

VIM CHEAT SHEETS

:viusageShow a summary of all commands
:h keyword.....Open help for keyword
:ter.....Open a terminal window
:sav file Save file as
k Open man page for word under the cursor

Movements

h l k jcharacter left, right; line up, down
b wstart of word/token left, right
B W space-separated word left, right
ge eend of word/token left, right
gE E end of space-separated word left, right
{ }.....beginning of previous, next paragraph
().....beginning of previous, next sentence
O ^ g_ \$ beginning, first character, last character and end of line
nG ngg Go to line *n*, when *N* is no indicated go to last line and first line
:n.....Go to line *n*
n|Go to column *n* of current line
%match of next brace, bracket, comment, :h matchpairs
H M L..... beginning, middle, botton of *screen*
ngj ngkmove cursor down, up *n* lines
fc Fcnext, previous occurence of character *c*
tc Tc before next, previous occurence of *c*

Editing

i ainsert before, after cursor
I Ainsert at beginning, end of line
gIinsert text in first column
o O open a new line below, above the current line
ea..... Insert at the end of the word
rcreplace character under cursor with *c*
grclike *r*, but without affecting layout
R replace characters starting at the cursor
gR like *R*, but without affecting layout
x X delete character under, before cursor
cmchange text of movement command *m*
C change to the end of line
^n autocomplete next match before the cursor

^pautocomplete next match after the cursor
dmdelete text of movement command *m*
J gJjoin current line with next, without space
sdelete a character and substitute text
S delete a line and substitute text
xptanspose two letters ab

Search & Substitution

/pattern ?pattern search forward, backward for pattern
/s/o↔ ?s?o↔search fwd, bwd for *s* with offset *o*
n or /↔ repeat forward last search
N or ?↔ repeat backward last search
* ..search backward, forward for word under cursor
g# g* same, but also find partial matches
gd gD ..local, global definition of symbol under cursor
:rs/old/new/xsubstitute old by new in range *r*
[*x* : g—all occurrences, c—confirm changes
:rs *x*repeat substitution with new *r* & *x*
:noh remove highlight matches

Formatting Filtering

m is movement; leave out for visual mode commands
gqm format *m* (*formatprg*)
gqgq or gqip.....format current paragraph
gwipjoin current line with next, without space
g~m gum gUm ...switch case, lc, uc on movement *m*
~ switch case and advance cursor
= *m*.....reindent movement *m* (*equalprg*)
:rce *w*center lines in range *r* to width *w*
:rle *i* left align lines in range *r* with indent *i*
:rri *w*right align lines in range *r* to width *w*
!mc↔ .filter lines of movement *m* through command *c*
n!!c↔ filter *n* lines through command *c*
:r!cfilter range *r* lines through command *c*
<*m* >*m* shift left, right text of movement *m*
n<< n>>shift *n* lines left, right
>% indent inner a block with () or { }
>at.....indent inner block with < > tags
n== re-indent *n* lines
n> n< = indent/unindent *n* levels, reindent
^A ^X..... increment/decrement number under cursor

Visual Mode & Text Objects

v V ^V highlight characters, lines, block
o O.exchange cursor pos with start/end of highlighting
gvstart highlighting on previous visual area
aw as apselect a word, a sentence, a paragraph
ab aB a] a>select a block (), { }, [] < >
iw is ip ib iB i] i> it i" i' i' ..select “inner”
at.....select an html tag
a" a' a'select a quotet string

Undoing, Repeating & Registers

u Uundo last command, restore last changed line
^r redo
; , .Repeat last f,t,F,T movement backward, fordward
. Repeat las change
n.repeat last changes with count replaced by *n*
qa record, append typed characters in register *a*
qstop recording
@aexecute the content of register *a*
@@repeat previous @ command
:@a execute register *a* as an *Ex* command
"x use register *x* for next delete, yank, put
"xy Yank into register *x*
"xp Paste content of register *x*
"+yYank into the system clipboard
"+pPaste from the system clipboard
^rx Insert the contents of regiser *x*
:reg [*x*] show content registers/*x* reg

Copying (Yanking)

ymyank the text of movement command *m*
yy or Yyank current line into register
y'm Yank text to position of the mark
p Pput register after, before cursor position
]p [p like p, P with indent adjusted
gp gPlike p, P leaving cursor after new text

Patterns (differences to Perl) :help pattern

\< \> start, end of word
\i \k \I \K an identifier, keyword; excl. digits
\f \p \F \P . a file name, printable char.; excl. digits
\e \t \r \b{*esc*}, {*tab*}, {↵}, {←}
\= * \+ ...match 0..1, 0..∞, 1..∞ of preceding atoms
\{*n,m*} match *n* to *m* occurrences

`\{-}` non-greedy match
`\|` separate two branches (\equiv *or*)
`\(\)` group patterns into an atom
`& \1` the whole matched pattern, 1st () group
`\u \l` upper, lowercase character
`\c \C` ignore, match case on next pattern
`\%x` match hex character
`\@= \@!` (?=pattern) (!pattern)
`\@<= \@<!` (?<=pattern) (?<!pattern)
`\@>` (?>pattern)
`\.^ \.$` .start-of-line/end-of-line, anywhere in pattern
`\.` any single char, including end-of-line
`\zs \ze` set start/end of pattern
`\%^ \%$` match start/end of file
`\%V` match inside visual area
`\'m` match with position of mark *m*
`\%(\)` unnamed grouping
`_[]` collection with end-of-line included
`\%[]` sequence of optionally matched atoms
`\v` very magic: patterns almost like perl

Spell Checking

`:set spell spelllang=de_20` activate spellcheck
`]s` next misspelled word
`zg zG` add good word (to internal word list)
`zw zW` mark bad word (to internal word list)
`z=` suggest corrections

Marks, Motions, and Tags

`ma` mark current position with mark *a* $\in [a..Z]$
`'a 'A` go to mark *a* in current, *A* in any file
`'' "` go to position before jump, at last edit
`'[']` go to start, end of previously operated text
`:marks` print the active marks list
`:jumps` print the jump list
`n`0` go to *n*th older position in jump list
`n`I` go to *n*th newer position in jump list
`]`T` ..jump to the tag under cursor, return from tag
`:ts t`list matching tags and select one for jump
`:tj t` ...jump to tag or select one if multiple matches
`gf` open file which filename is under cursor
`:tags` print tag list

Multiple Files / Buffers (\leftrightarrow)

`:tabe`open a new tab
`gt or:tabn` move to the next tab
`gT or:tabp` move to the previous tab
`#gt or :tabm #`.....go to tab number *#*
`:tab ball`show buffer tablist
`:tabdo`....run the command on all tabs eg. `:tabdo wq`
- save and close all the tabs
`:tabo`..... close all tabs except for the current one
`:tabc`close the current tab and all its windows
`:buffers`show list of buffers
`:buffer n`switch to buffer *n*
`:badd f.txt` load file into new buffer
`:bdelete n` delete buffer *n* (also with filename)
`:bnext :bprev :bfirst :blast` ... buffer movement

Scrolling & Multi-Windowing

`^d`.....Move forward 1/2 page (^= Ctrl)
`^u`..... Move backward 1/2 page (^= Ctrl)
`^D ^U ^F ^B`..... scroll half / full page page down, up
`zt zz zb` ...current line to top, center, bottom of win
`: [v]split `Ws `Wv`.....split window (horiz., vert.)
`:vert help`.....open help vertically
``Wf `W]`.....open file, tag in split
`: [v]new `W^n` new empty window (horiz., vert.)
`:on `Wo`.....make current win the only one
``Wj `Wk `Wh `Wl`move down, up, left, right to win
``WJ `WK `WH `WL` move win down, up, left, right
``Wn+ `Wn-` increase/decrease win size by *n* lines
``Wn > `Wn <` increase/decrease window width
``Wn_ `Wn|`.....set height/width (max if no *n*)
``W=`..... Make win size equal
``Wr `Wx`..... Rotate, exchange windows
``Wc`.....close window

Misc Ex Commands (\leftrightarrow) :help holy-grail

`:e f`edit file *f*, reload current file if no *f*
`:r w f`write range *r* to file *f* (current file if no *f*)
`:r w>>f` append range *r* to file *f*
`:r g[!]/p/cmd` ..ex *cmd* on range *r* [not] matching *p*
`:r f`insert content of file *f* below cursor
`:r! c` insert output of command *c* below cursor
`:rc a :rm a`copy, move range *r* below line *a*

Ex Ranges

`,` ;separates two lines numbers, set to first line
`n`an absolute line number *n*
`.` \$ the current line, the last line in file
`% *` entire file, visual area
`'t` position of mark *t*
`/p/ ?p?` the next, previous line where *p* matches
`+n -n`+*n*, -*n* to the preceding line number

Completion

`^XL`..... whole lines
`^XN ^XI` .. keywords in current file, plus included files
`^XK ^XN` keywords in dictionary, thesaurus
`^X]` ^XF ^XD tags, filenames, defs/macros
`^XV`.....vim command line
`^XU ^X0`..... user defined, omni- completion

Folding

`:set fdm=indent`indent-foldmethod
`zfm` create fold of movement *m*
`:rfo` create fold for range *r*
`zd zE`delete fold at cursor, all in window
`zo zc zO zC`open, close one fold; recursively
`[z]z` move to start, end of current open fold
`zj zk`move down, up to start, end of next fold
`zm zM` fold more, close all folds
`zr zR` fold less, open all folds
`zn zN zi`fold non, fold normal, invert folding
`:set foldcolumn=4` show foldcolumn

Miscellaneous

`:sh :!c` start shell, execute command *c* in shell
`^L` redraw screen
`^G` ...show cursor column, line, and character position
`:set cuc`show cursor column visually
`ga`show ASCII value of character under cursor
`:mkview [f] :loadview [f]` .. save/load configuration
`:set ff=dos` convert file to dos eol format
`:e ++ff=unix`reopen file in unix eol format
`:write ++enc=utf-8` Write file in utf-8
`:set hlsearch`highlight searches
`:rhardcopy > file.ps`print range to ps file
`:set list`show listchar characters (tabs etc.)