

Using vi

This is a short description of the most important commands in vi.

To edit or inspect a file with the name *filename* in vi, start with the command vi filename

Use <left arrow>, <right arrow>, <up arrow> and <down arrow> to **navigate** around.

Use :linenumber to go to a specific line, or /string to search for the next occurrence of *string*.

Use a to append or i to insert text at the current location of the cursor. Be careful not to use the arrow keys while inserting text. Using <return> to insert an additional line is ok. Use <esc> to exit the insert/append mode.

Use dd to delete the current line, or x to delete the current character, or r to replace the current character.

Once you are finished, save and quit with :wq. If you want to force quit without saving, use :q!.