

from the *MUG of VIM*

1 File commands

<code>vim filename(s)</code>	: edit a file(s)
<code>vim -r filename</code>	: retrieve saved file from crash
<code>vim -o file1 file2</code>	: open two files horizontally
<code>vim -O file1 file2</code>	: open two files vertically
<code>:split filename</code>	: insert file horizontally
<code>:vsplit filename</code>	: insert file vertically
<code>ZZ, :wq, :x</code>	: save & exit
<code>:q, :q!</code>	: quit; quit without saving
<code>:w, :w fn</code>	: save file, save file as <i>fn</i>
<code>:e filename</code>	: edit <i>filename</i>
<code>:r filename</code>	: insert <i>filename</i>
<code>:sh</code>	: drop to shell
<code>:! cmd</code>	: run command <i>cmd</i>
<code>:r! cmd</code>	: execute <i>cmd</i> and insert output

2 Search and replace

<code>/txt, ?txt</code>	: find <i>txt</i> forward and backward
<code>/^txt</code>	: find next line that starts with <i>txt</i>
<code>n, N</code>	: repeat last search backward, forward
<code>R</code>	: replace text from current character
<code>:%s /txt/replacement-txt</code>	: replace the <i>txt</i> with <i>replacement-txt</i> (%s denotes entire text in a file)
<code>:1,25 s/txt/replacement-txt</code>	: replace only from line 1 to 25

3 Deleting / Inserting text

<code>dw, dd, x</code>	: delete word, line character
<code>ndd, nx</code>	: delete <i>n</i> lines, <i>n</i> characters
<code>x, X</code>	: delete character forward, backward
<code>D, d\$</code>	: delete to end of line
<code>dmotion</code>	: delete from cursor to motion (\$, 0, etc)
<code>:>, :<</code>	: indent, outdent line
<code>S</code>	: replace text with blank line
<code>o, O</code>	: insert new line below, above current line
<code>u</code>	: undo last change
<code>CTRL + r</code>	: redo
<code>.</code>	: repeat last change

4 Moving around

<code>nG</code>	: move to line <i>n</i>
<code>l, j, k, h</code>	: right, down, up, left one character
<code>nb, nw</code>	: left or right <i>n</i> words
<code>CTRL+B, F</code>	: back, forward one screen
<code>CTRL+U, D</code>	: up, down one screen
<code>\$, G</code>	: go to end of line, end of file
<code>0</code>	: go to beginning of line(zero)
<code>), (</code>	: move to next, previous sentence
<code>{, }</code>	: move to next, previous paragraph
<code>w, b</code>	: move forward, back one word
<code>e</code>	: go to the end of current or next word
<code>CTRL+w+w</code>	: moving between files

(press hold CTRL and press “w” till you reach the desired file)

5 Cut / Copy / Paste

<code>nyy, nY</code>	: copy <i>n</i> lines
<code>yw, yy</code>	: copy word, line
<code>p, P</code>	: paste text after, before cursor
<code>a, i</code>	: insert text after, before cursor
<code>A, I</code>	: insert text end, beginning of line

6 Some cool stuff

<code>~</code>	: change case
<code>xp</code>	: transpose characters
<code>J</code>	: combine current line with next
<code>mp</code>	: create a mark called <i>p</i>
<code>'p</code>	: return to <i>p</i>
<code>d'x, y'x</code>	: delete, copy text from mark to cursor
<code>:> n</code>	: indent <i>n</i> lines
<code>:undolist</code>	: list the changes made in a file
<code>CTRL+n</code>	: autocompletion for a word already in a file
<code>:2,5 !tr 'a-z' 'A-Z'</code>	: convert in to upper case from line 2 to 5
<code>CTRL+w+o</code>	: only one window