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 <u>Ex</u> 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 answered Apr 17 '12 at 15:17



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YP or Yp or yyp.
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1 Copy the following line with yy
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3 I think therefore I am
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5 Paste with p
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Doesn't get any simpler than this! From normal mode:

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then move to the line you want to paste at and

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2,68911 gold badge1313 silver badges77 bronze badges 52 уу will yank the current line without deleting it d d will delete the current line р will put a line grabbed by either of the previous methods answered Sep 16 '08 at 15:04 33.8k55 gold badges4242 silver badges5353 bronze badges 42 Do this: First, y y to copy the current line, and then p to paste. answered Sep 16 '08 at 15:04 Eric Z Beard 33.8k2424 gold badges9393 silver badges142142 bronze badges 40 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.

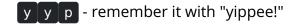
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Multiple lines with a number in between:



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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>

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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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P to paste the copied or deleted text before the cursor

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 y y 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

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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).

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

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nmap <S-C-d> <Esc>Yp
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Or, for Insert mode:

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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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