

Vim commands

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Basic movements

- `$ touch ~/.vimrc` or `:set nocompatible` : enables VIM functionalities
- `gvim` vs `vim`: `gvim` opens a new window
- `<insert mode>` `ctrl+w`, `ctrl+h` delete a word, a char
- `3a!<esc>` inserts !!!
- `help i_` shows `<insert mode>` commands
- `help i_ctrl+h` shows help of insert mode `ctrl+h`
- `help ...` : refer to the manual
- inserting multiple lines at VIM: `<visual mode>` `ctrl+v`, choose multiple lines, `shift+i`, edit, `<esc>`
- `3G`, `10G`, `nG`: go to nth line
- `:set number`, `:set nonumber`
- `ctrl+G`: shows where I am
- `30%`, `n%`: go to n% position of the buffer
- `ctrl+U` vs `ctrl+D`: up vs down
- `ctrl+E` vs `ctrl+Y`: up vs down
- `d3w` vs `3dw`: identical
- `C` vs `S`: Clear the rest of the line and insert mode, delete all line and insert mode
- `..`: repeat the last change
- `df<char>`: delete until `<char>` in a line
- `J`: joining the next line, also works within a visual mode
- `r`: replace a char
- `~`, `3~`, `10~`: change cases
- Macros:
 - Recording: `q[a-z]`
 - Ending: `q`
 - Using: `@[a-z]`
- Digraphs:
 - `ctrl+k+<key>` in `<insert mode>`

- :diagraph
- Search:
 - / ?: forward/backward search
 - use escape(\) for special characters (. * [] ^ % ? ~ \$)
 - n N: forward/backward navi
 - / and up-down arrow for history search
 - ^text text\$ tex.: start end replace with a char
- :set hlsearch / :set nohlsearch / :nohlsearch (to clear current highlights)
- :set incsearch / :set noincsearch
- Marks:
 - Setting: m[a-z]
 - Using: `[a-z] (backtick to the mark), '[a-z] (single quotation to start of the line)
 - :marks
 - ”: last place after jump
- Yanking: y’a could yank all the lines up to mark a
- :vi <file> editing another file
- Register yanking / <insert mode> pasting
 - <visual mode> “[number]y to yank
 - <insert mode> ctrl+r [number] to paste
- 0: moves to the start of a line
- ctrl+[is the same as <Esc>

Advanced

- Window split:
 - :split duplicates current working file
 - :new opens a new empty vim
 - :buffers shows buffers
 - :buffer number/filename shows buffer
 - ctrl+w, j k: moves about the panes
- Multiple file editing
 - \$vim file1 file2 file3
 - :next or :n or :ne or :3n moves windows
 - :prev or :3prev moves to previous windows
 - :args shows windows
- Visual mode multi line editing:
 - > < command indents dedents “shift width”

- ctrl+v to enter <visual model>, and then shift+i (or I), then type text, and <Esc>
 - also works with A (append), C (delete from block to the end of line)
- >> / << also indents / dedents a line
- 5>> / 5<< applies indents / dedents for the next 5 lines
- syntax on: for syntax coloring
- Example
 - :filetype on
 - :autocmd FileType c,cpp :set cindent
- Abbreviation:
 - :abbreviate ad advertisement (:ab also works)
 - :ab shows the list
- Mapping (similar to macro)
 - :map <F5> i{<Esc>ea}<Esc>
 - :map shows the list
- Saving and restoring setting (e.g., ab or mapping)
 - :mkvimrc <file>
 - :source <file>
- :version shows which initialization file used
- :set textwidth=30
- :set fileformat=unix,dos / :set fileformat? shows the list