

Basic Vi Keystrokes

Motion Keys

(These are for moving the cursor around.)

- **h** - move left one character
- **j** - move down one line
- **k** - move up
- **l** - move right
- **\$** - go to the end of the current line
- **0** - go to the beginning of the current line
- **G** - go to the last line in the file
- **15G** - go to line 15
- **control-F** - forward one page
- **control-B** - backwards one page

Insertion Commands

- **i** - insert text before cursor position
- **a** - add text after cursor position
- **A** - append text at the end of the current line
- **o** - add text after the current line (open)
- **O** - add text before the current line

Deletion Commands

- **x** - delete one character
- **r** - replace one character with the next character typed
- **dd** - delete entire line
- **dw** - delete word
- **3dd** - deletes three entire lines

Pasting

- **p** - put the last deleted item after the cursor or after the current line
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- **"a3dd** - delete the next 3 lines and store in buffer a
- **"a3yy** - yank the next 3 lines (without deletion) and store in buffer a
- **"a3yw** - yank the next 3 words (without deletion) and store in buffer a
- **"ap** - put the contents of buffer a
- **There are 26 named buffers a-z.**

Miscellaneous

- **u** - undo last command
- **J** - join the current line to the next one

Saving and Quitting

- **:x** - quit and save
- **:w** - save but don't quit
- **:q!** - quit but don't save
- **:r *file*** - read a copy of *file* into the current file

Searching

- **/pattern < return >** - find pattern forward and go there
- **?pattern < return >** - find pattern backwards and go there
- **n** - repeat previous search