

## 1 General

Nearly all commands can be preceded by a number for a repeat count. eg. 5dd delete 5 lines <Esc> gets you out of any mode and back to command mode  
Commands preceded by : are executed on the command line at the bottom of the screen :help help with any command

## 2 Navigation

### 2.1 By words:

- w next word (by punctuation); W next Word (by spaces)
- b back word (by punctuation); B back Word (by spaces)
- e end word (by punctuation); E end Word (by spaces)

### 2.2 By line:

- 0 start of line; ^first non-whitespace
- \$ end of line

### 2.3 By Sentence

Parenthesis!

(: to the end of the next sentence

): to the beginning of the next sentence.

### 2.4 By paragraph:

- { previous blank line;
- } next blank line

### 2.5 By file:

- gg start of file; G end of file
- 123G go to specific line number

### 2.6 By marker:

- mx set mark x; 'x go to mark x
- '. go to position of last edit
- '' go back to last point before jump

## 2.7 return to last position

`^o` to return to last location

## 2.8 Scrolling:

- `^F` forward full screen; `^B` backward full screen
- `^D` down half screen; `^U` up half screen
- `^E` scroll one line up; `^Y` scroll one line down
- `zz` centre cursor line

# 3 Text Objects

In Vim, editing commands have the following structure:

`<number><command><text object or motion>`

Objects will be listed here, commands in their own sections.

- `aw/iw` (a word/inner word)
- `as/is` (a sentence/inner sentence)
- `ap/ip` (a paragraph/inner paragraph)
- `a"/i"` (a double quoted string/inside double quoted string)
- `a'/i'`
- `a'/i'`
- `a(/i(`
- `a{/i{`
- `a[/i[`

## 3.1 vim-indent-object

Text Objects from the package vim-indent-object:

- `ai/ii` (This indent level and the line above/this indent level excluding the line above)

### 3.2 vim-pythonsense

- “ac” : Outer class text object. This includes the entire class, including the header (class name declaration) and decorators, the class body, as well as a blank line if this is given after the class definition.
- “ic” : Inner class text object. This is the class body only, thus excluding the class name declaration line and any blank lines after the class definition.
- “af” : Outer function text object. This includes the entire function, including the header (function name declaration) and decorators, the function body, as well as a blank line if this is given after the function definition.
- “if” : Inner function text object. This is the function body only, thus excluding the function name declaration line and any blank lines after the function definition.
- “ad” : Outer docstring text object.
- “id” : Inner docstring text object.

## 4 Editing

- u undo; ^R redo
- . repeat last editing command

## 5 Inserting

All insertion commands are terminated with <Esc> to return to command mode.

- i insert text at cursor; I insert text at start of line
- a append text after cursor; A append text after end of line
- o open new line below; O open new line above

## 6 Changing

All change commands except r and R are terminated with <Esc> to return to command mode.

- r replace single character; R replace multiple characters
- s change single character
- cw change word; C change to end of line; cc change whole line

- c<motion> changes text in the direction of the motion
- ci( change inside parentheses (see text object selection for more examples)

## 7 Deleting

- x delete char
- dw delete word; D delete to end of line; dd delete whole line
- d<motion> deletes in the direction of the motion

## 8 Cut and paste

- yy copy line into paste buffer; dd cut line into paste buffer
- p paste buffer below cursor line; P paste buffer above cursor line
- xp swap two characters (x to delete one character, then p to put it back after the cursor position)

## 9 Commenting

This is from vim-commentary:

Comment stuff out. Use gcc to comment out a line (takes a count), gc to comment out the target of a motion (for example, gcap to comment out a paragraph), gc in visual mode to comment out the selection, and gc in operator pending mode to target a comment. You can also use it as a command, either with a range like :7,17Commentary, or as part of a :global invocation like with :g/TODO/Commentary.

### 9.1 Re-flowing text

gq reflows text

## 10 ArgWrap

ArgWrap, switches between horizontally and vertically formatted arguments

## 11 Blocks

- v visual block stream; V visual block line; ^V visual block column  
most motion commands extend the block to the new cursor position o  
moves the cursor to the other end of the block

- d or x cut block into paste buffer
- y copy block into paste buffer
- > indent block; < unindent block
- gv reselect last visual block

## 12 Global

:%s/foo/bar/g substitute all occurrences of “foo” to “bar”

% is a range that indicates every line in the file

/g is a flag that changes all occurrences on a line instead of just the first one

## 13 Searching

- / search forward; ? search backward
- \* search forward for word under cursor; # search backward for word under cursor
- n next match in same direction; N next match in opposite direction
- fx forward to next character x; Fx backward to previous character x
- ; move again to same character in same direction; , move again to same character in opposite direction

## 14 Files

- :w write file to disk
- :w name write file to disk as name
- ZZ write file to disk and quit
- :n edit a new file; :n! edit a new file without saving current changes
- :q quit editing a file; :q! quit editing without saving changes
- :e edit same file again (if changed outside vim)
- :e . directory explorer

## 15 Windows

- `^Wn` new window
- `^Wj` down to next window; `^Wk` up to previous window
- `^W_` maximise current window; `^W=` make all windows equal size
- `^W+` increase window size; `^W-` decrease window size

## 16 Source Navigation

- `%` jump to matching parenthesis/bracket/brace, or language block if language module loaded
- `gd` go to definition of local symbol under cursor; `^O` return to previous position
- `^]` jump to definition of global symbol (requires tags file); `^T` return to previous position (arbitrary stack of positions maintained)
- `^N` (in insert mode) automatic word completion

## 17 Macros

To enter a macro, type:

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q<letter><commands>q
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To execute the macro `<number>` times (once by default), type:

```
<number>@<letter>
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## 18 YouCompleteMe

- `GoTo`
- `GoToReferences`
- `GetDoc`