

VIM Cheat Sheet

1 Movement

h j k l

w = Word forward
e = End of current word
b = Word backward
) (= Sentences forward backward
} { = Paragraphs forward backward

2 Scrolling

CTRL-E = Scroll window down
CTRL-Y = Scroll window 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 Inserting and replacing text

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

4 Help

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

5 File opening and editing

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

6 Split screen

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

7 Buffers

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

8 Visual

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

9 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

10 Copy & Paste

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

11 Folding

zo = Open fold
zc = Close fold

za = Toggle fold

12 Quickfix list

:cl[ist] = Quickfix list
:cn = Next Quickfix
:cp = Previous Quickfix

13 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/cg[il] = Substitute expr with rep
Options: Confirm, G=all in line, i=ignore case, l=Don't ignore case
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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