

Vim Cheat Sheet for Rails Development in tmux

1 Modes

Normal mode: Esc → Navigate, issue commands Insert mode: i → Type/edit text Command mode: : → Enter commands like save/quit

Mnemonic: “Escapes to Normal, then : for Commands”

2 Saving & Exiting

Write & Quit: :wq → Write your changes, then quit Quit without saving: :q! → Force quit without writing Just quit: :q → Quit only if nothing changed

Mnemonic for :wq → “Write first, then Quit”

Steps: 1. Esc → Normal mode 2. : → Command mode 3. wq → Write & quit 4. Enter → Done

3 Basic Navigation (Normal mode)

h → left - horizontal left j → down - jump down k → up - climb l → right - lateral gg → go to top G → go to bottom

4 Quick Editing

i → insert at cursor a → append after cursor x → delete character under cursor dd → delete current line

5 Bonus for Rails

Open file in tmux pane: vim Gemfile Split panes: Ctrl+b ” (horizontal), Ctrl+b % (vertical) Move between panes: Ctrl+b + arrow keys