

# VIM Keyboard Shortcuts

## Cursor movement

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| h     | move left  |
| j     | move down  |
| k     | move up  |
| l     | move right   |
| w     | jump by start of words (punctuation considered words)  |
| W     | jump by words (spaces separate words)  |
| e     | jump to end of words (punctuation considered words)  |
| E     | jump to end of words (no punctuation)  |
| b     | jump backward by words (punctuation considered words)  |
| B     | jump backward by words (no punctuation)  |
| 0     | (zero) start of line   |
| ^     | first non-blank character of line  |
| \$    | end of line  |
| G     | Go To command (prefix with number  |
| Note: | Prefix a cursor movement command with a number to repeat it. For example, 4j moves down 4 lines. |

## Insert Mode

### Inserting/Appending text

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| i   | start insert mode at cursor   |
| I   | insert at the beginning of the line                                   |
| a   | append after the cursor   |
| A   | append at the end of the line   |
| o   | open (append) blank line below current line (no need to press return) |
| O   | open blank line above current line                                    |
| ea  | append at end of word   |
| Esc | exit insert mode  |

## Editing

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| r   | replace a single character (does not use insert mode)  |
| J   | join line below to the current one                     |
| cc  | change (replace) an entire line                        |
| cw  | change (replace) to the end of word                    |
| c\$ | change (replace) to the end of line                    |
| s   | delete character at cursor and subsitute text          |
| S   | delete line at cursor and substitute text (same as cc) |
| xp  | transpose two letters (delete and paste, technically)  |
| u   | undo   |
| .   | repeat last command                                    |

**Marking text (visual mode)**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| v      | start visual mode, mark lines, then do command (such as y-yank) |
| V      | start Linewise visual mode                                      |
| o      | move to other end of marked area                                |
| Ctrl+v | start visual block mode   |
| O      | move to Other corner of block                                   |
| aw     | mark a word   |
| ab     | a () block (with braces)  |
| aB     | a {} block (with brackets)                                      |
| ib     | inner () block  |
| iB     | inner {} block  |
| Esc    | exit visual mode  |

**Visual commands**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| > | shift right             |
| < | shift left              |
| y | yank (copy) marked text |
| d | delete marked text      |
| ~ | switch case             |

**Cut and Paste**

|     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| yy  | yank (copy) a line |
| 2yy | yank 2 lines       |

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| yw  | yank word                              |
| y\$ | yank to end of line                    |
| p   | put (paste) the clipboard after cursor |
| P   | put (paste) before cursor              |
| dd  | delete (cut) a line                    |
| dw  | delete (cut) the current word          |
| x   | delete (cut) current character         |
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### Exiting

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| :w  | write (save) the file, but don't exit |
| :wq | write (save) and quit                 |
| :q  | quit (fails if anything has changed)  |
| :q! | quit and throw away changes           |

### Search/Replace

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| /pattern       | search for pattern  |
| ?pattern       | search backward for pattern                                 |
| n              | repeat search in same direction                             |
| N              | repeat search in opposite direction                         |
| :%s/old/new/g  | replace all old with new throughout file                    |
| :%s/old/new/gc | replace all old with new throughout file with confirmations |

### Working with multiple files

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| :e filename     | Edit a file in a new buffer                  |
| :bnext (or :bn) | go to next buffer                            |
| :bprev (of :bp) | go to previous buffer                        |
| :bd             | delete a buffer (close a file)               |
| :sp filename    | Open a file in a new buffer and split window |
| ctrl+ws         | Split windows                                |
| ctrl+ww         | switch between windows                       |
| ctrl+wq         | Quit a window                                |
| ctrl+wv         | Split windows vertically                     |

