* Working with Files in vi

→ The table describes the most important commands used to start, exit, read and write files in vi.

Command	Usage
vi myfile	Start the editor and edit myfile.
vi -r myfile	Start and edit myfile in recovery mode from a system crash.
:r file2	Read in file2 and insert at current Position.
:w	write to the file.
:w myfile	write out to myfile.
:w! file2	overwrite file2
:x or :wq	Exit and write out modified file
:q	Quite
:q!	Quit even though modification have not even saved.

* Changing cursor Positions in vi

→ The table describes the most important keystroke used when changing cursor Position in vi.

→ line mode commands (those following colon :) require the Enter key to be Pressed after the command is typed.

Key	usage
arrow keys	To move up, down, left and right
j or <ret>	To move on line down.
k	To move one line up.
h or Back space	To move one charcter left.
l or space	To move one character right.
o	To move to beginning of line.
$	To move to end of line
w	To move to begining of next word.
:o or 1G	To move to begining of file.
:n or nG	To move to line n
:$ or G	To move to last line in file.
CTRL-F or Page Down	To move forward one Page.
CTRL-B or page up	To move backward one page
^L	To refresh and center Screen.

* Searching for Text in vi

Command	Usage
/pattern	Search forward for Pattern
?pattern	Search backward for Pattern

Table : Command used to search
for Text in vi

→ The table describes the most important
keystrokes used when searching for
text in vi.

Key	Usage
n	move to next occurrence of Search Pattern
N	move to Previous occurrence of Search Pattern.