

The non-Official “Sistemas Informáticos” vi CheatSheet

Open, Save+Quit

:q	quit
:q!	Quit, throw away changes
:w name	Save as name
:x	Quit + save
:e name	Open file <name>

Movement (Horizontal)

→, l	Right one character
←, h	Left one character
0	Beginning of line
\$	End of line
w/W	Beginning of next word/bigword
e/E	End of next word/bigword
b/B	Beginning of previous word/bigword
(/)	Beginning of previous/next sentence
{/}	Beginning of prev/next paragraph

Movement (Vertical)

↑, k	Up one line
↓, j	Down one line
PgUp, ^B	Up one page
PgDn, ^F	Down one page
(num)G	Go to line (num)
/string	Find string
n/N	Repeat search, forward/backward.

Insert Mode

Any of these commands will put you in insert mode. In insert mode you can type in text, Hit return for a new line, move with cursor and delete.

To return to command mode, hit ESC.

i/a	Insert before/after cursor
I/A	Insert at beginning/end of line
o/O	New line below/above, then insert
cc	Replace current line
c(move)	Replace to (move)

Windowing

:sp file	new split-frame window
^w^w	go to next window

Basic Edits

These commands modify text but keep you in command mode

x	Delete char under cursor
J	Join next line to end of current line
r(char)	Replace char under cursor with (char)
dd	Delete current line
dw	Delete current word
d(move)	Delete from cursor to (move)
yy	Copy current line
yw	Copy current word
u	Undo!
.	Repeat last edit command

Compound Commands (the power of vi)

3→	3 chars right
4)	4 sentences right
2b	2 words left
d3w	Delete 3 next words
d}	delete reminder of paragraph
d)	delete reminder of sentence

Cut + Paste

1. Press **v** to enter visual mode
2. Move cursor to highlight text
3. Press **d** to cut, **y** to copy
4. Move to target location
5. Hit **P/p** to paste after/before cursor.

Search & Replace

:s/reg/rep/	1 st match, current line
:s/reg/rep/g	All matches, current line
:%s/reg/rep/g	Global replace