

Vim Reference Card

Starting Vim

vi *filename* Open *filename* in Vim
vi + *filename* Open *filename* at EOF

Leaving Vim

:x Save changes and exit
:q! Quit without saving

Getting Help

:help Show help screen
:help *x* Help for command *x*

Files

:e *filename* Edit *filename* in new buffer
:w *filename* Write (save as) *filename*
:e! Discard unsaved changes

Moving Around

h j k l ← ↓ ↑ →
g*direction* Move one display line in *direction*
w Start of next word
e End of next word
b Back a word
{ Back a paragraph
} Forward a paragraph
1G Go to first line
G Go to last line
nG or **:n** Go to line *n*
% Matching parenthesis

Inserting Text

i Insert mode
o New line below current
Esc Exit insert mode
u Undo
Ctrl + r Redo
. Repeat last command

Moving Text

v Visual selection mode
Ctrl + v Block visual mode
I Insert before cursor
y Yank (copy) text
yy Yank entire line
x Kill char under cursor
dm Kill text for movement *m*
dd Kill entire line
D Kill line after cursor
> Shift right
< Shift left
p Paste

Searching

/term Search for *term*
n Next match
N Next match backwards
:%s/query/replace/g Substitute *replace* for *query*
:%s/query/replace/gc With confirmation

Buffers

:e filename Edit *filename* in new buffer
:b filename Switch to buffer *filename*
:bn Next buffer
:bp Previous buffer
:bd Delete (close) buffer
Ctrl + wv Split window vertically
Ctrl + ww Switch windows
Ctrl + wq Quit window

Macros

qletter Start recording macro to *letter*
q Stop recording macro
@letter Run macro *letter*
@@ Run macro again
n@letter Run *n* times

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Free to redistribute and modify.
<https://github.com/mkasberg/vim-refcard>