

# Duplicate a whole line in Vim

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**y y** or **Y** to copy the line (mnemonic: *yank*)

or

**d d** to *delete* the line (Vim copies what you deleted into a clipboard-like "register", like a *cut* operation)

then

**p** to *paste* the copied or deleted text *after* the current line

or

**P** to *paste* the copied or deleted text *before* the current line

answered Sep 16 '08 at 15:06



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Normal mode: see other answers.

The Ex way:

- **:t.** will duplicate the line,
- **:t 7** will copy it after line 7,
- **[:,+t0** will copy current and next line at the beginning of the file ( **[:,+** is a synonym for the range **[:,+1** ),
- **:1,t\$** will copy lines from beginning till cursor position to the end ( **:1,** is a synonym for the range **:1,.** ).

If you need to move instead of copying, use **:m** instead of **:t**.

This can be really powerful if you combine it with **:g** or **:v**:

- `:v/foo/m$` will move all lines not matching the pattern "foo" to the end of the file.
- `:+,$g/^\\s*class\\s\\+\\i\\+/t.` will copy all subsequent lines of the form `class xxx` right after the cursor.

Reference: `:help range` , `:help :t` , `:help :g` , `:help :m` and `:help :v`

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`YP` or `Yp` or `yyp` .

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```
1 Copy the following line with yy
2
3 I think therefore I am
4
5 Paste with p
6
7
```

Doesn't get any simpler than this! From normal mode:

`yy`

then move to the line you want to paste at and

`p`

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y y

will yank the current line without deleting it

d d

will delete the current line

p

will **put** a line grabbed by either of the previous methods

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Do this:

First, **y y** to copy the current line, and then **p** to paste.

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If you want another way:

**"ayy** : This will store the line in buffer **a** .

**"ap** : This will put the contents of buffer **a** at the cursor.

There are many variations on this.

**"a5yy** : This will store the 5 lines in buffer **a** .

See "[Vim help files](#)" for more fun.

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**y y p** - remember it with "yippee!"

Multiple lines with a number in between:

**y 7 y p**

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**y y p** - paste after

**y y P** - paste before

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You can also try <C-x><C-l> which will repeat the last line from insert mode and brings you a completion window with all of the lines. It works almost like <C-p>

answered Sep 18 '08 at 20:32

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Another option would be to go with:

nmap <C-d> mzyyp`z

gives you the advantage of preserving the cursor position.

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I like: **Shift** + **v** (to select the whole line immediately and let you select other lines if you want), y, p

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For someone who doesn't know vi, some answers from above might mislead him with phrases like "paste ... after/before **current line**".

It's actually "paste ... after/before **cursor**".

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or

**d** **d** to delete the line

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or

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For more key bindings, you can visit this site: [vi Complete Key Binding List](#)

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I know I'm late to the party, but whatever; I have this in my .vimrc:

```
nnoremap <C-d> :copy .<CR>
vnoremap <C-d> :copy '><CR>
```

the `:copy` command just copies the selected line or the range (always whole lines) to below the line number given as its argument.

In normal mode what this does is `copy .` *copy this line to just below this line.*

And in visual mode it turns into `'<,'> copy '>` *copy from start of selection to end of selection to the line below end of selection.*

answered Apr 13 '18 at 7:26



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1 gotcha: when you use "p" to put the line, it puts it *after* the line your cursor is on, so if you want to add the line after the line you're yanking, don't move the cursor down a line before putting the new line.

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Default is `yy p`, but I've been using this rebinding for a year or so and love it:

`" set Y to duplicate lines, works in visual mode as well. nnoremap Y yyp vnoremap Y y`>pgv`

answered Apr 20 '15 at 4:33



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For those starting to learn vi, here is a good introduction to vi by listing side by side vi commands to typical Windows GUI Editor cursor movement and shortcut keys. It lists all the basic commands including `yy` (copy line) and `p` (paste after) or `P` (paste before).

vi (Vim) for Windows Users

answered Feb 10 '16 at 13:23



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If you would like to duplicate a line and paste it right away below the current line, just like in Sublime **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **D**, then you can add this to your `.vimrc` file.

```
nmap <S-C-d> <Esc>Yp
```

Or, for Insert mode:

```
imap <S-C-d> <Esc>Ypa
```

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I like to use this mapping:

```
:nnoremap yp Yp
```

because it makes it consistent to use alongside the native `YP` command.

answered Apr 11 '18 at 16:34



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