file  
 :%s/old/new/gc = change every occurrence in the whole file (with a prompt)  
 :!, :!ls, :!dir = followed by ANY external command  
 :!ls, dir = list current directory  
 :w <FILENAME> = save a new file with the name as <FILENAME>  
 MS-DOS = !del TEST  
 UNIX = !rm TEST  
 v = highlight text and enter Visual Mode  
 E.g. Man! Oh man!  
 d = delete  
 :w Bam = saves highlighted text into a new file: Bam  
 :r <FILENAME> = insert contents of a file. (Can also pipe out file output)  
 :r !ls = prints out the current file directory  
 o = open a line under the cursor and places you in INSERT mode  
 O = open a line above the cursor and places you in INSERT mode  
 a = append text after the cursor  
 R = replace more than one character  
 R123  $\rightarrow$  479  
 y = copy  
 p = paste

# 1 Miscellaneous Tips

You can ignore case:

`:set ic`

highlight

`:set hls`

`:set incsearch`

nohls = to disable highlight

ignore case for one search command:

`o?/ignore`

`?`

`fn + F1` or `:help`

Vim StartUp Scripts with `.vimrc`

MS-WINDOWS: `e $VIM/_vimrc`

UNIX: `e ./vimrc`

Read examples:

`:r $VIMRUNTIME/vimrc/_example.vim`

Command-Line Completion:

1. First, make sure that vim is not in compatible mode  
`:set nocp`
2. See what files exist in the current directory:  
`!ls` or `!:dir`
3. Type the start of the command: `:e`
4. `CTRL + D` → *to show available commands*
5. `TAB` → *to autocomplete a command*