

Vim Cheat Sheet for Git Commit Screens

This cheat sheet provides essential Vim commands for editing commit messages in Git Bash or other terminals where Vim is the default editor.

Basic Navigation

- i – Enter insert mode to start editing text
- Esc – Exit insert mode and return to normal mode
- h / l – Move cursor left / right
- j / k – Move cursor down / up

Saving and Exiting

- :w – Save changes without exiting
- :wq – Save changes and quit Vim (complete the commit)
- :x – Same as :wq (save and exit)
- :q! – Quit without saving (abort the commit)

Editing Commands

- dd – Delete the current line
- yy – Copy (yank) the current line
- p – Paste the copied line below the cursor
- u – Undo last change
- Ctrl + r – Redo last undone change

Helpful Tips

- Lines starting with # are comments and will not be included in the commit message
- Ensure the commit message is clear and descriptive

- To abort the commit, use :q! and press Enter