Vim Cheatsheet

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Intro

Dictionary defines the word vim as **enthusiasm** or **robust energy**. Indeed, you need vim to learn Vim. Also, I know from my childhood that there was a dishwasher named "Vim." Just kidding! Let's learn the cheatsheet. We will then practice, practice, and practice.



Figure 1: Vim Dishwasher

Modes

Normal: Default mode for navigation and manipulation.

Insert: Edit and insert text.

Visual: Select text.

Command-Line: Enter Vim commands.

Entering Modes

i	Enter Insert mode before cursor
I	Enter Insert mode at the beginning of a line
a	Enter Insert mode after cursor
A	Enter Insert mode at the end of a line
v	Enter Visual mode
V	Enter Visual mode (line-wise)
ctrl + v	Enter Visual block mode
:	Enter Command-Line mode

Exiting Modes

Esc	Exit any mode to Normal mode
:q	Quit (close without saving)
:q!	Force quit (discard changes)
: w	Write (save changes)
:wq or ZZ	Write and quit
:e <filename></filename>	Edit a file

Navigation

h, j, k, l	Move left, down, up, right
w, b	Move word forward/backward
0, \$	Move to beginning/end of line
gg, G	Move to beginning/end of file
ctrl + u, ctrl + d	Scroll half page up/down
ctrl + f, ctrl + b	Scroll full page forward/backward