Vim Note Sheet

Cursor Movement

h	Left
j	Down
k	Up
l	Right
w,W	Forward to start of word
e,E	Forward to end of word
b,B	Backwards to start of word
)	Beginning of next sentence
(	Beginning of previous sentence
}	Beginning of next paragraph
{	Beginning of previous paragraph
0,$	Jump to start of line
^	Jump to first non-blank character of line

Editing

r	Replace single character
J	Join line below to current one
cc	Change entire line
cw	Change to the end of the word
c$	Change to the end of the line
s	Delete character and substitute text
S	Delete line and substitute text
xp	Transpose two letters
u	Undo
Ctrl+r	Redo
.	Repeat last edit command
:e[dit]	Edit current file
:e[dit]!	Edit current file, overriding protection

Scrolling

Ctrl+F	Scroll forward one screen
Ctrl+B	Scroll backward one screen
Ctrl+D	Scroll down one-half screen
Ctrl+U	Scroll up one-half screen

Searches

/pattern	Search forward for *pattern*
?pattern	Search backward for *pattern*
/	Repeat previous search forward
?	Repeat previous search backward
fx	Search forward for character *x* in current line
Fx	Search backward for character *x* in current line

Cut & Paste

yy	Copy (yank) a line
2yy	Copy 2 lines
yw	Copy a word
y$	Copy to end of line
dd	Delete (cut) a line
2dd	Delete 2 lines
dw	Delete word
D,d$	Delete to end of line
p	Paste (put) the clipboard after cursor
P	Paste before cursor
x	Delete character

Inserting text

i	Insert before the cursor
I	Insert at beginning of line
a	Insert after cursor
A	Insert at end of line
o	Open new line below current line
O	Open new line above current line
ea	Insert at end of the word
Esc	Exit insert mode

Marking Position

mx	Mark current postion as x
x	Move cursor to mark x
''	Return to previous mark
'x	Move to beginning of line containing mark x
"	Return to beginning of line of previous mark

Visual Commands

>	Shift text right
<	Shift text left
d	Delete marked text
~	Switch case

Tabs

:tabnew	Filename
Ctrl + wT	Move current split window to it's own tab
gt, :tabn	Move to the next tab
gT, :tabp	Move to the previous tab
#gt	Move to tab number #
:tabc	Close current tab & all its windows
:tabo	Close all tabs except current one

Working with multiple files

:e	filename - edit file in a new buffer
:bnext, :bn	Go to next buffer
:bprev, :bp	Go to previous buffer
:bd	Delete a buffer/Close a file
Ctrl + ws	Split window
Ctrl + ww	Switch window
Ctrl + wq	Quit a window
Ctrl + wv	Split window vertically
Ctrl + wh	Move cursor to left window
Crtl + wl	Move cursor to right window
Crtl + wj	Move cursor to below window
Crtl + wk	Move cursor to above window

Exit Commands

:wq, :x, ZZ	Save and quit
:w	Save
:w!	Save, overriding protection
:q	Quit
:q!, ZQ	Quit, overriding protection
:e!	Return to last point of saving file