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Files: [https://github.com/treehouse/  
vim\\_meetup](https://github.com/treehouse/vim_meetup)

I wish I could  
quit you

an intro to Vim

Are you scared  
of Vim?

**Don't be. It'll be OK.**

# Basic Operations

# Opening Vim

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$ vim <file>
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# Quitting Vim

:q

:q!

# Opening a File

```
:e <file>
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# Writing a File

`:w <file>`

`:W`

`:w!`

# Movement

**But, really, think of these as nouns**

**h, j, k, l**

Move one space left, down, up, or right, respectively

**Honestly? Use arrow keys for single steps**

**f <character>, F <character>**

Move forward (f) or backward (F) onto the next occurrence of <character> on the current line

**t <character>, T <character>**

Move forward (t) or backward (T) up to the next occurrence of  
<character> on the current line

**w, b, e**

w - move to the beginning of the next word

b - move to the beginning of the previous word

e - move to the end of the current or next word



O, \_, \$

O - move to the far-left on the current line

\_ - move to the first character on the current line

\$ - move to the last character on the current line

**gg, G**

Move to the top (gg) or bottom (G) of the file

{, }

Move to the top ( { ) or bottom ( } ) of the paragraph.

# Modes



(This is where tables get flipped)

## Modal editor

An editor where you enter into different modes for different tasks. You already do this without noticing.

# Normal mode

Default mode of Vim. You can always get here by pounding on ESC enough. This is the mode you use for moving around.

## Insert mode

This mode is for typing. Most of the time you get here by pressing **i** but there are other ways (next section!)



# Visual mode

Vim goes into visual mode whenever you have something highlighted

## Other modes

There are other modes in Vim. Ignore them for now. If you get into them, keep pressing Esc.

# Editing

**Remember our nouns? These are your verbs**

**d, D**

Start deleting (d) or delete everything from the cursor to the end of the line (D).

x, X

Delete the character under the cursor (x) or delete the character before the cursor (X).

**v, V**

Switch to visual mode and start highlighting (v) or highlight the entire line (V).

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Swap the case of the character under the cursor.



i, l

Switch to insert mode before the cursor (i), or at the beginning of the line (l)

**s, S**

Start substituting at the character under the cursor (s) or clear the line and start at the far-left edge (S). This will switch you into insert mode.

**a, A**

Switch to insert mode after the cursor (a) or at the end of the current line (A).

**c, C**

Start changing characters (c) or remove all characters after the cursor and go to insert mode (C).

o, O

Open a new line for editing below (o) or above (O) the current line.

**i, a**

Inside of (i) or around (a) something

**Repeat most actions with .**

Questions?