

Essentials

Cursor movement (normal/visual mode)

h, **j**, **k**, **l** - arrow keys

w/b - next/previous word

W/B - next/previous word (space separated)

e/ge - next/previous end of word

O/\$ - start/end of line

^ - first non-blank character of line (same as **Ow**)

Editing text

i/a - start insert mode at/after cursor

I/A - start insert mode at the beginning/end of the line

o/O - add blank line below/above current line

Esc or **Ctrl+[** - exit insert mode

d - delete

dd - delete line

c - delete, then start insert mode

cc - delete line, then start insert mode

Operators

d - deletes from the cursor to the movement location

c - deletes from the cursor to the movement location, then starts insert mode

y - copy from the cursor to the movement location

> - indent one level

< - unindent one level

Marking text (visual mode)

v - start visual mode

V - start ilinewise visual mode

Ctrl+v - start visual block mode

Esc or **Ctrl+[** - exit visual mode

Clipboard

yy - yank a line

p - paste after cursor

P - paste before cursor

dd - delete (cut) a line

x - delete (cut) current character

X - delete (cut) previous character

d/c - copy the deleted text

Exiting

:w - write (save) the file, don't quit

wq - write (save) and quit

:q - quit

:q! - quit and throws 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 confirmation

General

u - undo

Ctrl+r - redo