Vim Cheat Sheet

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- :help keyword open help for keyword
- :o file open file
- :saveas file save file as
- :close close current pane

Cursor movement

- h move cursor left
- j move cursor down
- k move cursor up
- 1 move cursor right
- H move to top of screen
- M move to middle of screen
- L move to bottom of screen
- w jump forwards to the start of a word
- W jump forwards to the start of a word (words can contain punctuation)
- **e** jump forwards to the end of a word
- E jump forwards to the end of a word (words can contain punctuation)
- **b** jump backwards to the start of a word
- B jump backwards to the start of a word (words can contain punctuation)
- **0** jump to the start of the line
- ^ jump to the first nonblank character of the line
- \$ jump to the end of the line
- **g_** jump to the last non-blank character of the line
- gg go to the first line of the document
- **G** go to the last line of the document
- 5G go to line 5
- **fx** jump to next occurrence of character x

Editing

- r replace a single character
- J join line below to the current one
- cc change (replace) entire line
- cw change (replace) to the end of the word
- c\$ change (replace) to the end of the line
- s delete character and substitute text
- S delete line and substitute text (same as cc)
- xp transpose two letters (delete and paste)
- u undo
- Ctrl + r redo
- . repeat last command

Marking text (visual mode)

- v start visual mode, mark lines, then do a command (like 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 ()
- aB a block with {}
- ib inner block with ()
- iB inner block with {}
- Esc exit visual mode

Visual commands

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

Registers

:reg - show registers content

Cut and paste

- yy yank (copy) a line
- 2yy yank (copy) 2 lines
- yw yank (copy) the characters of the word from the cursor position to the start of the next word
- y\$ yank (copy) to end of line
- p put (paste) the clipboard after cursor
- P put (paste) before cursor
- dd delete (cut) a line
- 2dd delete (cut) 2 lines
- dw delete (cut) the
 characters of the word
 from the cursor position
 to the start of the next
 word
- D delete (cut) to the end of the line
- **d\$** delete (cut) to the end of the line
- x delete (cut) character

Exiting

- :w write (save) the file, but don't exit
- :w !sudo tee %write out the current file using sudo
- :wq or :x or ZZ write (save) and quit
- :q quit (fails if there are unsaved changes)
- :q! or ZQ quit and throw away unsaved changes

Search and replace

- /pattern search for pattern
- **?pattern** search backward for pattern
- \vpattern 'very magic' pattern: nonalphanumeric characters are interpreted as special regex symbols (no escaping needed)
- **n** repeat search in same direction
- N repeat search in opposite direction

Working with multiple files

- :e file edit a file in a new buffer
- :bnext or :bn go to the next buffer
- :bprev or :bp go to the previous buffer
- :bd delete a buffer (close a file)
- :1s list all open buffers
- :sp file open a file in a new buffer and split window
- :vsp file open a file in a new buffer and vertically split window
- Ctrl + ws split window
- Ctrl + ww switch windows
- Ctrl + wq quit a window
- Ctrl + wv split window vertically
- Ctrl + wh move cursor to the left window (vertical split)
- Ctrl + wl move cursor to the right window (vertical split)
- Ctrl + wj move cursor to the window below (horizontal split)
- Ctrl + wk move cursor to the window above (horizontal split)

- Tabs
- :tabnew or :tabnew file - open a file in a new tab
- Ctrl + wT move the current split window into its own tab
- gt or :tabnext or
 :tabn move to the
 next tab
- gT or :tabprev or :tabp move to the previous tab
- **#gt** move to tab number #
- :tabmove #-move current tab to the #th position (indexed from o)
- :tabclose or :tabc close the current tab and all its windows
- :tabonly or :tabo close all tabs except for the current one
- :tabdo command run the command on all tabs (e.g. :tabdo q - closes all opened tabs)

tx - jump to before next occurrence of character x	"xy - yank into register x		
} - jump to next paragraph (or	"xp - paste contents of register x		
function/block, when editing code)	Marks		
{ - jump to previous	:marks - list of marks		
paragraph (or function/block, when editing code)	ma - set current position for mark A		
zz - center cursor on screen	'a - jump to position of mark A		
Ctrl + b - move back one full screen	y'a - yank text to position of mark A		
Ctrl + f - move	Macros		
forward one full screen	qa - record macro a		
Ctrl + d - move forward 1/2 a screen	q - stop recording macro		
Ctrl + u - move back	@a - run macro a		
1/2 a screen	@@ - rerun last run macro		
Insert mode - inserting/appending text			
i - insert before the cursor	_		
I - insert at the beginning of the line	_		
a - insert (append) after the cursor			
A - insert (append) at the end of the line			
o - append (open) a new line below the current line			
O - append (open) a new line above the current line	_		
ea - insert (append) at the end of the word			

Esc - exit insert mode

:%s/old/new/g replace all old with new
throughout file

:%s/old/new/gc replace all old with new
throughout file with
confirmations

:noh - remove highlighting of search matches

Search in multiple files

:vimgrep /pattern/
{file} - search for
pattern in multiple files

: cn - jump to the next match

: cp - jump to the previous match

:copen - open a window containing the list of matches