

Vim Cheatsheet

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Format of command is: "Verb Range Motion"

For example, if you use d2w, it will delete 2 words. (To exit insert or visual mode use <Esc>)

*If you do not use any range, it will automatically set it to 1. Also some verb can be used repeatedly.

*Also Certain words allow "i" to be a range which i stands for inclusion. For example, dw will delete the word from the cursor but diw will delete the entire word.

Verb/Editing

gg -Go to (20gg goes to line 20)

f+character -Finds first instance of character

r -Replace a single character

J -Join the line below with the current

c -Replace (combine with Motion and/or Range)

x -Deletes the character at current cursor (cut)

d -Delete (cut)

D -Deletes from cursor to end of line

y -Yank the highlighted text (copy)

p -Paste the clipboard

u -Undo

U -Returns the last line modified to its original state

Ctrl+r -Redo

> -Indent to the right

< -Indent to the left

~ -Changes character's case

Insertion/Deletion

i -Insert mode at current cursor

I -Insert mode at beginning of line

a -Insert mode after the cursor

A -Insert mode at end of line.

o -Append a new line below the current line

O -Append a new line above the current line

s -Delete word and enter insert mode

S -Delete line and enter insert mode

Motion/Navigation

h -Left

j -Down

k -Up

l -Right

w -Jump forward to the start of a word

W -Jump forward to the start of a word (can contain punctuation)

e -Jump forward to the end of a word

E -Jump forward to the end of a word (can contain punctuation)

b -Jump backward to the start of a word

B -Jump backward to the start of a word (can contain punctuation)

0 or **^** -Jump to the start of the line

\$ -Jump to the end of the line

% -Jump to matching bracket

G -Go to end of file

H -(High)Go to top of visible page

M -(Middle)Go to middle of visible page

L -(Low)Go to bottom of visible page

(-Jump forward one sentence

) -Jump backward one sentence

{ -Jump forward one paragraph

} -Jump backward one paragraph

``(backticks) -Return to the line where cursor was before latest jump

Other Navigations

Ctrl-U -Scroll Up

Ctrl-D -Scroll down

Ctrl-E (Efter) -Scroll down one line

Ctrl-Y (Yore) -Scroll up one line

:NUMBER -Go to line NUMBER

NUMBER + G -Go to line NUMBER (i.e.: 25G)

Commands

Save/Exit

:q -Quit
:q! -Quit (Ignores changes made)
:w -Save
:wq (:x) -Save and quit
:w FILENAME -Saves into
 FILENAME

Tabs/Split

:tabe -Creates a new tab
:tabe FILENAME -Creates a new tab
 with name FILENAME
gt -Moves to next tab
gT -Moves to previous tab
#gt -Move to tab number #

Visual Commands

Ctrl+v -Enter visual mode (highlight)
v -Start visual mode from cursor
V -Start linewise visual mode
< -Shift text left
> -Shift text right

Macros

q+character -Start recording to register character
q -Stop recording
@+character -Execute Macro on character
@@ -Execute the same macro again

Substitution/Searching

:s/OLD/NEW/g -Replaces all instances of OLD in current line and replaces with NEW
:%s/OLD/NEW/g -Replaces all instances of OLD with NEW
:%s/OLD/NEW/gc -Replaces all instances of old with new, but asks for confirmation
/TEXT -Search for TEXT
?TEXT -Search for TEXT backwards
n -Move to next word that matches
N -Move to previous word that matches

Colorschemes

:color <TAB > -Navigate through default colorschemes
 *You can add colorschemes in
 ~/.vim/colors

Marks

m+LETTER -Set mark LETTER at cursor location
'LETTER -Jump to line of mark LETTER
`LETTER -Jump to position mark LETTER
d'LETTER -Delete from current line to line of mark LETTER
d'LETTER -Delete from current cursor position to position of mark LETTER
c'a -Change text from current line to line of mark LETTER
y'a -Yank text to buffer from cursor to position mark LETTER

Line Folding

"Highlighted text" + zf -Folds highlighted text
zf "NUMBER" j -Creates folds from cursor down NUMBER lines
zf/STRING -Creates fold from cursor to STRING
zj -Move to next fold
zk -Move to previous fold

zo -Open fold at cursor
ZO -Open all folds
zm -Increase fold level by one
zM -Close all open folds
zr -Decrease fold level by one
zR -Decrease fold level to 0

Other Commands

:!COMMAND -Runs COMMAND (bash commands)
:r FILENAME -Copy FILENAME into your current file
:r!COMMAND -Copy the output of COMMAND into current file

Set Options

:set ic -Set ignore case
:set autoindent -Automatically indents
:set cindent -Automatically indents in C style
:set nu or :set number -Show line number.
:set incsearch -Incremental search
:set hls -Highlighted search

Buffers

:e file -Edit existing or new file
:new -Creates new window displaying contents of new buffer
:ls -Lists all buffers
Ctrl-W w -Move cursor to other window
:vsp -Split window vertically
:bd -Delete the current buffer. will fail if unsaved.

zd -Delete fold at cursor
zD -Delete all folds
[z -Move to start of open fold
]z -Move to end of open fold
:set=foldmethod=indent -
 Automatically creates folds at every indent