



# Coding with the speed of light with VIM 1

Minh Bui  
CodeJam  
Episode 2 25/10/2014

# Why vim instead of complex IDE?

- Moving around with mouse takes time
- Your thought keeps flowing
- *Cheap* to remotely edit files from terminal
- You are looking cool while using this editor!

# Editor war

**Editor war** is the common name for the rivalry between users of the **Vi (Vim)** and **Emacs** text editors. The rivalry has become a lasting part of **hacker culture** and the **free software community**.



# Jokes

- GNU EMACS definitions:
  - "Eight Megabytes And Constantly Swapping"
  - "EMACS Makes Any Computer Slow"
  - "Eventually Munches All Computer Storage"
  - "Generally Not Used, Except by Middle-Aged Computer Scientists"

munch /mʌntʃ/ to eat something, especially noisily

# Committed to VIM?

- Breakup with your mouse and marry your keyboard!
- Don't use arrow keys

# VIM modes

- Normal
- Edit
- Visual

... at character level

- H-J-K-L

## ... at word level

- Move forward/backward a word w/b
- Select word with visual mode



## ... at sentence level

- Move to the beginning/end of a sentence `t + $$/^`
- Partially selection with visual mode
- Copy `y` (yank)
- Paste `p`
- Delete a line `dd`

# My tricks

- Redoing/Undoing a thing `Ctrl+R/u`
- Finding with `*`, moving to the next matched text with `N`
- Replacing a text at the whole
- Moving to a line number: `number +gg`
- Check spelling in CV with `:set spell spellang=en_us`
  - Move to the previous/next error `[s / ]s`
  - Add to the dictionary `zg`
- NERDTree plug-in
- Folding source code

# My .vimrc

- Keystroke mapping
- Code highlighting
- Code line display

# Where do I go from here?

- Awesome vim videos from Youtube
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGqUTtYWAXc>
- Vim cheatsheet
- Practical VIM
- vimtutor