

Vim Short Cuts.

Shortcut Keys	Function
Main	
Escape key	Gets out of the current mode into the “command mode”. All keys are bound of commands.
i	“Insert mode” for inserting text. Keys behave as expected.
:	“Last-line mode” where Vim expects you to enter a command such as to save the document.
Navigation keys	

h	moves the cursor one character to the left.
j or Ctrl + J	moves the cursor down one line.
k or Ctrl + P	moves the cursor up one line.
l	moves the cursor one character to the right.
0	moves the cursor to the beginning of the line.
\$	moves the cursor to the end of the line.
^	moves the cursor to the first non-empty character of the line
w	move forward one word (next alphanumeric word)

W	move forward one word (delimited by a white space)
5w	move forward five words
b	move backward one word (previous alphanumeric word)
B	move backward one word (delimited by a white space)
5b	move backward five words
G	move to the end of the file
gg	move to the beginning of the file.

Navigate around the document

(jumps to the previous sentence
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)	jumps to the next sentence
{	jumps to the previous paragraph
}	jumps to the next paragraph
[[jumps to the previous section
]]	jumps to the next section
[]	jump to the end of the previous section
][jump to the end of the next section
Insert text	
a	Insert text after the cursor

A	Insert text at the end of the line
i	Insert text before the cursor
o	Begin a new line below the cursor
O	Begin a new line above the cursor
Special inserts	
:r [filename]	Insert the file [filename] below the cursor
:r ![command]	Execute [command] and insert its output below the cursor
Delete text	

x	delete character at cursor
dw	delete a word.
d0	delete to the beginning of a line.
d\$	delete to the end of a line.
d)	delete to the end of sentence.
dgg	delete to the beginning of the file.
dG	delete to the end of the file.
dd	delete line
3dd	delete three lines

Simple replace text

r{text}	Replace the character under the cursor with {text}
R	Replace characters instead of inserting them
Copy/Paste text	
yy	copy current line into storage buffer
["x]yy	Copy the current lines into register x
p	paste storage buffer after current line
P	paste storage buffer before current line
["x]p	paste from register x after current line

["x]P

paste from register x before current
line

Undo/Redo operation

u

undo the last operation.

Ctrl+r

redo the last undo.

Search and Replace keys

/search_text

search document for search_text
going forward

?search_text

search document for search_text
going backward

n	move to the next instance of the result from the search
N	move to the previous instance of the result
:%s/original/replacement	Search for the first occurrence of the string “original” and replace it with “replacement”
:%s/original/replacement/g	Search and replace all occurrences of the string “original” with “replacement”
:%s/original/replacement/gc	Search for all occurrences of the string “original” but ask for confirmation before replacing them with “replacement”

Bookmarks

m {a-z A-Z}	Set bookmark {a-z A-Z} at the current cursor position
:marks	List all bookmarks
`{a-z A-Z}	Jumps to the bookmark {a-z A-Z}
Select text	
v	Enter visual mode per character
V	Enter visual mode per line
Esc	Exit visual mode
Modify selected text	

~	Switch case
d	delete a word.
c	change
y	yank
>	shift right
<	shift left
!	filter through an external command
Save and quit	
:q	Quits Vim but fails when file has been changed

<code>:w</code>	Save the file
<code>:w new_name</code>	Save the file with the new_name filename
<code>:wq</code>	Save the file and quit Vim.
<code>:q!</code>	Quit Vim without saving the changes to the file.
<code>ZZ</code>	Write file, if modified, and quit Vim
<code>ZQ</code>	Same as :q! Quits Vim without writing changes