VIM Cheat Sheets

`:viusage` .... Show 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 j` .... character left, right; line up, down
`b w` .... start of word/token left, right
`B W` .... space-separated word left, right
`ge e` .... end of word/token left, right
`gE E` .... end of space-separated word left, right
`{ }` .... beginning of previous, next paragraph
`( )` .... beginning of previous, next sentence
`0 ^ 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 ngk` .... move cursor down, up n lines
`fc Fc` .... next, previous occurence of character c
`tc Tc` .... before next, previous occurence of c
`; ,` . Repeat last f,t,F,T movement backward, fordward
`.` .... Repeat las change

Editing

`i a` .... insert before, after cursor
`I A` .... insert at beginning, end of line
`gI` .... insert text in first column
`o O` .... open a new line below, above the current line
`ea` .... Insert at the end of the word
`rc` .... replace character under cursor with c
`grc` .... like `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
`cm` .... change text of movement command m

`C` .... change to the end of line
`ˆn` .... autocomplete next match before the cursor
`ˆp` .... autocomplete next match after the cursor
`ˆrx` .... Insert the contents of regiser x
`dm` .... delete text of movement command m
`J gJ` ...... join current line with next, without space
`s` .... delete a character and substitute text
`S` .... delete a line and substitute text
`xp` .... tanspose two letters ab
`u` .... Undo
`ˆr` .... redo

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/x` ...... substitute old by new in range r
⌊ x : `g`—all occurrences, `c`—confirm changes
`:rs x` .... repeat substitution with new r & x
`:noh` .... remove higlight matches

Formatting/Filtering

m is movement; leave out for visual mode commands
`gqm` .... format m (*formatprg*)
`gqgq or gqip` .... format current paragraph
`gwip` .... join 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!c` .... filter 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 – "

`ˆA ˆX` ...... increment/decrement number under cursor

Visual Mode & Text Objects

`v V ˆV` .... highlight characters, lines, block
`o` ..... exchange cursor pos with start of highlighting
`gv` .... start highlighting on previous visual area
`aw as ap` ...... select a word, a sentence, a paragraph
`ab aB a] a>` .... select a block ( ), { }, [ ] < >
`at` .... select an html tag
`a" a' a‘` .... select a quotet string
`iw is ip ib iB i] i> it i" i' i‘` .. select "inner"
$n>$ $n<$ `=` .... indent/unindent n levels, reindent

Undoing, Repeating & Registers

`u U` ..... undo last command, restore last changed line
`. ˆR` .... repeat last changes, redo last undo
$n.$ ...... repeat last changes with count replaced by n
`qc qC` .. record, append typed characters in register c
`q` .... stop recording
`@c` .... execute the content of register c
`@@` .... repeat previous @ command
`:@c` .... execute register c as an *Ex* command

Copying (Yanking)

`"x` .... use register x for next delete, yank, put
`:reg [x]` .... show content registers/x reg
`ym` .... yank the text of movement command m
`yy or Y` .... yank current line into register
`p P` .... put register after, before cursor position
`]p [p` .... like p, P with indent adjusted
`gp gP` .... like 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 (≡ *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
mc .... mark current position with mark $c \in [a..Z]$
`$c$ `C .... go to mark c in current, C 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^O .... 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 (↩)
:tab ball .... show buffer tablist
: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 fordward 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 (↩) :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
:q :q! .. quit and confirm, quit and discard changes
:wq or :x or ZZ .... write to current file and exit
: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

^X^L .... whole lines
^X^N ^X^I .. keywords in current file, plus included files
^X^K ^X^N .... keywords in dictionary, thesaurus
^X^] ^X^F ^X^D .... tags, filenames, defs/macros
^X^V .... vim command line
^X^U ^X^O .... user defined, omni- completion

Folding
:set fdm=indent .... indent-foldmethod
zf$m$ .... create fold of movement m
:$r$fo .... 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

Compiling
:compiler c .... set/show compiler plugins
:make .... run makeprg, jump to first error
:cope .... navigate errors from make
:cn :cp .... display the next, previous error
:cl :cf .... list all errors, read errors from file

Miscellaneous
:sh :!c ...... start shell, execute command c in shell
K .... run keywordprg (man) on word under cursor
^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
:$r$hardcopy > file.ps .... print range to ps file
:set list .... show listchar characters (tabs etc.)