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- :h[elp] keywordopen help for keyword
- :sav[eas] file save file as
- :clo[se] close current
- :ter[minal] open a terminal window
- K open man page for word under the cursor

Cursor movement

- **h** move cursor left
- **j** move cursor down
- k move cursor up
- 1 move cursor right
- gj move cursor down (multi-line text)
- gk move cursor up (multi-line text)
- **H** move to top of screen
- \mathbf{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)
- ge jump backwards to the end of a word
- **gE** jump backwards to the end of a word (words can contain punctuation)
- % move to matching character (default supported pairs: '()', '{}', '[]' - use :h matchpairs in vim for more info)
- **0** jump to the start of the
- **^** jump to the first nonblank character of the line
- \$ jump to the end of the line

- **r** replace a single character.
- R replace more than one character, until ESC is pressed.
- **J** join line below to the current one with one space Cut and paste in between
- **gJ** join line below to the current one without space in between
- gwip reflow paragraph
- g~ switch case up to motion
- ${f gu}$ change to lowercase up to motion
- gU change to uppercase up to motion
- **cc** change (replace) entire line
- **c\$** or **C** change (replace) to the end of the line
- **Ciw** change (replace) entire word
- CW or Ce change (replace) to the end of the word
- S delete character and substitute text
- **S** delete line and substitute text (same as
- xp transpose two letters (delete and paste)
- u undo
- U restore (undo) last changed line

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
- 0 move to other corner of block
- aw mark a word
- ab a block with ()
- aB a block with {}

Macros

- qa record macro a
- q stop recording macro
- @a run macro a
- @ rerun last run macro

- 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
- yiw yank (copy) word under the cursor
- yaw yank (copy) word under the cursor and the space after or before it
- y\$ or Y yank (copy) to end of line
- p put (paste) the clipboard after cursor
- P put (paste) before cursor
- **gp** put (paste) the clipboard after cursor and leave cursor after the new
- **gP** put (paste) before cursor and leave cursor after the new text
- 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
- diw delete (cut) word under the cursor
- daw delete (cut) word under the cursor and the space after or before it
- **d\$** or **D** delete (cut) to the end of the line
- x delete (cut) character

Indent text

- >> indent (move right) line one shiftwidth
- << de-indent (move left) line one shiftwidth
- >% indent a block with () or {} (cursor on brace)
- >ib indent inner block
- >at indent a block with <> tags

Working with multiple files

- :e[dit] file edit a file in a new buffer
- :bn[ext] go to the next buffer
- :bp[revious] go to the previous buffer
- :bd[elete] delete a buffer (close a file)
- :b[uffer]# go to a buffer by index # :b[uffer] file - go to a buffer by file
- :ls or :buffers list all open buffers
- :sp[lit] file open a file in a new buffer and split window
- :vs[plit] file open a file in a new buffer and vertically split window
- :vert[ical] ba[ll] edit all buffers as vertical windows
- :tab ba[ll] edit all buffers as tabs
- Ctrl + ws split window
- Ctrl + wv split window vertically
- Ctrl + ww switch windows
- Ctrl + wq quit a window
- **Ctrl** + wx exchange current window with next
- Ctrl + w= make all windows equal height & width
- 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)
- Ctrl + wH make current window full height at far left (leftmost vertical window)
- Ctrl + wL make current window full height at far right (rightmost vertical window)
- Ctrl + wJ make current window full width at the very bottom (bottommost horizontal window)
- Ctrl + wK make current window full width at the very top (topmost horizontal window)

- **zf** manually define a fold up to motion
- zd delete fold under the cursor
- za toggle fold under the cursor
- **ZO** open fold under the cursor
- ZC close fold under the cursor
- zr reduce (open) all folds by one level
- zm fold more (close) all folds by one level

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- **zi** toggle folding functionality
- **] C** jump to start of next change

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- **g_** jump to the last nonblank character of the line
- $\boldsymbol{g}\boldsymbol{g}$ go to the first line of the document
- ${f G}$ go to the last line of the document
- **5gg** or **5G** go to line 5
- **gd** move to local declaration
- **gD** move to global declaration
- **fx** jump to next occurrence of character x
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{tx}}$ jump to before next occurrence of character \boldsymbol{x}
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{Fx}}$ jump to the previous occurrence of character x
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{Tx}}$ jump to after previous occurrence of character x
- ; repeat previous f, t, F or T movement
- , repeat previous f, t, F or T movement, backwards
- } jump to next paragraph (or function/block, when editing code)
- { jump to previous paragraph (or function/block, when editing code)
- **ZZ** center cursor on screen
- Ctrl + e move screen
 down one line (without
 moving cursor)
- Ctrl + y move screen
 up one line (without
 moving cursor)
- Ctrl + b move back one
 full screen
- Ctrl + f move forward
 one full screen
- Ctrl + d move forward 1/2 a screen
- Ctrl + u move back 1/2 a screen
- Insert mode inserting/appending text
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- i insert before the cursor
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{I}}$ insert at the beginning of the line
- $\mbox{\bf a}$ insert (append) after the cursor
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$ insert (append) at the end of the line
- **O** append (open) a new line below the current line

- **at** a block with <> tags
- **ib** inner block with ()
- iB inner block with {}
- it inner block with <>
 tags
- **Esc** exit visual mode
- Visual commands
- > shift text right
- < shift text left
- ${f y}$ yank (copy) marked text
- ${f d}$ delete marked text
- ~ switch case
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}$ change marked text to lowercase
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{U}}$ change marked text to uppercase
- Registers
- :reg[isters] show registers content
- "xy yank into register x
- $\mathbf{"xp}$ paste contents of register \mathbf{x}
- "+y yank into the system clipboard register
- "+p paste from the system clipboard register
- Marks and positions
- :marks list of marks
- **ma** set current position for mark A
- `a jump to position of
- **y`a** yank text to position of mark A
- `**0** go to the position where Vim was previously
- exited
 " go to the position
- when last editing this file

 . go to the position of
- the last change in this file
 ... go to the position
- before the last jump
- :ju[mps] list of jumps
- Ctrl + i go to newer position in jump list
- Ctrl + o go to older
 position in jump list
- : changes list of changes
- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{g}}$, go to newer position in change list

- **3==** re-indent 3 lines
- =% re-indent a block with () or {} (cursor on brace)
- **=iB** re-indent inner block with {}
- $\mathbf{gg} = \mathbf{G}$ re-indent entire buffer
- $\ensuremath{\left] \, p}$ paste and adjust indent to current line
- Exiting
- :W write (save) the file, but don't exit
- :w !sudo tee % write out the current file using sudo
- : \mathbf{Wq} or : \mathbf{X} or \mathbf{ZZ} write (save) and quit
- **: q** quit (fails if there are unsaved changes)
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} : &q! & \text{or } \textbf{ZQ} & -\text{quit and throw} \\ &away & unsaved & changes \\ \end{tabular}$
- :wqa write (save) and quit on all tabs
- Search and replace
- **/pattern** search for pattern
- **?pattern** search backward for pattern
- \vpattern 'very magic'
 pattern: non-alphanumeric
 characters are interpreted
 as special regex symbols
 (no escaping needed)
- ${f n}$ repeat search in same direction
- ${f N}$ 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
- :noh[lsearch] remove highlighting of
 search matches
- Search in multiple files
- :vim[grep]
 /pattern/
- {`{file}`} search for
 pattern in multiple files
- :cn[ext] jump to the
 next match
- :cp[revious] jump to the previous match
- :cope[n] open a
 window containing the list
 of matches

- [c jump to start of previous change
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{do or :diffg[et]} & obtain (get) difference (from other buffer) \end{tabular}$
- dp or :diffpu[t] put difference (to other buffer)
- :diffthis make current window part of diff
- :dif[fupdate] update differences
- $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{:diffo[ff]} \text{ -} \text{ switch off diff mode for current} \\ \text{window} \end{array}$

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- 0 append (open) a new line above the current line
- change list
- g; go to older position in :ccl[ose] close the quickfix window
- ea insert (append) at the end of the word
- Ctrl +] jump to the tag Tabs under cursor
- Ctrl + h delete the character before the
- cursor during insert mode Ctrl + w - delete word
- before the cursor during insert mode
- Ctrl + j begin new line during insert mode
- $\mbox{Ctrl} + \mbox{t}$ indent (move right) line one shiftwidth during insert mode
- Ctrl + d de-indent (move left) line one shiftwidth during insert mode
- Ctrl + n insert (autocomplete) next match before the cursor during insert mode
- Ctrl + p insert (autocomplete) previous match before the cursor during insert mode
- Ctrl + rx insert the contents of register x
- Ctrl + ox Temporarily enter normal mode to issue one normal-mode command x.
- **Esc** exit insert mode

- $\verb:tabnew or : tabnew$ {page.words.file} open a file in a new tab
- Ctrl + wT move thecurrent split window into its own tab
- gt or :tabn[ext] move to the next tab
- gT or :tabp[revious] - move to the previous tab
- **#gt** move to tab number
- :tabm[ove] #-move current tab to the #th position (indexed from 0)
- :tabc[lose] close the current tab and all its windows
- :tabo[nly] close all tabs except for the current
- :tabdo command run the command on all tabs (e.g. :tabdo q - closes all opened tabs)

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