# **Using VI Editor**



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https://github.com/swacademy/Ubuntu

#### **Linux Text Editors - gedit**

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hello.c ×
1#include <stdio.h>
3int main()
4 {
      printf("Hello, World\n");
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6 }
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```



# Lab 1: Installation gedit Plugins

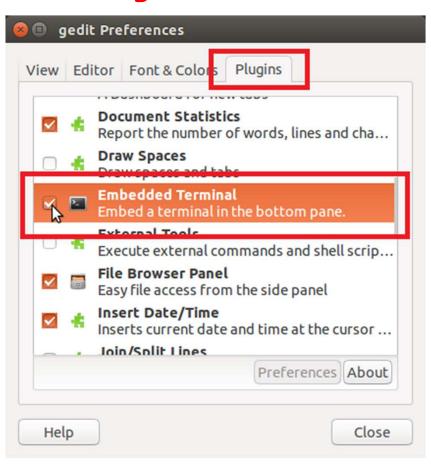
#### Installation gedit Plugins (1/3)

1. \$ sudo apt-get install -y gedit-plugins



# Installation gedit Plugins (2/3)

2. Preferences > Plugins > Embedded Terminal





# Installation gedit Plugins (3/3)

#### 3. Check View > Bottom Panel

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#include <stdio.h>
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int main()
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       printf("Hello, World\n");
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Desktop Downloads
                         Music Public Templates
Documents examples.desktop Pictures snap
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop:~$ cd Templates
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop:~/Templates$ ls
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop:~/Templates$ gcc -o hello hello.c
Command 'gcc' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install gcc
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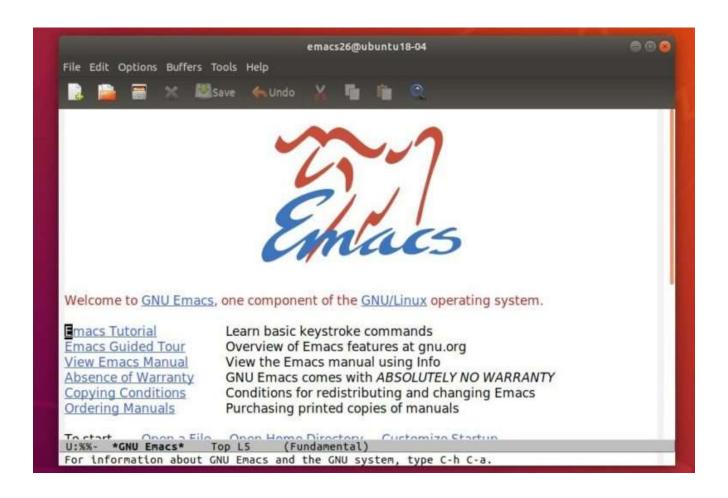


#### **Linux Text Editors – Nano**

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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                              hello.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
   printf("Hello, World\n");
```



#### **Linux Text Editors - Emacs**





# Lab 2: Installation Emacs on Ubuntu 18.04 LTS

# **Installation Emacs (1/5)**

1. \$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:kelleyk/emacs



#### **Installation Emacs (2/5)**

2. \$ sudo apt-get update

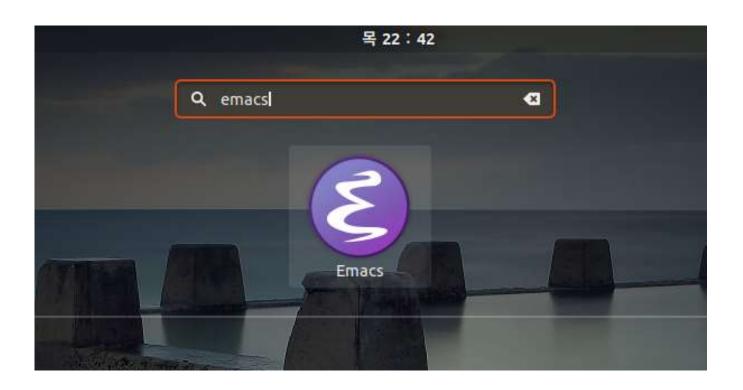


#### Installation Emacs (3/5)

3. \$ sudo apt-get install emacs26

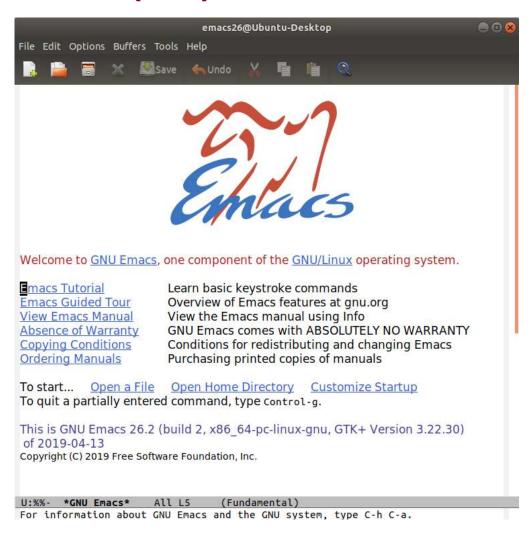


# **Installation Emacs (4/5)**





#### **Installation Emacs (5/5)**





#### **Linux Text Editors – VI or VIM**

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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
      printf("Hello, World\n");
"hello.c" 6 lines, 66 characters
```



#### Why use VI Editor?

- Although easy-to-use graphical text editors, most power users still use VI to edit text files.
- VI will work from any shell (no GUI required).
- Offer other advantages such as your hands never having to leave the keyboard and integration with useful utilities.
- Are usable over slow Internet connections such as dial-up or satellite.



#### What is VI?

- Is pronounced /'vix'ai/
- Is a screen-oriented text editor originally created for the Unix.
- The original code was written by Bill Joy, Chuck Haley in 1976.
- The visual mode for a line editor called ex.
- Bill Joy's ex 1.1 was released as part of the first BSD Unix release in March, 1978.





# What is VI ? (Cont.)

It was not until version 2.0 of ex, released as part of Second BSD in May, 1979 that the editor was installed under the name VI.

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                            VIM - Vi IMproved
                             version 7.3.429
                         by Bram Moolenaar et al.
          Modified by pkg-vim-maintainers@lists.alioth.debian.org
               Vim is open source and freely distributable
                      Help poor children in Uganda!
              type :help iccf<Enter> for information
              type :q<Enter>
                                           to exit
              type :help<Enter> or <F1> for on-line help
              type :help version7<Enter> for version info
                      Running in Vi compatible mode
                                           for Vim defaults
              type :set nocp<Enter>
              type :help cp-default<Enter> for info on this
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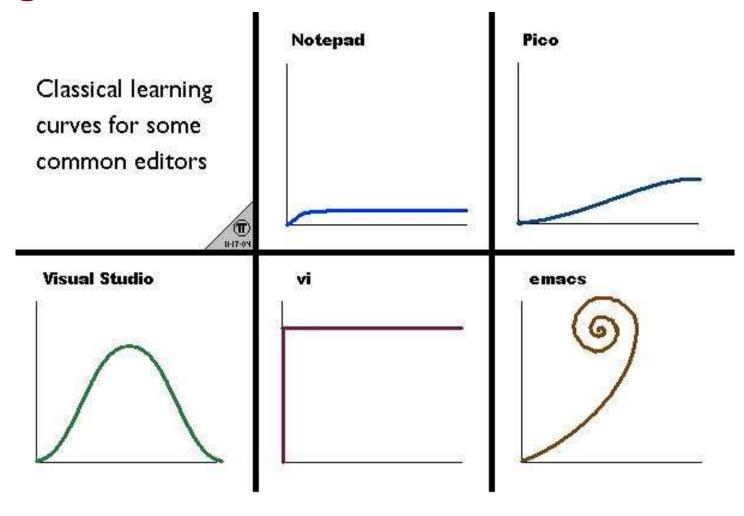
# Why learning VI?

- Occasions
- Operating Systems
- Efficiency
- Regular Expression
- Quick-lunch keys
- License
- Etc.

```
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File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Plugin Help
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  1 // This example is from the book _Java in a Mutshell_ by David Flanagan.
  2 // Written by David Flanagan. Copyright (c) 1996 O'Reilly & Associates.
 3 // You may study, use, modify, and distribute this example for any purpose. 4 // This example is provided WITHOUT WARRANTY either expressed or implied.
 6 import java.awt.*;
 7 import java.io.*;
 9 public class FileViewer extends Frame {*
       Button close;
        public FileViewer(String filename) throws IOException {
            super("FileViewer: " + filename);"
            File f = new File(filename);
            int len = (int) f.length();
            int bytes read = 0;
            FileInputStream in = new FileInputStream(f);
            byte[] data = new byte[len];
            while(bytes read < len)
                bytes_read += in.read(data, bytes_read, len-bytes_read);*
            TextArea textarea = new TextArea(new String(data, 0), 24, 80);
            textarea.setFont(new Font("Helvetica", Font.PLAIN, 12));
            textarea.setEditable(false);
            this.add("Center", textarea);
            close = new Button("Close");
            this.add("South", close);"
            this.show();
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        // Handle the close button by popping this window down
        public boolean action(Event e, Object what) {
            if (e.target == close) {
                 this.hide();
                this.dispose();
                return false;
        // The FileViewer can be used by other classes, or it can be
        // used standalone with this main() method.
        static public void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
            if (args.length != 1) {
                System.out.println("Usage: java FileViewer (filename)");"
                 System.exit(0);
48 try { Frame f = new FileViewer(args[0]); }
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"FileViewer.java" 52L, 1869C written
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# **Learning curves**





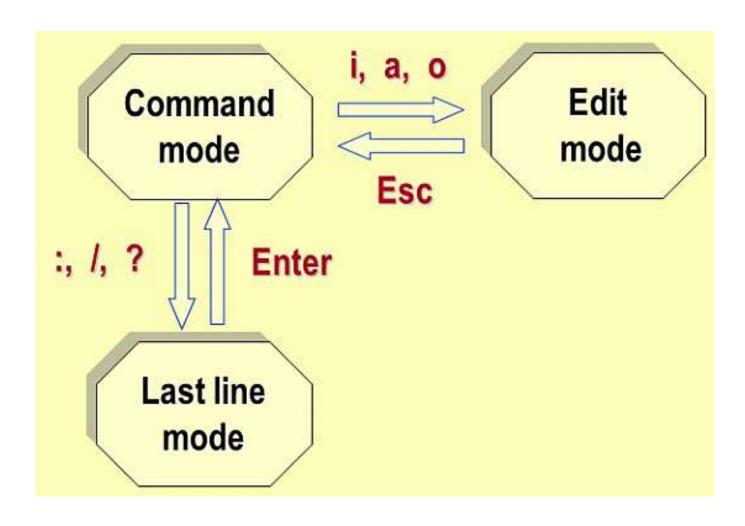
#### **Features**

- Powerful text editor
- Character based
- Interactive
- Cryptic
- Available on virtually ALL Unix systems
- Designed to work with a alphanumeric only terminal (no arrow keys, pgup, pgdw, etc)

- The most letters with less number of keystrokes.
- Syntax highlight for most languages.
- All natural languages.
- Thousands of plug-ins.
- Automatic backup (.swp)
- Highly customizable
- Without mouse



#### VI 3 Modes

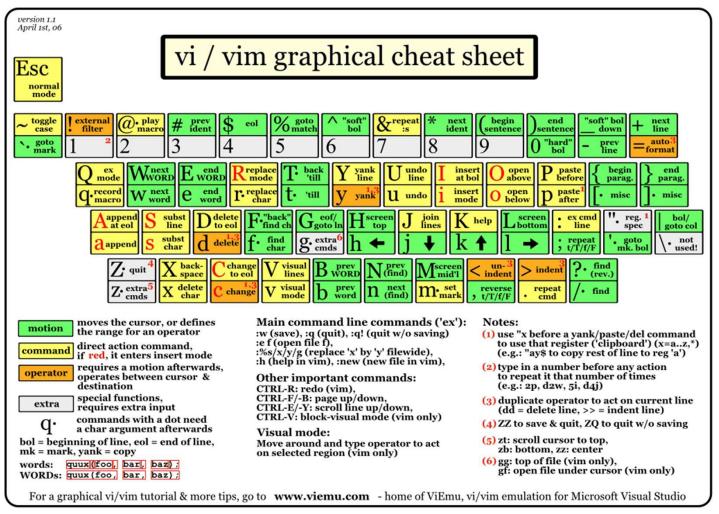


# VI 3 Modes (Cont.)

#### Six modes

NAME	DESCRIPTION	HELP PAGE
normal	Navigation & Editing text	:help Normal-mode
insert	Inserting new text	:help Insert-mode
visual	Navigation & Manipulating selections	:help visual-mode
select	Similar to visual (but like MS-Window)	:help select-mode
command-line mode	Entering editor commands	:help Command-line-mode
Ex-mode	Similar to command-line (but optimized for batch processing)	:help Ex-mode

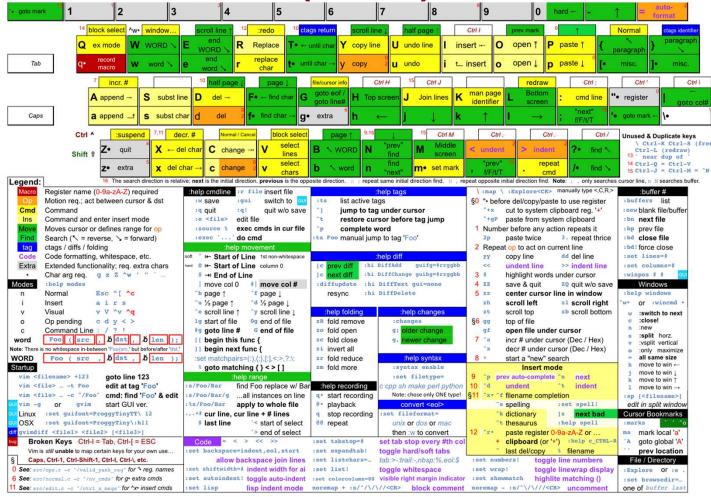
#### **VI Simple Cheat Sheet**



Source: http://www.viemu.com/a vi vim graphical cheat sheet tutorial.html

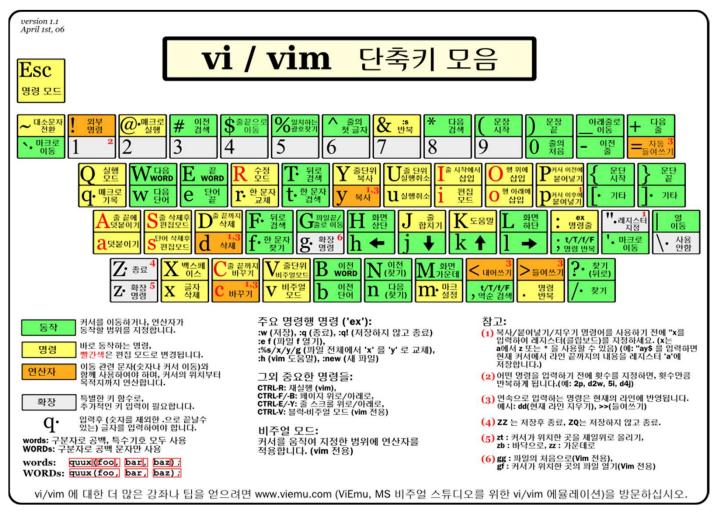


# **VI Simple Cheat Sheet (Cont.)**





# **VI Simple Cheat Sheet (Cont.)**



Source: https://kldp.org/node/102947 File download from: http://kldp.org/files/vi-vim-cheat-sheet-svg-ko.zip



#### **VIM** Installation

- http://vim.sourceforge.net/download.php
- ftp://ftp.vim.org/pub/vim/MIRRORS



#### **VIM Installation (Cont.)**

■ \$ sudo apt-get install -y vim



#### **VIM Installation (Cont.)**

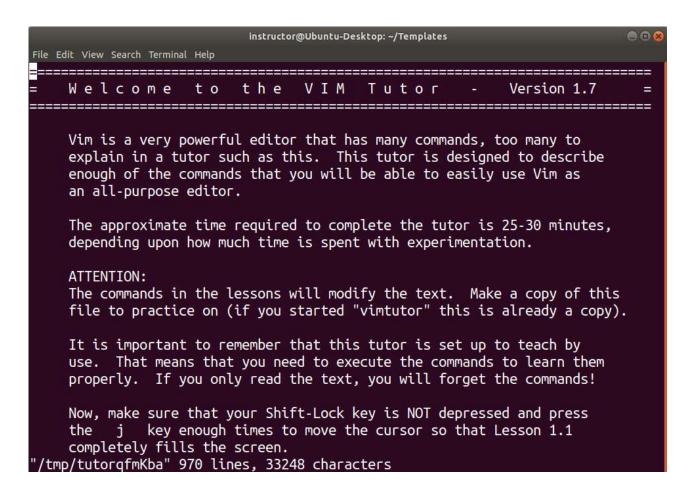
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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
#include <stdio.h>
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                                                                             instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~/Templates
                                         File Edit View Search Terminal Help
int main()
                                         #include <stdio.h>
     printf("Hello, World\n");
                                         int main()
                                                printf("Hello, World\n");
"hello.c" 6 lines, 66 characters
                                         "hello.c" 6L, 66C
```

#### **Using the Vim tutor**

- Can use the vimtutor to learn your first Vim commands.
- On Linux/Unix, if Vim has been properly installed, can start it from the shell:
  - \$ vimtutor



# **Using the Vim tutor (Cont.)**





#### Starting the VI

- VI is working on a copy of your file in the *buffer*.
- Will not affect original file until save the buffer.

```
$ vi [filename]
```

- If the filename is omitted, VI will open an unnamed buffer.
- A filename
  - Must be unique inside its directory.
  - Can include any ASCII character except a slash.



#### Starting the VI (Cont.)

- 1. \$ cp /usr/share/doc/base-files/copyright /tmp 2. \$ vi /tmp/copyright
- Begin on line 10

```
vi +10 [filename]
```



# Starting the VI (Cont.)

Begin editing file on the last line

```
$ vi + [filename]
```

Edit file in read-only mode

```
$ view [filename]
$ vi -R [filename]
```

To display line numbers

```
:set nu Return
```



#### Saving & Exiting the VI

- First check that you are in command mode by pressing [ESC]
- To save file and quit the VI:

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ZZ:wq:x Return
```

■ To save file without quitting VI:

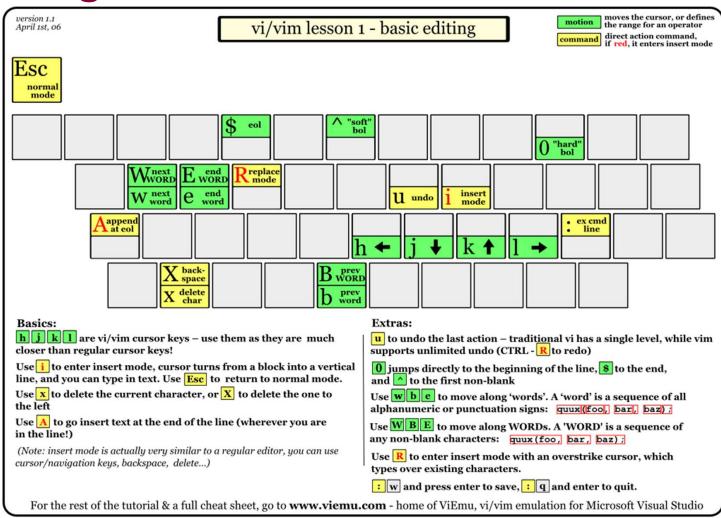
```
:w <filename> Return (write to specified file)
:w Return (write again)
:w! <filename> Return (to override existing file)
:w >> filename Return
```

To quit without saving changes:

```
• :q! Return (Exit – DON'T save changes)
```



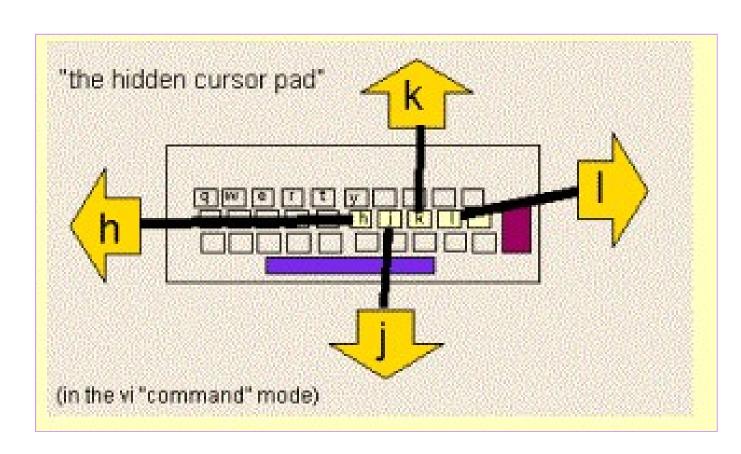
#### **Basic Editing**





## **Moving the Cursor**

- Up k
- Down
- Left h
- Right 1
- N <direction>
  - 3h
  - 5k





# **Moving the Cursor (Cont.)**

Description
Moves to beginning of the current line.
Moves to the first letter of the current line
Moves to the end of the current line.
Moves to beginning of <i>previous</i> line.
Moves to beginning of <i>next</i> line
Move cursor to <i>next</i> word.
Move cursor to <i>previous</i> word.
Move to the end of your word.
Move to the <i>last</i> line.
Move to the <i>last</i> line.
Move to the <i>first</i> line.
Move to the <i>first</i> line.

# **Moving the Cursor (Cont.)**

Command	Description
(	Moves to <i>beginning</i> of sentence
)	Moves to <i>end</i> of sentence
{	Moves to beginning of paragraph
}	Moves to end of paragraph
Н	Moves to top of screen(window)
M	Moves to <i>middle</i> of screen(window)
L	Moves to bottom of screen(window)
: n	Moves to the line number
nG	Moves to the line number

## **Control Commands**

Command	Description
Ctrl+d	Moves forward ½ screen full
Ctrl+u	Moves backward 1/2 screen full
Ctrl+f	Moves forward 1 screen full
Ctrl+b	Moves backward 1 screen full
Ctrl+e	Moves screen up one line
Ctrl+y	Moves screen down one line
Ctrl+/	Refresh screen (useful in telnet)



# **Entering insert mode in VI**

Command	Description
i	Insert text <i>before</i> cursor
I	Insert text at beginning of current line
a	Append text after cursor
A	Append text at end of current line
0	Open new line above current line
0	Open new line below current line



# **Deleting Characters in VI**

Command	Description
x	Deletes the character <i>under</i> the cursor location.
X	Deletes the character before the cursor location.
dw	Deletes to the <i>next</i> word.
d^	Deletes to the <i>beginning</i> of the line.
d0	Deletes to the <i>beginning</i> of the line.
d\$	Deletes to the end of the line.
D	Deletes to the <i>end</i> of the current line.
dd	Deletes the line the cursor is on.



## Change Commands (Insert mode) in VI

Command	Description
CC	Change line, blanks line. To clean, ESC.
CW	Change word to the \$ sign. To clean, ESC.
с\$	Change to end of line. To clean, ESC.
C	Change to end of line. To clean, ESC.
r	Replace current character
R	Overwrite until ESC
S	Substitute (ESC) – 1 char with string
S	Substitute (ESC) – Rest of line with text



## **Copy and Paste Commands in VI**

Command	Description
уу	Copies the current line.
yw	Copies the current word.
<b>p</b> (lower)	Puts the copied text after the cursor.
P(Upper)	Puts the copied text before the cursor.



# Using Visual Block Mode in VI

Command	Description
v	Start visual mode per character.
V	Start visual mode linewise.
$\mathtt{Ctrl} + V$	Start visual mode blockwise.
y	Сору
~	Switch case
d	Delete
dd	Delete current line
p	Puts
C	Change

# Searching in VI

Command	Description
/chars Return	Search forward for <i>chars</i>
<b>?chars</b> Return	Search backward for <i>chars</i>
N	Repeat search in opposite direction
n	Repeat search in same direction
/ Return	Repeat search forward
? Return	Repeat search backward



## Regular Expressions (Search Strings)

Character	Description
^	Matches beginning of line
•	Matches any single character
*	Matches any previous character
\$	Matches end of line
. *	Matches any character



## Finding help

- To get generic help use
  - :help
- To get help on a given subject
  - :help subject
  - Ex):help intro.txt
- To get help on the "x" command
  - :help x
- To find out how to delete
  - :help deleting



## **Miscellaneous**

Commands	Description
J	Join the current line with the next one.
<b>&lt;&lt;</b>	Shifts the current line to the left by one shift width.
>>	Shifts the current line to the right by one shift width.
~	Switch the case of the character under the cursor.
U	Undo all changes on line
u	Undo last change
Ctrl+u	Redo
•	Repeat last change



# Miscellaneous (Cont.)

Commands	Description
:!command	Runs command from editor
:r filename	Reads file and inserts it after current line.
:nr filename	Reads file and inserts it after line $n$ .
:e filename	Opens another file with filename.
:f	Displays current position in the file in % and filename, total number of file.
:f filename	Renames current file to filename.



#### **VIM Tabs**

- To open many files in tabs
  - \$ vi -p \*.txt
- To switch between tabs
  - Type gt
- To create a new empty tab
  - : tabnew
- To open a file in a new tab
  - : tabe filename



## VIM Tabs (Cont.)

```
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~/Templates
File Edit View Search Tern ınaı Help
hello1.c hello.c vi_exercise.dat
1 #include <stdic.h:
  3 int main()
  4 {
           printf("Hello, World\n");
  6 }
                                                                                                     All
```

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#### **VIM Window**

- To split the current window horizontally
  - :split(:sp) or Ctrl + w, s
- To split the current window vertically
  - :vertical split(:vs) or Ctrl + w, v
- To switch between open windows
  - Ctrl + w, {h, j, k, 1}
- To close the current window
  - Ctrl + w, c
- To close all windows except the current one.
  - Ctrl + w, o



```
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                        instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~/Templates
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 1 #include <stdio.h>
                                             1 #include <stdio.h>
 3 int main()
                                             3 int main()
         printf("Hello, World\n");
                                                    printf("Hello, World\n");
 6 }
                                             6 }
hello.c
                      1,1
                                      All hello.c
                                                                                All
                                                                 1,1
:vertical split
```



- To open a new file
  - :new or Ctrl + w, n
- To open a file horizontally
  - :sp filename
- To open a file vertically
  - :vsp filename
- To switch between windows in command mode.
  - Ctrl + w {hjkl}



```
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                       instructor@Ubuntu1404: ~/Temp
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
   printf("Hello, World\n");
   return 0;
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                                                  instructor@Ubuntu1404: ~/Temp
Upstream-Name: ubuntu-doc
                                                          Format: http://dep.debian.net/^
Upstream-Contact: Ubuntu #include <stdio.h>
                                                          deps/dep5/
ubuntu.com>
Source: https://launchpacint main()
                                                           Upstream-Name: ubuntu-docs
Copyright: (C) 2004-2013 (
                                                           Upstream-Contact: Ubuntu Docum
                            printf("Hello, World\n");
                                                           entation Team <ubuntu-doc@list
vi exercise.dat
                            return 0;
                                                           s.ubuntu.com>
"hello.c" 7L, 79C
                                                          Source: https://launchpad.net/
                                                           ubuntu-docs
                                                           Copyright: (C) 2004-2013 The U
                                                           buntu Documentation Team
                                                           Files: debian/* ubuntu-help/C/
                                                           check*.sh
                                                           Copyright: (C) 2004-2013 The U
                                                           buntu Documentation Team
                                                           License: GPL-3+
                                                           < exercise.dat 1,1
                                                                                         Top
                        "hello.c" 7L, 79C
```



- To maximize in current working window horizontally
  - Ctrl + w, (underline)
- To maximize in current working window vertically
  - Ctrl + w, | (pipe sign)
- To divide equal size
  - $\bullet$  Ctrl + w, =



#### **VIM Buffer**

- List of open buffers
  - •:1s
- Previous buffer
  - :bp or :N
- Next buffer
  - :bn or :n
- Move to n'th buffer
  - :b NUMBER
- To save current open file
  - : W



## VIM Buffer (Cont.)

```
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~
                                                                                          (a) (c) (c)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 3 int main()
  4 {
5
6
         printf("Hello, World\n");
         return 0;
 7 }
:buffers
          "hello1.c"
                                               line 6
Press ENTER or type command to continue
```



## Using shell commands

- To escape temporarily to a shell
  - :sh
- To return from shell to VI
  - Ctrl + d
- To execute shell command without leaving VI
  - •:! command



## **Set Commands**

Command	Description
:set ic or :set ignorecase	Ignores case when searching
:set ai or :set autoindent	Sets auto indent
:set noai or :set noautoindent	To unset auto indent.
:set nu or :set number	Show line numbers
:set nonu Or :set nonumber	Don't show line numbers
:set sm or :set showmode	Display mode on last line of screen
:set nosm or :set noshowmode	Turn off show mode
:set ts=n or :set tabstop=n	Sets the width of a software tabstop



## **Set Commands (Cont.)**

- To display current values of VI variables
  - •:set all

```
instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
:set all
--- Options ---
 aleph=224
                    noexrc
                                           modelines=5
                                                                 statusline=
noarabic
                       fileencodina=
                                           modifiable
                                                                 suffixesadd=
                       fileformat=unix
 arabicshape
                                           modified
                                                                 swapfile
noallowrevins
                    nofileignorecase
                                                                 swapsync=fsync
                                           тоге
noaltkeymap
                       filetype=
                                                                 switchbuf=
                                           mouse=
                      fixendofline
                                           mousemodel=extend
  ambiwidth=single
                                                                svnmaxcol=3000
noautochdir
                    nofkmap
                                           mousetime=500
                                                                 syntax=
                       foldclose=
noautoindent
                                           number
                                                                 tabline=
                       foldcolumn=0
                                           numberwidth=4
                                                                 tabpagemax=10
noautoread
                       foldenable
noautowrite
                                           omnifunc=
                                                                 tabstop=8
noautowriteall
                       foldexpr=0
                                           operatorfunc=
                                                                 tagbsearch
                                                                 tagcase=followic
 background=dark
                       foldignore=#
                                          nopaste
nobackup
                       foldlevel=0
                                                                 taglength=0
                                            pastetoggle=
  backupcopy=auto
                       foldlevelstart=-1
                                           patchexpr=
                                                                 tagrelative
  backupext=~
                       foldmethod=manual
                                           patchmode=
                                                                 tagstack
  backupskip=/tmp/*
                       foldminlines=1
                                         nopreserveindent
                                                              notermbidi
  balloondelav=600
                       foldnestmax=20
                                            previewheight=12
                                                                 termencodina=
noballoonevalterm
                       formatexpr=
                                          nopreviewwindow
                                                              notermquicolors
  balloonexpr=
                       formatoptions=tcq
                                           printdevice=
                                                                 termkey=
  belloff=
                       formatprg=
                                           printencoding=
                                                                 termsize=
nobinarv
                       fsvnc
                                           printfont=courier noterse
 - More --
```



## **Using vimrc**

- Contains optional runtime configuration settings to initialize Vim when it starts.
- On Linux/Unix based systems, the file is named .vimrc.
- Locate in \$HOME.
- Examples → :help vimrc-intro

```
"Always wrap long lines: set wrap
"Show line number: set number
```



Lab 3: Practice with VIM

#### **Practice with VIM**

- 1. \$ cp /usr/share/doc/ubuntu-docs/copyright
   vi\_exercise.dat
- 2. \$ vi vi\_exercise.dat



## **Practice with VIM (Cont.)**

```
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                             instructor@Ubuntu-Desktop: ~/Templates
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Format: http://dep.debian.net/deps/dep5/
Upstream-Name: ubuntu-docs
Upstream-Contact: Ubuntu Documentation Team <ubuntu-doc@lists.ubuntu.com>
Source: https://launchpad.net/ubuntu-docs
Copyright: (C) 2004-2014 The Ubuntu Documentation Team
Files: *
Copyright: (C) 2004-2014 The Ubuntu Documentation Team
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 You should have received a copy of the GNU General Public License
 along with this program. If not, see <a href="http://www.gnu.org/licenses/">http://www.gnu.org/licenses/</a>.
 On Debian Systems, the full text of this license can be found in
 'vi exercise.dat" 319L, 22462C
                                                                                 Top
```



#### **VIM Reference**

- Tutorial
  - http://vimdoc.sourceforge.net/
  - https://danielmiessler.com/study/vim/
  - http://www.openvim.com/
  - https://linuxconfig.org/vim-tutorial
  - https://blog.interlinked.org/tutorials/vim\_tutorial.html
  - https://scotch.io/tutorials/getting-started-with-vim-an-interactiveguide
- VIM Learing Game
  - http://vim-adventures.com/

