

Vim Cheat Sheet

Global Commands

`:help <keyword>`

Opens help for <keyword>

`:o <fileName>`

Opens <fileName>

`:saveas <fileName>`

Save file as <fileName>

`:close`

Close current window

`:tabnew`

Opens a file in a new tab

`:tabclose`

Closes the current tab

Cursor Movements

`h, j, k, l`

Left, down, up, right (respectively)

`w`

Move forward one word

`b`

Move back one word

`0 (zero)`

Jump to the start of the line

`$`

Jump to the end of the line

gg

Jump to the first line of document

G

Jump to the last line of document

Insert Mode

i

Enter insert mode

a

Insert (append) after cursor

o

Append (open) a new line below the current line

O

Append (open) a new line above the current line

ea

Insert (append) at the end of the current word

Esc

Exit insert mode

Editing

r

Replace single character

cc

Change entire line

cw

Change word (deletes word and enters insert mode)

c\$

Change and replace to the end of the line

u

Undo

Ctrl-r

Redo

Period repeats last command

yy

Copy a line

yw

Copy current word

y\$

Copy to the end of the line

p

Paste after cursor (Capital P pastes before cursor)

dd

Deletes a line

dw

Deletes and word

x

Deletes a character

Find and Replace

/<pattern>

Search for <pattern>

?<pattern>

Search backwards for <pattern>

:s/<old>/<new>

Replaces all instances of <old> with <new> on current line

:%s/<old>/<new>/g

Replaces all instances of <old> with <new> throughout document.

:%s/<old>/<new>/gc

Replaces all instances of <old> with <new> throughout document and asks for confirmation.

Exiting

:w

Save the file, but don't exit

:wq or :x or ZZ

Save the file and exit

:q!

Save the file without writing changes