

VIM Cheat Sheet

1 Movement

`h` ^k
`j` ^l
`w` / `b` = Word forward / backward
`e` = End of current word
) / (= Sentences forward / backward
} / { = Paragraphs forward / backward

2 Scrolling

<C-E> / <C-Y> = Scroll window down / up
zz = Scroll that cursor is in middle of screen
zt = Scroll that cursor is on top of the screen
zb = Scroll that cursor is on the bottom of the screen

3 Jumping with the cursor

`g`; / `g`, older / newer position in the changelist
:jumps :changes Jumplist, Changelist
<C-O> / <C-I> back / forward in Jumplist

4 The insert mode

`i` / `a` = Insert before / after cursor
`I` / `A` = Insert at beginning / end of line
`o` / `O` = Add and insert in line below / before
`r` / `R` = Replace char / Replace mode
<C-O> command = Quick command in insert mode
<C-R>" = Paste in insert mode

5 Help

:help command = Split screen help
Browse the help:
CTRL-J = Follow Link
CTRL-T or CTRL-O = Go back

6 File opening and editing

:e filename = Open Filename in new Buffer
gf = goto file, open file under cursor

7 Split screen

:vs[plit] = Vertical split
:sp[lit] = Horizontal split
CTRL-W+hjkl = change active viewport
CTRL-W = same height/width of viewports

8 Buffers

:buffers = show list of buffers
:bn / :bp = next / previous buffer

9 Visual

`v` = Visual mode
`V` = Visual line
`gv` = reselect visual selection

10 Spell checking

<F12> = toggle spell checking
]s = next wrong word
[s = previous wrong word
zg = add good word to wordlist
zw = add wrong word to wordlist
z= = show suggestions

11 Copy & Paste

`y` = yank, visual select then press `y`
`P` = Paste before cursor
`p` = paste after cursor
CTRL+<F11> = toggle paste mode

12 Folding

zo / zc = Open / close fold
za = Toggle fold

13 Quickfix list

:cl[ist] = Quickfix list
:cn / :cp = Next / previous quickfix

14 Search & Replace

/expr = Search current file with expr forward
?expr = Search current file with expr backward
`n` / `N` = Move to next / previous match
:vimgrep expr file = Grep in Vim, uses Quickfix list for matches
s/expr/rep/cgiI = Substitute expr with rep
Options: Confirm, G=all in line, case (i=ignore, l=Don't ignore)
Backreferences: \0 whole match, \1 first group in \(\\)
Character Classes:
. = any character except new line
\\s \\S = Whitespace character; non-whitespace char
\\d \\x \\o = digit; hex digit; octal digit
\\p \\w = Printable char; word char
\\a \\l \\u = Alphabetic char; lowercase char; uppercase char
Quantifiers:
* = 0 or more
\\+ = 1 or more
\\= = 0 or 1
\\{n,m} \\{n} \\{,m} \\{n,} = matches from n to m; exactly n, 0 to m, n or more

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