

h moves cursor left

| moves cursor right

The repeat factor can be used as a command prefix with all these four commands. Thus, **4k** moves cursor 4 line up and **20h** take it 20 characters to the left.

2. Word Navigation (**b**, **e** and **w**)

Moving by one character is not always enough; you'll often need to move faster along a line. **Vi** understands a word as a navigation unit which can be defined in two ways, depending on the key pressed. If your cursor is a number of words away from your desire position, you can use the word-navigation commands to go there directly.

There are three basic commands:

b Moves back to beginning of word

e Moves forward to end of words

w Moves forward to beginning of words

a repeat factor speeds up cursor movement along a line. For example, **5b** takes the cursor five word back, while **3w** takes the cursor three words forward.

3. Moving to Line Extremes (**0**, **|** and **\$**)

Moving to the beginning or end of a line is a common requirement. This is handled by the keys **0**, **|** and **\$**. To move to the first character of a line.

0 (zero) or **|** **30|** moves cursor to column 30

The **|** takes a repeat factor and using that, you can position the cursor on a certain column. To position the cursor on column 30, use **30|**

We used **\$** as the line address in the **ex** Mode to represent the last line of the file. The same symbol in the **Command Mode** represents the end of line.

To move to the end of the current line, use

\$ Moves to end of line