Introducing the vi Text Editor

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Overview

- In this module:

– Introducing vi

– Entering vi

– Exiting vi

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Introducing vi

- Terminal-based screen-oriented text editor

- Works on any terminal

- Widely used

- Can be cryptic at first

- But easy when you know how!

- Very useful for remote server access

- Possible even on an iPhone...

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Entering vi

- To start an edit session:

- $ vi file

- To start a read-only session:

- $ view file

Exiting vi

- From command mode…

- To exit without saving changes:

– :q!

- To save changes and exit

– :wq

- or

– ZZ

vi's Modes

- Command Mode

- keys are commands

- Insert/Append Mode

- keys enter characters into the file

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