VIMQUICK REFERENCE CARD

QRC of most often used VIM commands – Version v1.0 May 2014

:viusage	Show a summary of all commands

Movements

h l k j	character left, right; line up, down
b w	word/token left, right
ge e	end of word/token left, right
{ }	beginning of previous, next paragraph
( )	beginning of previous, next sentence
[[ ]]	go to previous, next function
[{]}	beginning, end of current block
0 ^ $	beginning, first, last character of line
*n*G *n*gg	line *n*, default the last, first
n|	column *n* of current line
%	match of next brace, bracket, comment, #define
- +	line up, down on first non-blank character
B W	space-separated word left, right
gE E	end of space-separated word left, right
g0 gm	beginning, middle of *screen* line
g^ g$	first, last character of *screen* line
f*c* F*c*	next, previous occurence of character *c*
t*c* T*c*	before next, previous occurence of *c*

Jumps

:jumps	print the jump list
:ta ^[	jump to tag (under cursor)
^O ^I	jump to older/newer location btwbuffers
*n*g; *n*g,	go to *n* older/newer position in change list
'.	jump back on last edited line
''	toggle back/forward to previous/next position

Insertion & Replace → insert mode

i a	insert before, after cursor
I A	insert at beginning, end of line
gi gI	insert text on last edited line / first column
o O	open a new line below, above the current line
r*c*	replace character under cursor with *c*
gr*c*	like r, but without affecting layout
R	replace characters starting at the cursor
gR	like R, but without affecting layout
s*c*	substitute char. *c* under cursor
c*m*	change text of movement command *m*
cc *or* S	change current line
C	change to the end of line

Deletion

x X	delete character under, before cursor
d*m*	delete text of movement command *m*
dd D	delete current line, to the end of line
dgn	delete the next search pattern match
J gJ	join current line with next, without space
:*r*d	delete range *r* lines
:*r*d*x*	delete range *r* lines into register *x*
q*x*q	empty register *x*
:g/pattern/d *x* | let @+ = @x	delete lines with pattern *c* into Register *x* and copy to clipboard afterwards.

Insert/ Command Mode

^V*c* ^V*n*	insert char *c* literally, decimal value *n*
^V*n*	insert decimal value of character
^A	insert previously inserted text
^@	same as ^A and stop insert → command mode
^R*x* ^R^R*x*	insert content of register *x*, literally
^R^W	content under cursor to command mode
^N ^P	text completion before, after cursor
^W	delete word before cursor
^U	delete to start of current line
^D ^T	shift left, right one shift width
^O*c*	execute *c* in temporary command mode
^X^E ^X^Y	scroll up, down
⟨*esc*⟩ *or* ^] *or* ^C	abandon edition → command mode

Search & Substitution

/*s*↩ ?*s*↩	search forward, backward for *s*
/*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
:*r*s/*f*/*t*/*x*	substitute *f* by *t* in range *r*
:*r*co *a* :*r*m *a*	copy, move range *r* below line *a*
:*r*s *x*	repeat substitution with new *r* & *x*
:*r*g/*p*/*c* :*r*v/*p*/*c*	execute *Ex* *c* on range *r* where *p* matches, not matches
:*r*g/*p*/-1j	join all lines in *r* containing pattern *p* with prevline
:*r*g/*p*/s/*q*/*y*/g	for every line in *r* containing *p*, substitute *q* with *y*
:'*a*,'*b*g/*p*/j	join any line containing the string *p* to its subsequent line, if it lies between the *a* and *b* marks

Misc Ex Commands (↩)

`:help holy-grail`	show all Ex commands
`: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*
`: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

Miscellaneous

`:`*r*`hardcopy` *rw*`!lp`	sending *r* to printer (printout)
`:`*r*`hardcopy > file.ps`	print range to ps file
`:mkview` [*f*] `:loadview` [*f*]	save/load configuration
`:mks` [*f*] `:so` [*f*]	save/load session
`:set ff=dos`	convert file to dos eol format
`:e ++ff=unix`	reopen file in unix eol format
`:sh :!`*c*	start shell, execute command *c* in shell
`K`	run `keywordprg` (manpage) on word under cursor
`^L`	redraw screen
`^R = 5*5`	insert 25 into text
`ga`	show ASCII value of character under cursor
`gf`	open file which filename is under cursor
`vim -S` *name*	reload vim-session *name*

Ex Ranges

`, ;`	separates line 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*	preceding/appending line number

Standard Mode Formatting/ Filtering

Leave out *m* for visual mode commands

`gq`*m* `gqgq`	format movement *m*/current paragraph
`:`*r*`ce` *w*	center lines in range *r* to width *w*
`:`*r*`ri` *w*	rightalign lines in range *r* to width *w*
`:`*r*`le` *i*	left align lines in range with indent *i*
`!`*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*
`~`	switch case and advance cursor
`g~`*m* `gu`*m* `gU`*m*	switch case, lc, uc on movement *m*
`guu gUU`	lower-/uppercase line
< *m* > *m*	shift left, right text of movement *m*
n ≪ *n* ≫	shift *n* lines left, right
`^A ^X`	increment/decrement number under cursor

Visual Mode

`:h object-select`	Object selecting patterns
`v V ^V`	start/stop highlighting characters, lines, block
`o`	exchange cursor position with start of highlighting
`gv`	start highlighting on previous visual area
`aw as ap`	select a word, a sentence, a paragraph
`ab aB`	select a block ( ), a block { }
`g^G`	Count words, character lines and bytes of selection

Undoing, Repeating & Registers

`u U`	undo last command, restore last changed line
`. ^R`	repeat last changes, redo last undo
n`.`	repeat last changes with count replaced by *n*
`q`*c* `q`*C*	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

`"`*x*	use register *x* for next delete, yank, put
`:reg`	show the content of all registers
`:reg` *x*	show the content of registers *x*
`y`*m*	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`	show complete help on patterns
`\< \>`	start, end of word
`\i \k \I \K`	an identifier, keyword; excldigits
`\f \p \F \P`	a file name, printable char.; excldigits
`\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, 1^{st} () group
\u \l	upper, lowercase character
\c \C	ignore, match case on next pattern
\%x	match hex character
\@= \@!	*char*(?=pattern) *char*(?!pattern)
\@<= \@<!	(?=pattern)*char* (?!pattern)*char*
\@>	(?>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 [s	next, previous misspelled word
zg zG	add good word (to internal word list)
zug zuG	undo the addition of a word to the dictionary
zw zW	mark bad word (to internal word list)
z=	suggest corrections

Marks, Motions, and Tags

m*c*	mark current position with mark *c* ∈ [*a..Z*]
:marks	print the active marks list
'*c* '*C*	go to mark *c* in current, *C* in any file
'0..9	go to last exit position
'' '"	go to position before jump, at last edit
'[']	go to start, end of previously operated text
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
:tags	print tag list

Multiple Files / Buffers (↩)

:tab ball	show buffer tablist
:buffers	show list of buffers
:on	make current window one on screen
:new :vnew	create new empty window (vert.)
:b*n*	switch to buffer *n*
:bnext :bprev :bfirst :blast	buffer movement
:bd*n*	delete buffer *n* (also with filename)
:badd f.txt	load file into new buffer
:sb*n*	Split window and edit buffer *n* from the bufflist

Buffer Shortcuts

:h ctrl-w	complete list of all buffer commands
:bd *.ext ^A	Deletes all Buffers with Extension 'ext'
^^	toggle between the current and the last window
^Wf gf	open file under cursor in new/current window
^Ww ^W^W	move to window below, above (wrap)
^Wj ^Wk	move to window below, above
^Wt ^Wb	move to top/bottom window
^Wc ^Wo	close current/all other window(s)
^Ws ^Wv	split window in two (vert.)
^Wx	swap open buffer windows
^W*n*+ ^W*n*-	increase/decrease window size by *n* lines
^W*n* > ^W*n* <	increase/decrease window width
^W =	Make all windows equally high and wide
^W *n*_	set window height to *n* (default: very high)
^W *n*|	set current window width to *n*

Plugin Commands

:BufOnly	Deletes all other Buffers

Tab Management

:tabs	list all tabs including their displayed windows
:tabfirst	go to first tab
:tablast	go to last tab
:tabnew	open a new empty tab page
:tabc	close current tab page
:wqa :qa	(save and) quit all tabs
:tabo	close all other tabs
gt gT	go to next/previous Tab
*n*gt	goto tab in position *n*

Advanced Scrolling

n^Y *n*^E	Scroll window *n* lines up-/downwards
^D ^U	scroll half a page up, down
^F ^B	scroll page up, down
zt zz zb	current line to top, center, bottom of win.
zh zl	scroll one character to the right, left
zH zL	scroll half a screen to the right, left

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^]	tags
^X^F	file names
^X^D	definitions or macros
^X^V	vim command line
^X^U	user defined completion
^X^O	omni completion

Folding

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=n	show foldcolumn n

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

Indentation

:set fdm=indent	indent-foldmethod
n> n< =	indent/unindent n levels, reindent
n>> n<<	indent/dedent n lines
G=gg	auto (re)indent entire document

Vim Start-Options

vimdiff f_1 f_2	diff $file_1$ + $file_2$ using synchronized split windows
vim -o/-O f_1 f_2	open *files* in horiz/vert split mode
vim +n *file*	open *file* at nth line (eof if n omitted)
vim +/s *file*	open *file* and search for *string*

Most Common Digraphs

:dig	complete list of all digraphs
^Kc_1c_2 or $c_1 \leftarrow c_2$	enter digraph $\{c_1, c_2\}$
Co	Copyright
Rg	Registered Trademark
!I	¡: Inverteted Excl. Mark
?I	¿: Inverteted Quest. Mark
Eu	Euro Currency
Li	Britain Pound Currency
00	∞
*p *P	π Π
14 12 34	1/4, 1/2, 3/4 etc.