

vi / vim graphical cheat sheet

Esc

normal mode

Dvorak

toggle case

goto mark

! external filter

1

@. play macro

2

prev ident

3

\$ eol

4

% goto match

5

^ "soft" bol

6

& repeat :s

7

* next ident

8

(begin sentence

9

) end sentence

0 "hard" bol

{ begin parag.

[. misc

}

] . misc

end parag.

misc

" reg. spec

1

< un-indent

2

> indent

3

P paste before

p paste after

Y yank line

y yank

F. "back" find ch

f. find char

G eof/ goto ln

g. extra cmds

C change to eol

c change

R replace mode

r. replace char

L screen bottom

I →

? . find (rev.)

/ . find

+ next line

= auto-format

next line

auto-format

A append at eol

a append

O open above

o open below

E end WORD

e end word

U undo line

u undo

I insert at bol

i insert mode

D delete to eol

d delete

H screen top

h ←

T. back 'till

t. 'till

N prev (find)

n next (find)

S subst line

s subst char

"soft" bol down

- prev line

Z. quit

Z. extra cmds

bol/ goto col

. not used!

. ex cmd line

. repeat ; t/T/f/F

Q ex mode

q. record macro

J join lines

j ↓

K help

k ↑

X back-space

x delete char

M screen mid'

m. set mark

W next WORD

w next word

V visual lines

v visual mode

Z. quit

Z. extra cmds

bol/ goto col

. not used!

motion

moves the cursor, or defines the range for an operator

command

direct action command, if **red**, it enters insert mode

operator

requires a motion afterwards, operates between cursor & destination

extra

special functions, requires extra input

Q.

commands with a dot need a char argument afterwards

bol = beginning of line, eol = end of line, mk = mark, yank = copy

words: quux(foo, bar, baz);
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Main command line commands ('ex'):

:w (save), :q (quit), :q! (quit w/o saving)
:e f (open file f),
:%s/x/y/g (replace 'x' by 'y' filewide),
:h (help in vim), :new (new file in vim),

Other important commands:

CTRL-R: redo (vim),
CTRL-F/-B: page up/down,
CTRL-E/-Y: scroll line up/down,
CTRL-V: block-visual mode (vim only)

Visual mode:

Move around and type operator to act on selected region (vim only)

Notes:

- (1) use "x before a yank/paste/del command to use that register ('clipboard') (x=a..z,*) (e.g.: "ay\$ to copy rest of line to reg 'a')
- (2) type in a number before any action to repeat it that number of times (e.g.: 2p, d2w, 5i, d4j)
- (3) duplicate operator to act on current line (dd = delete line, > > = indent line)
- (4) ZZ to save & quit, ZQ to quit w/o saving
- (5) zt: scroll cursor to top, zb: bottom, zz: center
- (6) gg: top of file (vim only), gf: open file under cursor (vim only)