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Tools, Techniques, and Configuration for the Vim Text Editor

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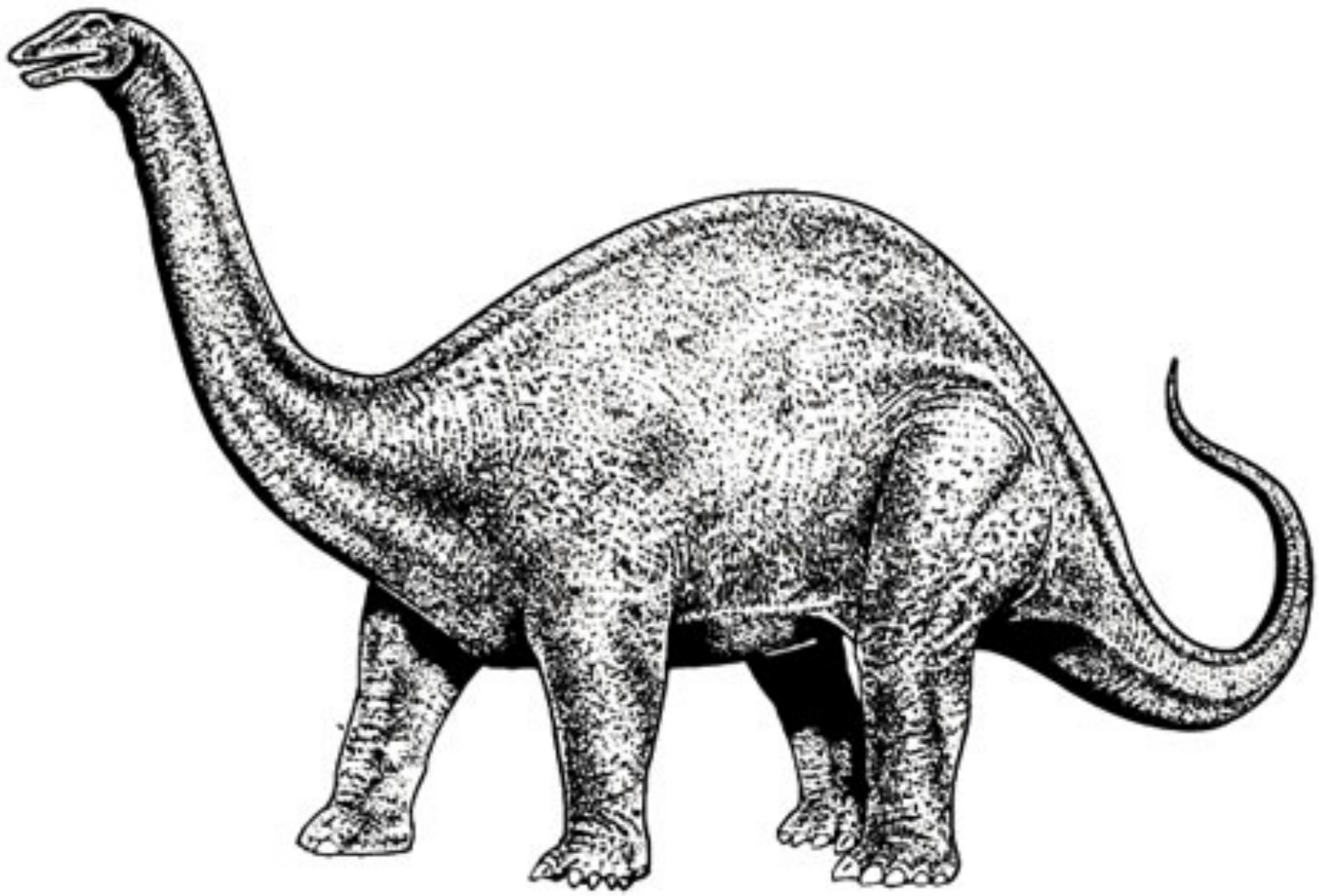

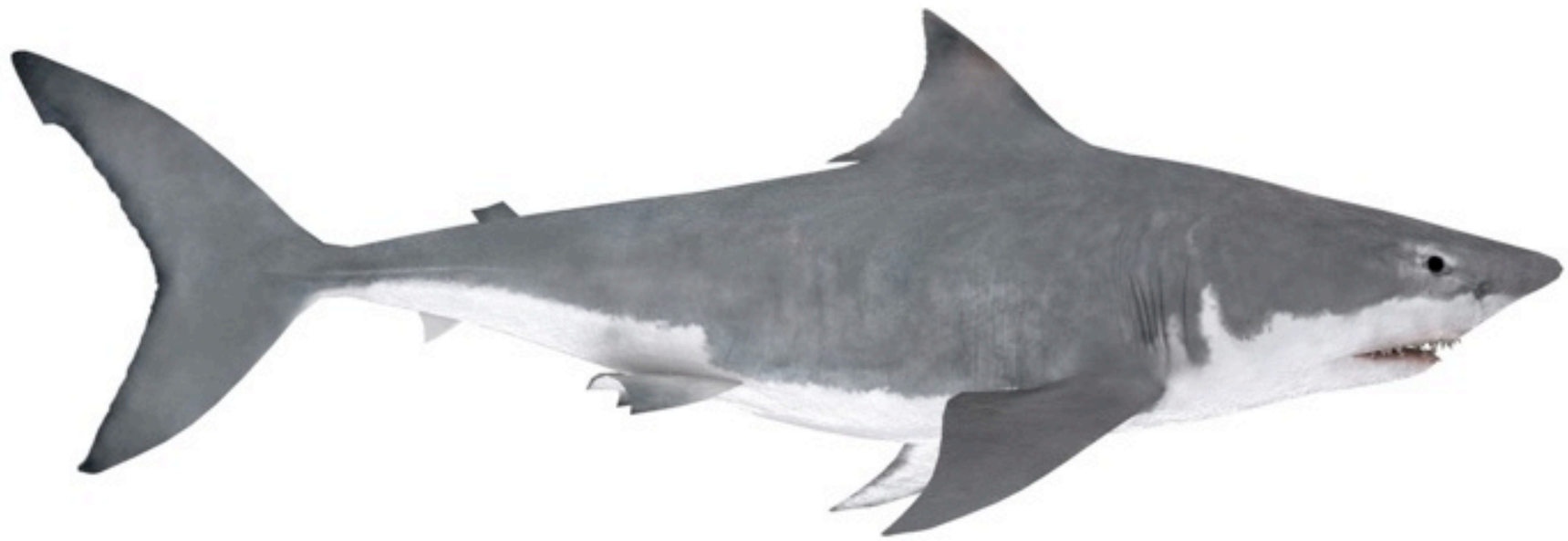

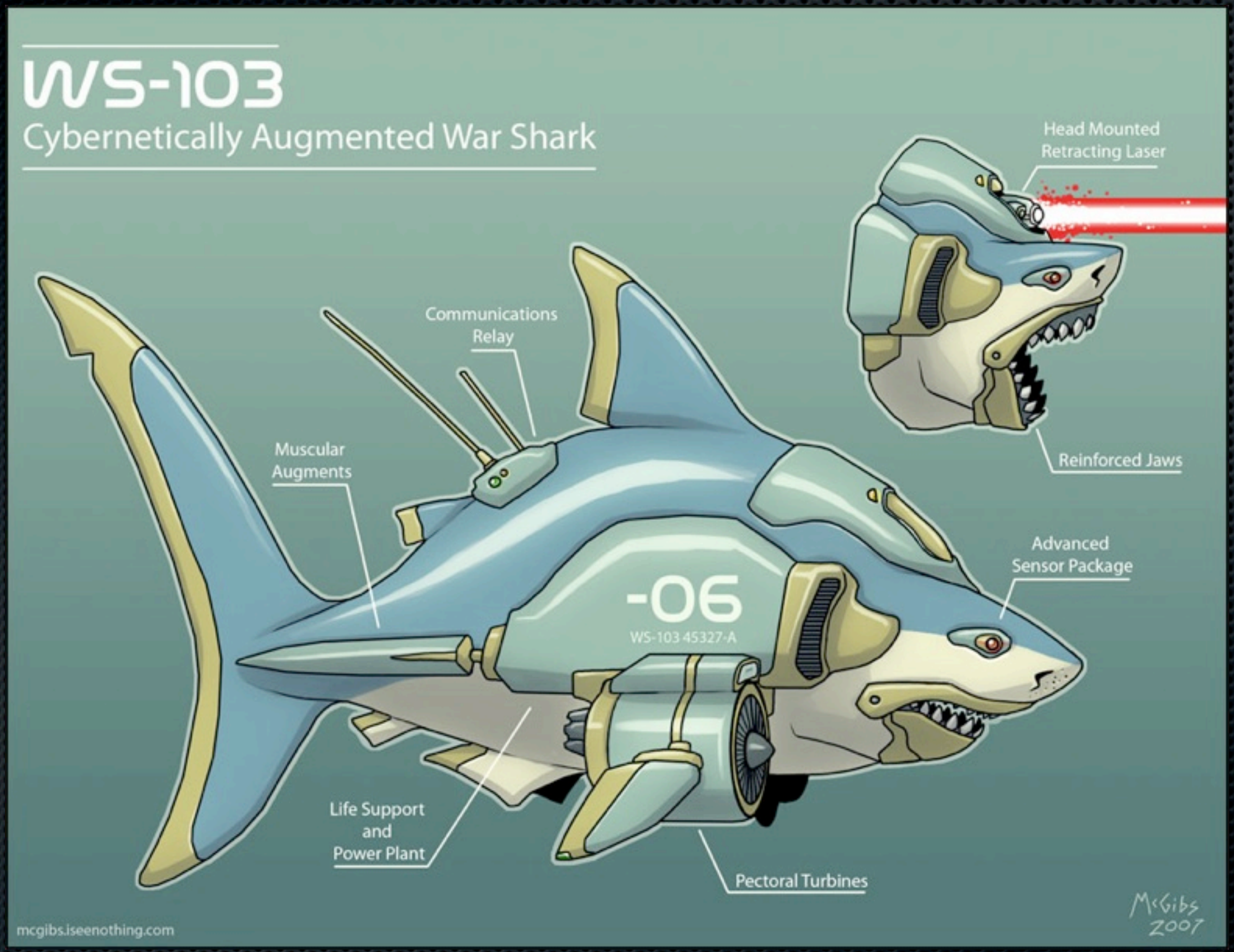
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A Quick History Lesson...

What is Vim?

Modal Text Editor

Built by Bram Moolenar...

/code/
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Braugold

AMIGA

Based on `vi`...

...created by Bill Joy...

...in 1976.

1976

So why bother?

The Sales Pitch

Multi-Language

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$
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Multi-Interface

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" Press ? for help

.. (up a dir)
/Users/bodom/.env/.vim/
|+after/
|+colors/
|+compiler/
|+doc/
|+ftplugin/
|+plugin/
|+ruby/
|+syntax/
|-diff_with_saved.vim
|-filetype.vim
|-insert_matching_spaces.vim
|-map_movement_keys.vim
|-map_text_autoformat_keys.vim
|-paste_into_c_string.vim
|-redir_messages.vim
|-search_enhancements.vim
|-search_with_skip.vim
|-set_abbreviations.vim
|-switch_quotes.vim
`-toggle_highlights.vim
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```

MacVim File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help Sun 15:09

UTF-8 (~/temp) - VIM

Hiragana
Katakana
CJK Unified Ideographs
Hangul Syllables
Arrows
Mathematical Operators
CJK Symbols and Punctuation

MMBackend.m + (~/macvim/src/MacVim) - VIM1

+ MMBackend.m | MacVim.h | MMTextView.m

```
    // As a last resort, check if it is one of the system defined colors.
    // The keys in this dictionary are also lowercase with no whitespace.
    obj = [sysColorDict objectForKey:stripKey];
    if (obj) {
        NSColor *col = [NSColor performSelector:NSSelectorFromString(obj)];
        if (col) {
            float r, g, b, a;
            col = [col colorUsingColorSpaceName:NSCalibratedRGBColorSpace];
            [col getRed:&r green:&g blue:&b alpha:&a];
            return (((int)(r*255+.5f) & 0xff) << 16)
                 + (((int)(g*255+.5f) & 0xff) << 8)
                 + ((int)(b*255+.5f) & 0xff);
        }
    }

    return INVALCOLOR;
}

- (BOOL)hasSpecialKeyWithValue:(NSString *)value
{
    NSEnumerator *e = [[MMBackend specialKeys] objectEnumerator];
    id obj;

    while ((obj = [e nextObject])) {
        if ([value isEqual:obj])
            return YES;
    }

    return NO;
}

- (void)enterFullscreen:(int)fuoptions background:(int)bg
```

Multi-Platform

Session Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help

feedalizer.rb

```ruby
1 require "rss/maker"
2 require "open-uri"
3 require "htree"
4 require "htree-fix"
5
6 class Feedalizer
7   attr_reader :source
8
9   def initialize(url, &b
10    @source = parse_sour
11    @rss = RSS::Maker::R
12
13    feed.link = url # A
14
15    if block_given?
16      instance_eval &blo
17      output!
18    end
19  end
20
21  def feed
22    @rss.channel
23  end
24
25  def scrape_items(xpath
26    @source.each(xpath_q
27      yield @rss.items.new_item, element
28    end
29  end
30
31  # TODO: Add Tidy backend
32  def parse_source(url)
33    open(url) { |io| HTree(io).to_rexml.elements }
-- INSERT --                                  27,41          Top
```

normal.c (~/vim/vim6/src) - VIM

File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Words Help

```
find_start_of_word(pos)
    pos_T       *pos;
{
    char_u      *line;
    int         cclass;
    int         col;

    line = ml_get(pos->lnum);
    cclass = get_mouse_class(line + pos->col);

    while (pos->col > 0)
    {
        col = pos->col - 1;
/\<pos\>                                        2689,19        34%
```

[No Name] - GVIM

File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help

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ze in ems)

[No Name] - GVIM

File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help

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                    "j" to go
 Close this window:  Use ":q<En
    Get out of Vim:  Use ":qa!<

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help.txt [Help][RO]
```

boot.ini = (c:\) - GVIM

File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help

boot.ini

```
1 [boot loader]
2 timeout=30
3 default=multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS
4 [operating systems]
5 multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS="Microsoft Windows XP Profe>
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```

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MMFullscreenWindow.m (~/src/vim/MacVim/src/MacVim) – VIM

MMFullscreenWi... TODO

```
(outer.size.height - inner.size.height)/2);
```

MMWindowController.m (~/src/vim/MacVim/src/MacVim) – VIM1

MMWindowCont... MMTextStorage.m

```
- (id)initWithVimController:(MMVimController *)controller
{
#ifndef NSAppKitVersionNumber10_4  // needed for non-10.5 sdk
# define NSAppKitVersionNumber10_4 824
#endif
    unsigned styleMask = NSTitledWindowMask | NSClosableWindowMask
            | NSMiniaturizableWindowMask | NSResizableWindowMask
            | NSUnifiedTitleAndToolbarWindowMask;

    // Use textured background on Leopard or later (uncomment this on Tiger for
    // polished metal window).
    if (floor(NSAppKitVersionNumber) > NSAppKitVersionNumber10_4)
        styleMask |= NSTexturedBackgroundWindowMask;

    NSWindow *win = [[NSWindow alloc]
            initWithContentRect:NSMakeRect(0,0,480,360)
                      styleMask:styleMask
                        backing:NSBackingStoreBuffered
                          defer:YES];

    if ((self = [super initWithWindow:win])) {
        vimController = controller;

        // Window cascading is handled by MMAppController.
        [self setShouldCascadeWindows:NO];

        NSView *contentView = [win contentView];
        vimView = [[MMVimView alloc] initWithFrame:[contentView frame]
                                     vimController:vimController];
        [contentView addSubview:vimView];

        // Create the tabline separator (which may be visible when the tabline
        // is hidden).  See showTabBar: for circumstances when the separator
        // should be hidden.
        NSRect tabSepRect = [contentView frame];
        tabSepRect.origin.y = NSMaxY(tabSepRect)-1;
        tabSepRect.size.height = 1;
        tablineSeparator = [[NSBox alloc] initWithFrame:tabSepRect];

        [tablineSeparator setBoxType:NSBoxSeparator];
```

101,37 10%

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appear on demand
Suppressed, 0); //requires 10.3

en token;
ervation(.5, &token) == kCGErrorSuccess) {
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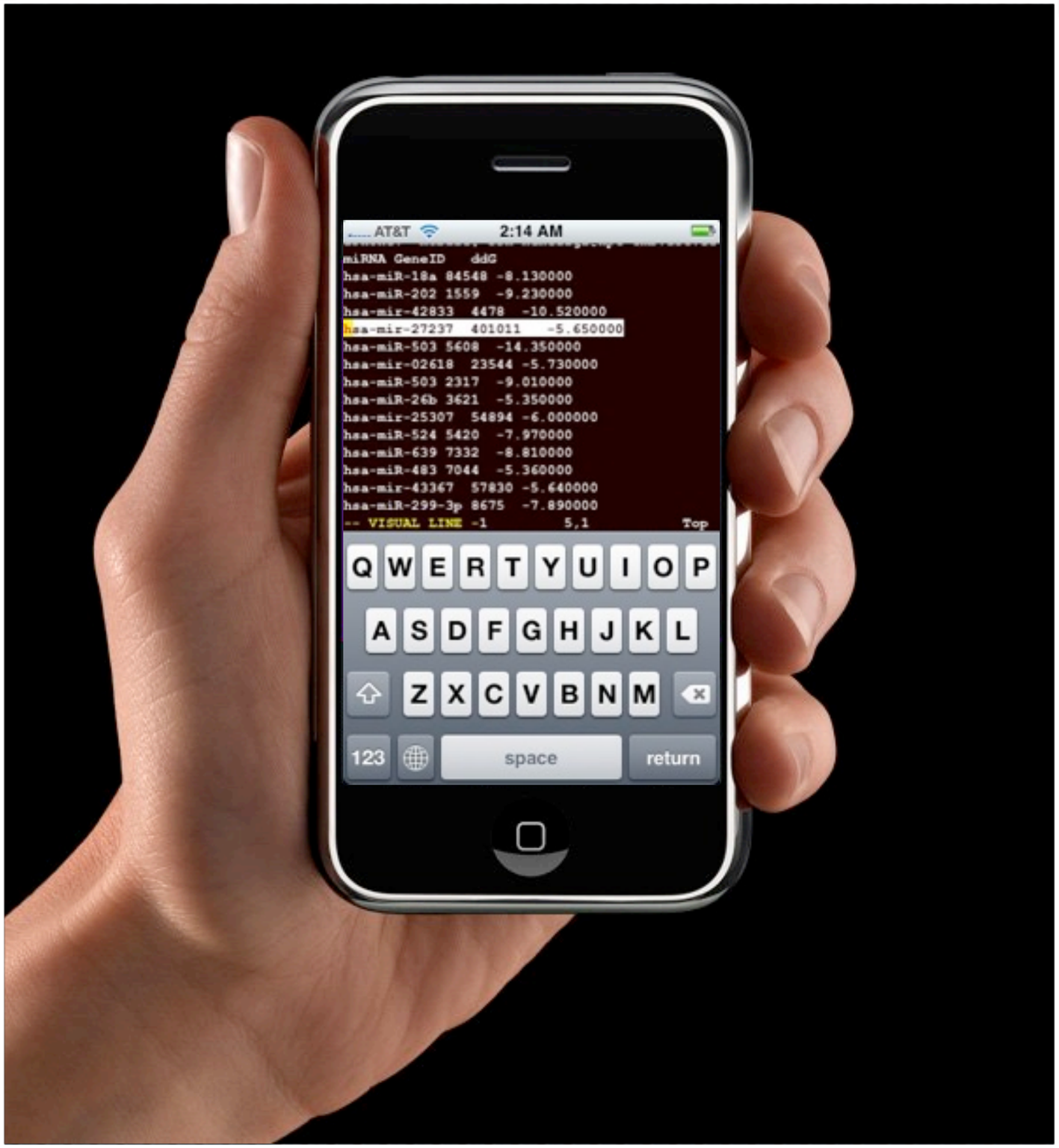
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hsa-miR-524 5420 -7.970000
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TRAVIT SVMTV PRO
PRIORE STITVIT

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
int main ()
{
    time_t rawtime;
    struct tm *timeinfo;
    time(&rawtime);
    timeinfo = localtime ( &rawtime );
    int day = timeinfo->tm_mday;
    int month = timeinfo->tm_mon+1;
    int year = timeinfo->tm_year +1900;
    int age = year-1981;
    char *suffix;
    if(age % 10 == 1 && age != 11){
        suffix = (char*)"st";
    }else if(age %10== 2 && age !=12 ){
        suffix= (char*)"nd";
    }else if(age % 10 ==3 && age != 13 ){
        suffix= (char*)"rd";
    }else{
        suffix= (char*)"th";
    }
    if(month ==8 && day == 16){
        printf("Happy %d%s Birthday, Tim!\n", age,
        suffix);
    }else {
        printf("It's not your birthday..\n");
    }
    return 0;
```

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What is Vim?

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Vim 7.3.003 is the current version

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includes an awful lot of bug f
before. For the details see th
page. (*Bram Moolenaar*)

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1.1 Creating a screenshot
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Asking questions [edit]

On this wiki, we discuss how to improve tips, but we don't discuss how to use Vim.

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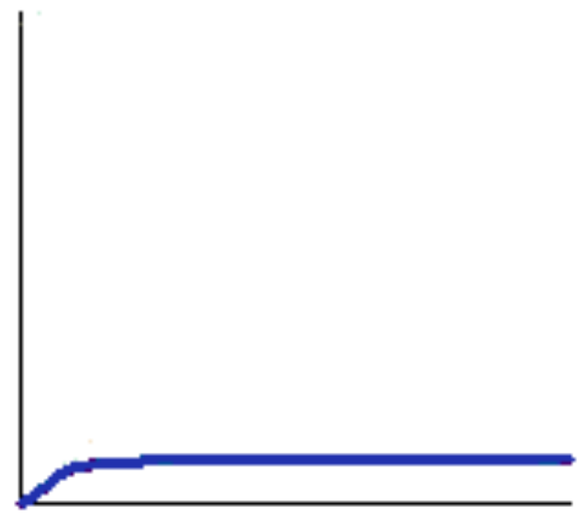

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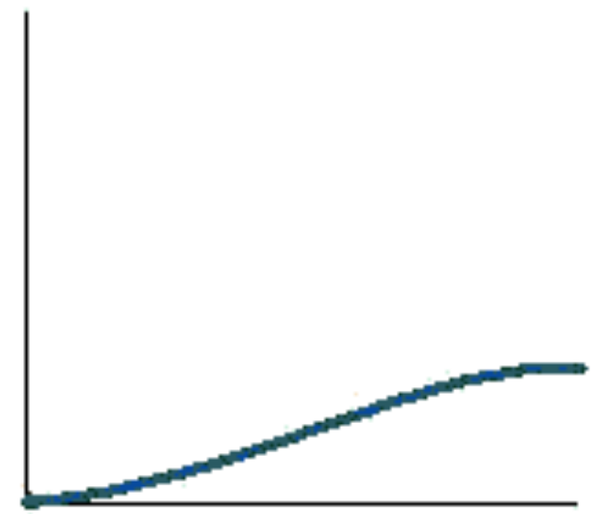

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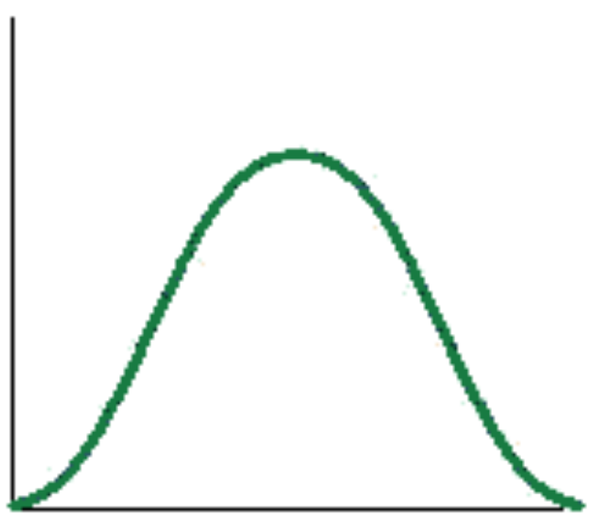

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Everything

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The Sales Pitch

The Sales Pitch ✓

So why bother?

So why bother?

- Save Time

So why bother?

- Save Time
- Increase Productivity

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- Save Time
- Increase Productivity
- Reduce Tedium

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So why bother?

- Save Time
- Increase Productivity
- Reduce Tedium
- Remain Sane
- Have Fun

Use a single editor well.

The editor should be an extension of your hand; make sure your editor is configurable, extensible, and programmable.

—*The Pragmatic Programmer*
by Andrew Hunt and David Thomas

Goals

How to Get Started

A Few Big Ideas

Lots of Tips

Discussion, Questions Comments

Non-Goals

Editor war – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Editor_war

editor wars

Editor war – Wikipedia, the free e...

New features Log in / create account

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Article Discussion Read Edit View history Search

Editor war

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For a type of conflict between wiki editors, see Edit war.

Editor war is the common name for the rivalry between users of the vi and Emacs text editors. The rivalry has become a lasting part of hacker culture and the free software community.

Many flame wars have been fought between groups insisting that their editor of choice is the paragon of editing perfection, and insulting the others. Unlike the related battles over operating systems, programming languages, and even source code indent style, choice of editor usually only affects oneself.

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1 Differences between vi and Emacs
1.1 Benefits of vi-like editors
1.2 Benefits of Emacs
2 Humour
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“Escape Meta Alt Control Shift”

“Emacs: A great operating system, lacking only a decent editor.”

vi has two modes:
“beep repeatedly” and
“break everything”

Sometimes, people ask me if it is a sin in the church of Emacs to use the editor Vi. It is true that Vi-Vi-Vi is the editor of the beast. But using a free version of Vi is not a sin but a penance.

— Richard Stallman (creator of EMACS)

Getting Started

Step One: Don’t

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The Tutorial

1 Basic Editing
2 Editing a Little Faster
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vi / vim graphical cheat sheet

Esc normal mode												
~ toggle case	! external filter	@• play macro	# prev ident	$ eol	% goto match	^ "soft" bol	& repeat :s	* next ident	(begin sentence	) end sentence	"soft" bol __ down	+ next line
`• goto mark	1 [2]	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0 "hard" bol	- prev line	= auto[3] format
	Q ex mode	W next WORD	E end WORD	R replace mode	T• back 'till	Y yank line	U undo line	I insert at bol	O open above	P paste before	{ begin parag.	} end parag.
	q• record macro	w next word	e end word	r• replace char	t• 'till	y yank [1,3]	u undo	i insert mode	o open below	p paste[1] after	[• misc	]• misc
	A append at eol	S subst line	D delete to eol	F• "back" find ch	G eof/ goto ln	H screen top	J join lines	K help	L screen bottom	: ex cmd line	"• reg. [1] spec	| bol/ goto col
	a append	s subst char	d delete [1,3]	f• find char	g• extra[6] cmds	h ←	j ↓	k ↑	l →	; repeat t/T/f/F	'• goto mk. bol	\• not used!
	Z• quit [4]	X back-space	C change to eol	V visual lines	B prev WORD	N prev (find)	M screen mid'l	< un-[3] indent	> indent[3]	?• find (rev.)		
	Z• extra[5] cmds	x delete char	c change [1,3]	v visual mode	b prev word	n next (find)	m• set mark	, reverse t/T/f/F	. repeat cmd	/• find		

motion — moves the cursor, or defines the range for an operator

command — direct action command, if red, it enters insert mode

operator — requires a motion afterwards, operates between cursor & destination

extra — special functions, requires extra input

q• — commands with a dot need a char argument afterwards

bol = beginning of line, eol = end of line, mk = mark, yank = copy

words: `quux(foo, bar, baz);`
WORDs: `quux(foo, bar, baz);`

Main command line commands ('ex'):

:w (save), :q (quit), :q! (quit w/o saving)
:e f (open file f),
:%s/x/y/g (replace 'x' by 'y' filewide),
:h (help in vim), :new (new file in vim),

Other important comands:

CTRL-R: redo (vim),
CTRL-F/-B: page up/down,
CTRL-E/-Y: scroll line up/down,
CTRL-V: block-visual mode (vim only)

Visual mode:

Move around and type operator to act on selected region (vim only)

Notes:

(1) use "x before a yank/paste/del command to use that register ('clipboard') (x=a..z,*) (e.g.: "ay$ to copy rest of line to reg 'a')

(2) type in a number before any action to repeat it that number of times (e.g.: 2p, d2w, 5i, d4j)

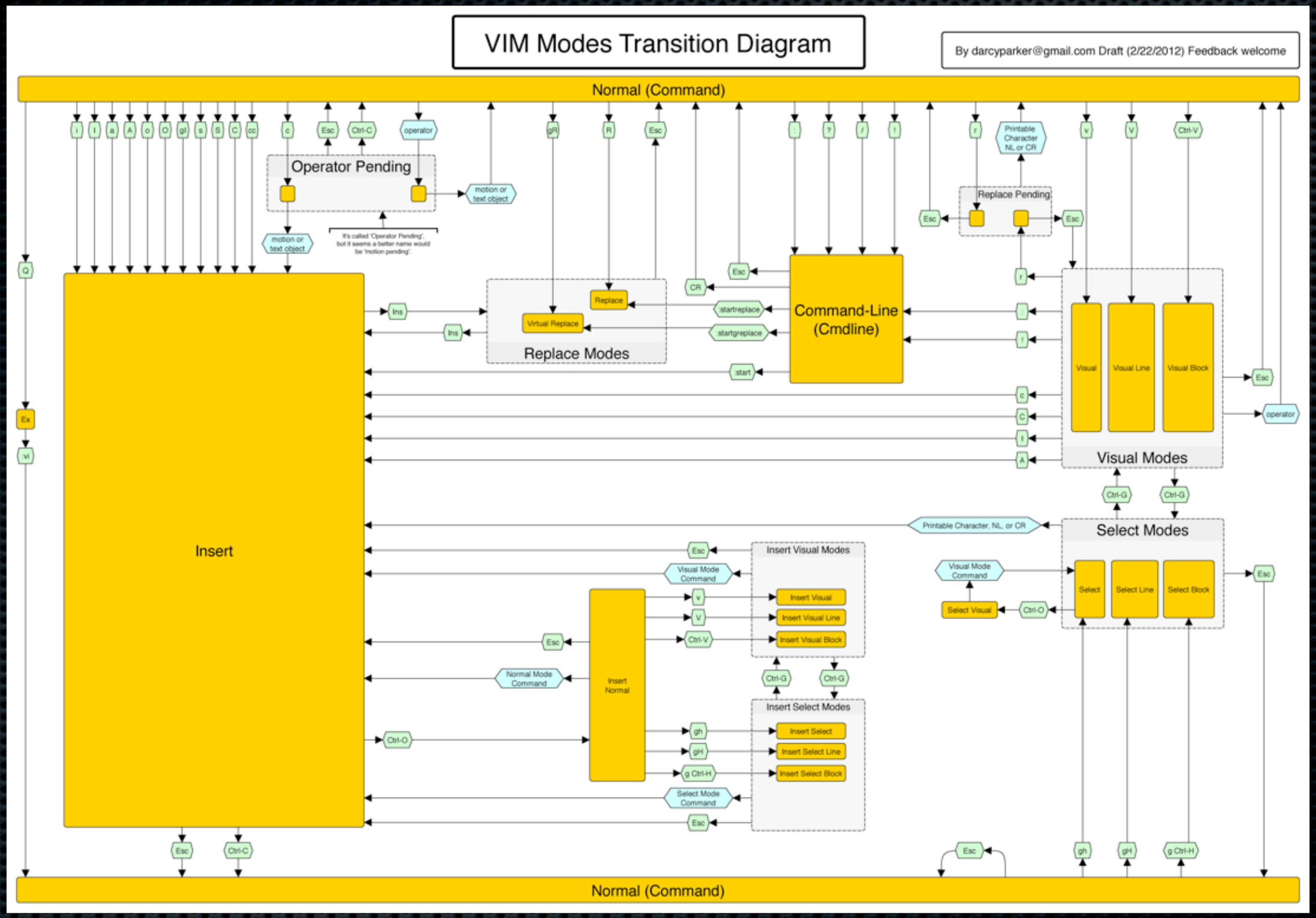
(3) duplicate operator to act on current line (dd = delete line, >> = indent line)

(4) ZZ to save & quit, ZQ to quit w/o saving

(5) zt: scroll cursor to top, zb: bottom, zz: center

(6) gg: top of file (vim only), gf: open file under cursor (vim only)

For a graphical vi/vim tutorial & more tips, go to **www.viemu.com** - home of ViEmu, vi/vim emulation for Microsoft Visual Studio


VIM Modes Transition Diagram
By darcyparker@gmail.com Draft (2/22/2012) Feedback welcome
Normal (Command)
Operator Pending
motion or text object
It's called 'Operator Pending', but it seems a better name would be 'motion pending'.
Replace Pending
Printable Character NL or CR
Insert
Replace Modes
Virtual Replace
Replace
Command-Line (Cmdline)
startreplace
startgreplace
Visual
Visual Line
Visual Block
Visual Modes
Select Modes
Select
Select Line
Select Block
Select Visual
Visual Mode Command
Printable Character, NL, or CR
Insert Visual Modes
Insert Visual
Insert Visual Line
Insert Visual Block
Insert Normal
Normal Mode Command
Insert Select Modes
Insert Select
Insert Select Line
Insert Select Block
Select Mode Command
Normal (Command)

A small piece of advice:
Don’t try to do it all at once.

Get a good version of vi that doesn't make you abandon everything you already know—then slowly, steadily build up your repertoire of magic tricks...

I've been using some form of vi for years, and I still learn new stuff all the time. Frankly, that's part of its appeal—it's as deep as I want to go, ***and there's more power every time I take a few minutes to learn it.***

– from an email exchange between Bill Odom and Merlin Mann

You should not try to learn every command an editor offers. That would be a complete waste of time. Most people only need to learn 10 to 20 percent of the commands for their work. ***But it's a different set of commands for everybody.***

—Bram Moolenar

I am amzedf at how mcuh easier it is to use vim when I jhave had a few beers. The modal commands just seem to flow from my fgingertips.

—Bill Odom (from “vim beer amazement.txt”)

Getting Vim

UNIX or Linux?

Done.

Mac OS X:

code.google.com/p/macvim/

macvim - Project Hosting on Google Code

http://code.google.com/p/macvim/

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Vim for the Mac

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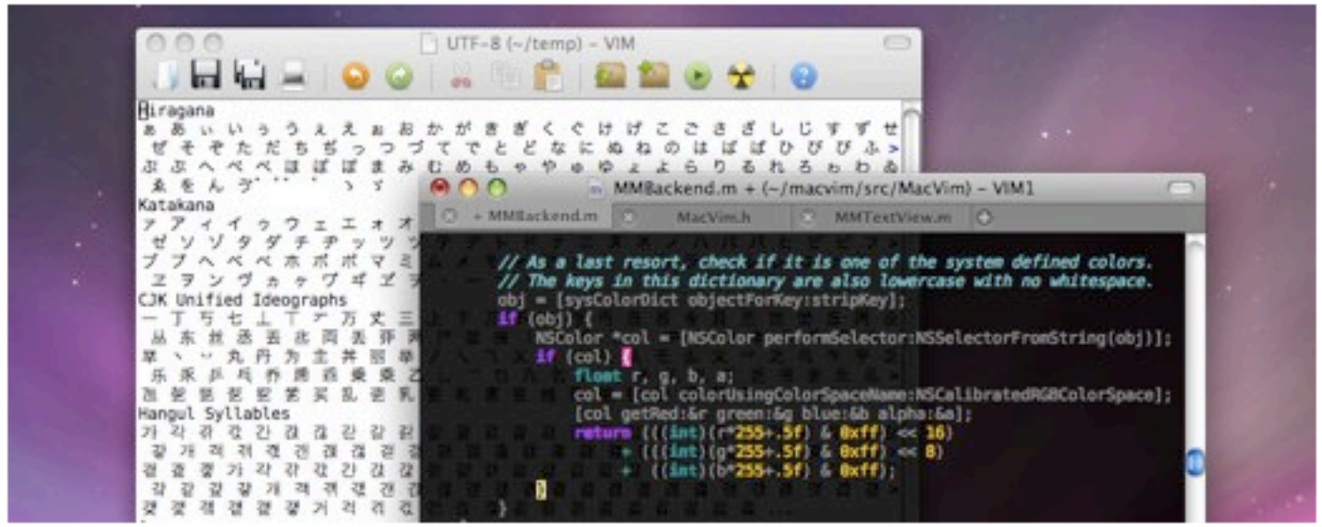
MacVim is a port of the text editor Vim to Mac OS X.



MacVim supports multiple windows with tabbed editing and a host of other features such as:

- bindings to standard OS X keyboard shortcuts (⌘Z, ⌘V, ⌘A, ⌘G, etc.),
- transparent backgrounds,

Starred (view starred projects)

Activity: High

Code license:
GNU General Public License v2

Labels:
vim, editor, mac, osx, cocoa, objective-c

Featured wiki pages:
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External links:
Source code repository

Everybody else:

www.vim.org/download.php

Getting Help

`:help` (or just `:h`)

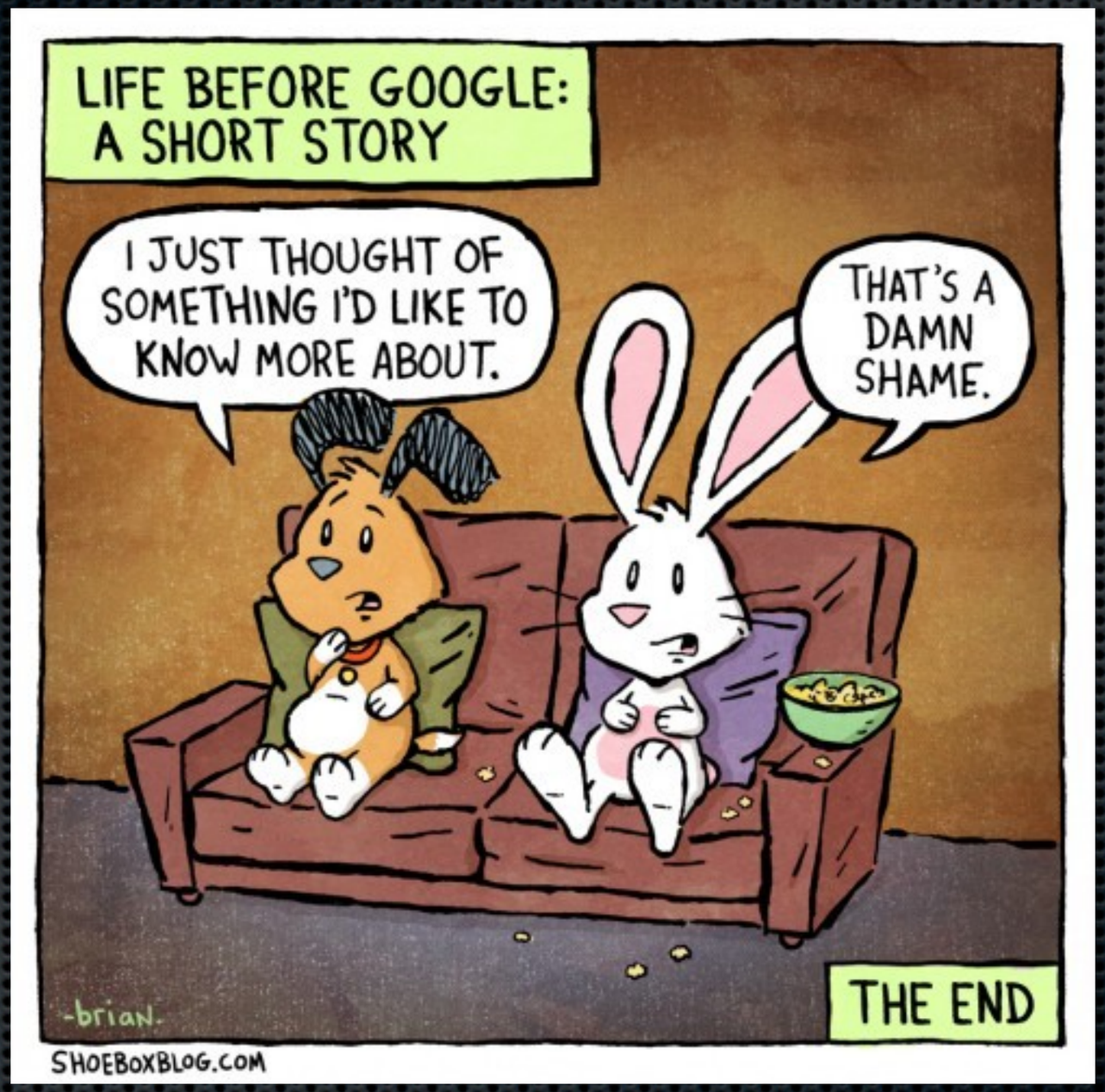
`:help :help`

`:helpgrep` (or just `:helpg`)

`:help!`

`:h 42`

`:h holy-grail`


LIFE BEFORE GOOGLE:
A SHORT STORY
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT.
THAT'S A DAMN SHAME.
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Modes

A Whole Lotta Modes

Insert Mode

Normal Mode

Command Mode

Visual Mode

Select Mode

Ex Mode

Operator-pending Mode

Replace Mode

Virtual Replace Mode

Insert Normal Mode

Insert Visual Mode

Insert Select Mode

A Whole Lotta Modes

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Insert Mode

- Typical text entry and basic editing
- Arrow keys (and mouse) work
- Lots of ways to get there...

Insert Mode

i a c o r s

I A C O R S

Insert Mode

- **`<Esc>`** to get out
- **`<C-O>`** to temporarily get out

Normal Mode

- Moving around
- More complex editing
- Default mode

Moving Around

```
k
h • l
j
```

Moving Around

```
H M L
gg
123G
:123
```

Moving Around

- Many more advanced motions available
- But the arrow keys & mouse still work!

Moving Around

gj

gk

Traveling Without Moving

Traveling Without Moving

zz

zt

zb

Traveling Without Moving

```
:let &scrolloff=999-&scrolloff
```

Instant Searches

- *
- #
- g*
- g#

Completion

- **<C-N>**
- **<C-P>**
- **<C-X><C-...>**

Command-Line Mode

- Ex commands
- Search commands
- Filter commands

Visual Mode

What?

Visual mode is a flexible and easy way to select a piece of text for an operator.

— `:help visual-mode`

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- Sometimes it’s the only way to indicate an arbitrary block of text

Three Modes in One!

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- Visual

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- Visual
- Visual Line

Three Modes in One!

- Visual
- Visual Line
- Visual Block

Three Modes in One!

Three Modes in One!

- Visual - characterwise

Three Modes in One!

- Visual - characterwise
- Visual Line - linewise

Three Modes in One!

- Visual - characterwise
- Visual Line - linewise
- Visual Block - er... rectanglewise

Getting There

Getting There

- `v` for Visual

Getting There

- `v` for Visual
- `V` for Visual Line

Getting There

- **`v`** for Visual
- **`v`** for Visual Line
- **`<C-v>`** for Visual Block

Getting Out

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Defining the Visual Area

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- Enter Visual mode

Defining the Visual Area

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- Move around

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- *...or even a mouse*

Doing Stuff

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- Define a visual area

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Doing Stuff

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Visual Operators

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~ d c y > < ! = gq

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- ...and a bunch more:

  r s C S R x D

  X Y p J U u ^] I

Oops, Wrong Mode

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- No problem
- Switch among modes with

  `v`, **`V`**, or **`<C-V>`**

Oops, Wrong Mode

- No problem
- Switch among modes with

  `v`, **`V`**, or **`<C-V>`**
- Start and end points are preserved

Oops, Wrong Spot

Oops, Wrong Spot

- Started in the wrong place?

Oops, Wrong Spot

- Started in the wrong place?
- Toggle between start end end with **o** (lowercase o)

Oops, Wrong Corner

Oops, Wrong Corner

- For Visual Blocks

Oops, Wrong Corner

- For Visual Blocks
- Need to move the other side?

Oops, Wrong Corner

- For Visual Blocks
- Need to move the other side?
- Switch to the other corner with **o** (uppercase O)

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Prepending Text in a Block

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- Define a Visual Block

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- Type the text to be prepended
- Hit Escape

Prepending Text in a Block

- Define a Visual Block
- Press `I` (“Insert at beginning”)
- Type the text to be prepended
- Hit Escape
- Works in the middle of a block, too

Appending Text in a Block

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- Press **A** (“Append”)

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- Type the text to be appended

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Appending Text in a Block

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- Start a Visual Block

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- Press **A** (for “Append”)
- Type the text to be appended
- Hit Escape
- Text is appended to each line, sensitive to the length

Example Maps

```
" Backspace in Visual mode deletes selection.
"
vnoremap <BS> d

" Tab/Shift+Tab indent/unindent the highlighted
" block (and maintain the highlight after changing
" the indentation). Works for both Visual and
" Select modes.
"
vnoremap <Tab>    >gv
vnoremap <S-Tab>  <gv
```

Example Maps

```
" Join all lines in a paragraph
"
nnoremap <S-F7>  vipJ

" Format selected lines
"
xnoremap Q  gq
```

Visual Key Map Gotchas

Visual Key Map Gotchas

- Watch out for **`:vmap`**
- Prefer **`:xmap`** and **`:smap`** where possible

Example Tricks

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- Count bytes in an arbitrary selection

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- Count bytes in an arbitrary selection
- See text objects

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- Draw boxes

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Example Tricks

- Count bytes in an arbitrary selection
- See text objects
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- Abuse indentation
- Filter a visual range

Important Settings

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- selectmode

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- selectmode
- keymodel

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- virtualedit
- selectmode
- keymodel
- mouse

Important Settings

```
:set virtualedit=block
:set selectmode=key,mouse
:set keymodel=startsel,stopsel
:set mouse=a
```

Useful Help Topics

```
:help visual-mode
:help v_…
:help v_b_…
```

Operators

c	gu	g?
d	gU	>
y	!	<
~	=	zf
g~	gq	g@

Operators

```
:help operator
```

Motions

```
h j k l                b B ge gE
gj gk                  - +
0 ^ $                  ( ) { }
g0 g^ g$ g_            ]] ][ [[
f F t T                | _ %
w W e E
```

Motions

```
:help motion.txt
```

Text Objects

w - Words

W - WORDs

s - Sentences

p - Paragraphs

t - Tagged blocks

Blocks delimited by

[ ] ( ) { } <>

Strings delimited by

" ' `

Text Objects

```
:help text-objects
```

Registers

What’s a Register?

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- Stores a chunk of text

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- Stores a chunk of text
- Like the system clipboard

What's a Register?

- Stores a chunk of text
- Like the system clipboard
- But much more flexible

The Unnamed Register

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- The one you get if you don’t specify

The Unnamed Register

- You already use this one
- The one you get if you don’t specify
- Target of typical delete, yank, and put operations (a.k.a. cut, copy, and paste)

Simple Registers

- 26 named registers
- Accessed as `"a` through `"z`

Appending to Registers

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- Deletes and yanks overwrite registers

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- But they don’t have to

Appending to Registers

- Deletes and yanks overwrite registers
- But they don’t have to
- Uppercase the name to append instead

Numbered Registers

- You don’t always have to be explicit
- Vim tracks recent deletes
- Look in **"1** through **"9**

Other Registers

Current filename:

"%

Alternate filename:

"#

Other Registers

Last “small” delete:

"_

Last inserted text:

":

Other Registers

Last search:

`"/`

Last Ex command:

`":`

Other Registers

Expression:

"=

(Lots more on this one later)

Other Registers

System clipboard:

"*

System Selection (X11):

"+

Other Registers

Black hole:

"_

Viewing Registers

- View with **`:registers`**
  - Or just **`:reg`**
- View specific registers with **`:reg abc`**

Accessing Registers

Normal mode:

`"<register><operator>`

Accessing Registers

Visual mode:

`"<register><operator>`

Accessing Registers

Insert mode and command line:

```
<C-R><register>
<C-R><C-R><register>
<C-R><C-O><register>
<C-R><C-P><register>
```

Accessing Registers

Ex commands and scripts:

```
@<register>
```

Registers == Macros

Execute in Normal mode:

```
@<register>
```

Registers == Ex Commands?

Execute in Command mode:

```
:@<register>
```

Clearing Registers

Assign on the command line:

```
:let @a = ""
```

Record an empty macro:

```
qaq
```

Expression Register

- Value is the result of an expression
- Can be used interactively or in scripts
- Accessed as `"=` or `@=` or `\=` depending on context

Expression Register Example

```
inoremap <F2>
  <C-R>=strftime("%c")<CR>
```

Expression Register Example

```
:cnoremap <C-G>
    <C-R><C-R>=
    GetLiteralPattern()
    <CR>
```

Expression Register Example

```
:xnoremap \/
    "vy/
    <C-R><C-R>
    =StringToPattern(@v)
    <CR>
```

Tips & Tricks

Copy to the OS clipboard:

```
"*yy
```

Tips & Tricks

Paste from the OS clipboard:

`"*p`

(Can be more reliable than pasting through a terminal window.)

Tips & Tricks

Link unnamed register and OS clipboard:

```
:set clipboard=unnamed
```

Tips & Tricks

Pre-load in .vimrc:

```
:let @a = "123 Main Street"
:let @p = "800-555-1212"
```

Tips & Tricks

“Search” for text without moving cursor:

```
:let @/ = "stuff"
```

Tips & Tricks

Execute accidentally-inserted command:

```
<Esc>u:@.
```

Tips & Tricks

Edit a macro:

`"mp`

...edit macro text...

`"myy`

Tips & Tricks

Combine several registers:

```
:let @* = @a . @b . @c
```

Tips & Tricks

Capture output to a register:

```
:redir @A
```

Tips & Tricks

Yank matching lines into a register:

```
:g/pattern/y A
```

(Note uppercase register name)

Register Help

```
:help registers

:help copy-move
```

Register Help

```
:help i_CTRL-R
:help i_CTRL-R_CTRL-R
:help i_CTRL-R_CTRL-O
:help i_CTRL-R_CTRL-P
```

Ranges

- Line numbers (absolute or symbolic)
- Marks (manual or automatic)
- Search patterns (forward or backward)

Ranges

```
:help cmdline-ranges
```

Abbreviations

- **`iabbrev`** for Insert Mode
- **`cabbrev`** for Command-Line Mode
- **`abbrev`** for both
- Best for content expansion (vs. behavior)

Abbreviations

```
iabbrev teh      the
iabbrev tihs     this
iabbrev jsut     just
iabbrev exmaple example
```

Abbreviations

```
iabbrev _ett  wnodom@tmtowtdi.com
iabbrev _egm  billodom@gmail.com
iabbrev _sig  Thanks,<CR>Bill
```

Abbreviations

```
iabbrev <expr> _lipsum ''
\ . 'Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. '
\ . 'Praesent hendrerit tempus adipiscing. Nullam vitae nibh ut '
\ . 'arcu volutpat porta. Ut tristique molestie mollis. In at erat '
\ . 'a ante molestie molestie. Suspendisse varius arcu nec augue '
\ . 'condimentum semper. Vestibulum malesuada pulvinar mi, '
\ . 'fermentum elementum eros adipiscing dignissim. Vestibulum at '
\ . 'odio risus. Ut ipsum erat, volutpat sed cursus nec, blandit '
\ . 'ac diam. Integer tincidunt sollicitudin eros, sit amet '
\ . 'vulputate justo sollicitudin malesuada. Nulla dapibus dictum '
\ . 'dolor id semper. Phasellus pretium dapibus massa quis auctor. '
```

Abbreviations

```
" Replace :Set typo with :set
" (See VimTip1285 for details.)
"
cabbrev Set <C-R>=(getcmdtype()==':'
\ && getcmdpos()==1 ? 'set' : 'Set')<CR>
```

Macros

The Basics

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- Record and repeat a series of keystrokes

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- Assigned to registers **a** through **z**

The Basics

The Basics

- Start recording with **`q<register>`**

The Basics

- Start recording with **`q<register>`**
- Do stuff

The Basics

- Start recording with **`q<register>`**
- Do stuff
- Stop recording with **`q`**

The Basics

The Basics

- Play back with **`@<register>`**

The Basics

- Play back with **`@<register>`**
- ...or **`<C-O>@<register>`** if you're already in Insert mode

A Simple Example

qwyyppv$r-kk.jq

A Simple Example (Really!)

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`qw` - Start recording into register **`w`**

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Macros == Registers

- View with **`:registers`** (or just **`:reg`**)
- View specific macros with **`:reg abc`**

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- ...or record nothing:

```
qwq
```

Duplicating a Macro

- Just use an assignment:

```
:let @z = @a
```

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- `:let @z = '@a@b@c'`

Editing a Macro

- Start an assignment statement:

  `:let @w = '`

- Paste the current value of the macro:

  `<C-R><C-R>w`

- Edit the contents
- Add the closing quote and press Return

Recursive Macros

- Just a macro that calls itself:
  `qwqqwgU$j@wq`
- Don't forget to empty the macro before recording!
- A little too easy to lock up Vim
- Usually easier to use a non-recursive macro with a large count

Using Counts with Macros

- `100@w`

Using Ranges with Macros

- `:5,50normal @w`
- `:'<,'>normal @w`

Mondo Macros

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- `ql:set tw=33^M:1^MvGgq:set tw=44^M:1^MvG:centerq`

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- `ql:set tw=33^M:1^MvGgq:set tw=44^M:1^MvG:centerq`
- `:bufdo normal @l`

Appending to a Macro

- `qW...q`

Macros or Maps?

- Macros: Great for one-shot tasks
- Keymaps: Better for more permanent customization

Free Macros!

- The Magical Dot Command
- `@:` - Repeat most recent Ex command
- `@@` - Repeat most recent macro

Resources

- `:help complex-repeat`
- `:help recording`
- `:help registers`

Key Mapping

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Map Command Structure

{cmd}	{attr}	{lhs}	{rhs}
map command	attributes	left-hand side	right-hand side

Map Command Structure

```
" Example map command
map <silent> <F2> :echo 'Hello!'<CR>
```

Map Commands

`omap`	`nmap`
`cmap`	`imap`
`lmap`	`vmap`
`map`	`xmap`
`map!`	`smap`

Map Commands

```
nnoremap
inoremap
vnoremap
xnoremap
snoremap
onoremap
cnoremap
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```

Map Attributes

Map Attributes

```
<silent>
<buffer>
<expr>
<unique>
<script>
<special>
```

Available Keys

- Function keys and shifted function keys
- **`<Leader>`** and **`<LocalLeader>`** sequences (especially in plugins and scripts)

Sorta-Available Keys

- Alt / Option / Meta Keys (safest in the GUI)
- Commands you don’t use
- Command “synonyms” you don’t use
- Comma
- Semicolon
- Underscore

Finding Keys to Map

`:help map-which-keys`

`:help index.txt`

`:help` *{key}*`<ctrl-d>`

Displaying Maps

`:nmap`

`:nmap` *{key}*

`:mkvimrc ~/scratch.vim`

Removing Maps

Removing Maps

:unmap *{key}*

Removing Maps

`:unmap` *{key}*

`:verbose map` *{key}*

Sample Maps

```
" Overload Control+L to also clear
" search highlighting
"
nnoremap <C-L>  :nohlsearch<CR><C-L>
```

Sample Maps

```
" Toggle screen wrapping of long lines,
" then display value of ‘wrap’ option
"
nnoremap <Leader>w
\   :set invwrap<Bar>set wrap?<CR>
```

Sample Maps

```
" Make up/down arrows move by display
" lines instead of physical lines
"

nnoremap <Up>      gk
nnoremap <Down>    gj
```

Sample Maps

```
" Reformat current paragraph
"
nnoremap Q  gqap
```

Sample Maps

```
"  Indent/unindent highlighted block
"  (and maintain highlight)
"
vnoremap <Tab>     >gv
vnoremap <S-Tab>   <gv
```

Sample Maps

```
" Disable paste-on-middle-click
"
inoremap <MiddleMouse>  <Nop>
```

Sample Maps

```
" Center display line after searches
"
nnoremap n    nzz
nnoremap N    Nzz
nnoremap *    *zz
nnoremap #    #zz
nnoremap g*   g*zz
nnoremap g#   g#z
```

Sample Maps

```
" Edit vimrc in new tab
"
nnoremap ,ev  :tabedit $MYVIMRC<CR>
```

Sample Maps

```
" Delete to end of line, bash-style
"
inoremap <C-K> <C-O>D
```

Sample Maps

```
" Control+Up/Down move lines & selections up and down.
" (Based on http://vim.wikia.com/wiki/VimTip646)
"
" Define maps for Normal and Visual modes, then re-use
" them for Insert and Select modes.
"
nnoremap <silent>  <C-Up>     :move -2<CR>
nnoremap <silent>  <C-Down>   :move +<CR>
xnoremap <silent>  <C-Up>     :move '<-2<CR>gv
xnoremap <silent>  <C-Down>   :move '>+<CR>gv
imap     <silent>  <C-Up>    <C-O><C-Up>
imap     <silent>  <C-Down>  <C-O><C-Down>
smap     <silent>  <C-Up>    <C-G><C-Up><C-G>
smap     <silent>  <C-Down>  <C-G><C-Down><C-G>
```

$VIMRUNTIME/mswin.vim

```
:vmap <Tab>     >gv
:vmap <S-Tab>   <gv
```

```
:nnoremap <F7>     gqap
:nnoremap <S-F7>   vipJ
```

Vim as Language

Caps Lo
Q
W
M
A
Z
Y
Tab
Backspace
Enter
Ctrl
Prt Sc
SysRq
Ins
F9
F10
F4
Home
End
Alt
Alt
H
U
N
#
3

Q
W
E
A
S
D
Z
X
C
$
4
%
5
^
6
&
7
R
T
Y
U
F
G
H
J
ctrl
alt

Verbs:

Operators & Commands

d

Subjects:

Motions & Text Objects

dj

Adjectives:

Ranges & Repetition

dioj

Objects:

Registers

"Ok.

Examples

0y$

yy

gg=G

"adG

gqap

vipJ

[No Name] + – VIM1

[No Name] [+]

```
 1
 2 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Sed eu lorem s>
 3
 4 Fusce placerat dapibus purus. Proin id pede eu justo malesuada vehicula.>
 5
 6 Quisque dapibus turpis ut elit. In sem. Pellentesque eget arcu nec ipsum>
 7
 8 Quisque tincidunt. In hac habitasse platea dictumst. Aenean porta congue>
 9
10 Morbi congue. Sed at enim. Morbi ac turpis sit amet nulla pretium ornare>
11
12 Etiam sodales. Morbi ac lacus. Aenean facilisis eleifend erat. Ut ac ero>
13
14 Nulla adipiscing justo in ligula. Maecenas sollicitudin ligula ultricies>
15
16 Aliquam nulla felis, lobortis vitae, iaculis eget, molestie eu, nibh. Cu>
17
18 Cras sapien lorem, posuere volutpat, posuere ut, aliquet eget, elit. Cla>
19
20 Donec a dolor quis ipsum cursus interdum. In tincidunt vehicula lectus. >
21
~
[No Name] [+]                                                  2,1          All
"~/Work/vim-sandbox/samples/sample-text-unwrapped.txt" 20L, 6714C
```

[No Name] + – VIM1

[No Name] [+]

```
 1
 2 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Sed eu
 3 lorem suscipit ipsum accumsan molestie. Phasellus iaculis enim
 4 vel sem. Maecenas vel nulla in justo fringilla mollis. Cras
 5 congue ullamcorper quam. Morbi ac massa. Vestibulum interdum eros
 6 nec sem auctor molestie. Praesent urna sem, lobortis et, rutrum
 7 feugiat, laoreet at, odio. Etiam elementum orci sed leo.
 8 Suspendisse ac elit. Phasellus lorem turpis, tempus at, aliquet
 9 sed, semper nec, justo. Cras et enim sit amet mauris tincidunt
10 luctus. Aliquam vulputate. Curabitur fringilla. In quis purus.
11
12 Fusce placerat dapibus purus. Proin id pede eu justo malesuada vehicula.>
13
14 Quisque dapibus turpis ut elit. In sem. Pellentesque eget arcu nec ipsum>
15
16 Quisque tincidunt. In hac habitasse platea dictumst. Aenean porta congue>
17
18 Morbi congue. Sed at enim. Morbi ac turpis sit amet nulla pretium ornare>
19
20 Etiam sodales. Morbi ac lacus. Aenean facilisis eleifend erat. Ut ac ero>
21
22 Nulla adipiscing justo in ligula. Maecenas sollicitudin ligula ultricies>
[No Name] [+]                                          1,0-1          Top
```

vat

“ayis

kyyp^v$r=ja

[No Name] + – VIM1

[No Name] [+]

```
1
2 Header
3
4 Subheader 1
5
6 Plain text.
7
8
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
[No Name] [+]                                   2,1           All
```

[No Name] + – VIM1

[No Name] [+]

```
1
2 Header
3 ======
4
5 Subheader 1
6 -----------
7
8 Plain text.
9
10
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
[No Name] [+]                                    1,0-1          All
```

Files
and **Buffers**
and **Windows**
and **Tabs**
and **Instances**

Definitions:

File

- Um... a file

Buffer

- Usually associated with a file, but doesn't have to be
- Usually has a name, but doesn't have to
- Doesn't have to be visible
- Several different types
  (that you mostly don't have to care about)

Window

- Displays the contents of a buffer
- Always at least one window open
- More than one window can display the same buffer

Tab

- A group of windows
- Not like tabs in other editors
- Sometimes called “tab pages”
- Better name might be “layout” or “viewport”

Buffers, Windows, Tab Pages

- Often confused for one another
- A buffer is the contents of a (potential) file
- A window is a place where a buffer can be viewed
- A tab page is a collection of windows
- A buffer can be viewed in any number of windows

Instance

- A single running copy of Vim
- GUI or terminal
- Doesn’t share (well) with other Vim instances

Loading Multiple Files

- `vim *.sh`
- `vim foo.txt bar.txt baz.txt`
- `vim -o widget.c header.h`
- `vim -p widget.c header.h`

Loading Multiple Files

- **`:edit foo.txt`**
- **`:args *.sh`**
- **`:args foo.txt bar.txt baz.txt`**
- The args list is modifiable with **`:argadd`** and **`:argdel`**

Moving Among Buffers

- **`:set hidden`**
- **`:ls`**
- **`:b`** *N*
- **`:b`** *name*
- **`:bfirst`** **`:blast`** **`:bnext`** **`:bprev`**
- **`<C-^>`**

Closing Buffers

- **`:bdelete`**
- **`:bd`** *N*
- **`:bd`** *name*
- **`:bd!`**

Buffer Settings

- **hidden**
- **switchbuf**

Buffer Commands

- `:ball`
- `:bufdo`

Creating Windows

- `:split`
- `:vsplit`
- `<C-W> s`
- `<C-W> v`

Moving Between Windows

- **`<C-W> h`**
- **`<C-W> j`**
- **`<C-W> k`**
- **`<C-W> l`**

Moving Between Windows

- **<C-W> p**
- **<C-W> <C-W>**

Resizing Windows

- **`<C-W> +`**
- **`<C-W> -`**
- **`<C-W> <`**
- **`<C-W> >`**
- ...or just use the mouse

Resizing Windows

- **`<C-W> =`**
- **`<C-W> _`**
- **`<C-W> |`**

Moving Windows

- **`<C-W> H`**
- **`<C-W> J`**
- **`<C-W> K`**
- **`<C-W> L`**

- **`<C-W> x`**

Closing Windows

- `:q`
- `<C-W> c`
- `:hide`

Closing *Other* Windows

- `:only`
- `<C-W> o`

Window Commands

- `:vertical`
- `:windo`
- `:wincmd`

Window Keys

- More than you'll ever need (or want)
- Good candidates for your own key maps
- **`:help windows.txt`**
- **`:help ctrl-w`**

Window Settings

- **`splitbelow`**
- **`splitright`**
- **`winminheight`**
- **`winminwidth`**
- **`winheight`**

Creating Tab Pages

- `:tabnew`
- `:tabedit`
- `<C-W> T`

Moving Between Tab Pages

- **`gt`**
- **`gT`**
- ***N*`gt`**
- Often mapped to OS-specific keystrokes

Moving Tab Pages

- **`:tabmove`**
- **`:tabmove`** *N*
- ...or just use the mouse (in the GUI)

Closing Tab Pages

- `:q` in last window
- `:tabclose`
- GUI often provides a close button

Closing *Other* Tab Pages

- `:tabclose` *N*
- `:tabonly`

Tab Page Settings

- **`tabline`**
- **`guitablabel`**
- May be OS-specific options as well

Tab Page Commands

- `:tab`
- `:tabs`
- `:tabdo`

What Good are Tab Pages?

- Full-page help, docs, etc.
- Alternate layouts
- Temporary work
- Diffs
- Multiple projects
- Mini-sessions

Instances

- A single instance includes all buffers, windows, tabs, settings, etc.
- Easy to create more than one, especially in the terminal
- ...but that's usually not necessary
- ...and usually isn't a good idea

Configuration & Customizaton

The Usual Suspects

- `.vimrc`
- `.gvimrc`
- `~/.vim/`

The minimal .vimrc

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this slide intentionally left blank

Strict vi Compatibility?

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```
:set nocompatible
```

Extensions

```
:filetype plugin indent on
```

Backups and Swapfiles

```
:set backupdir-=.
:set backupdir^=~/tmp,/tmp
:set directory=~/tmp//,.
```

Backups and Swapfiles

```
:set backupdir-=.
:set backupdir^=$TEMP
:set directory=$TEMP\\\\
```

Easier Searching

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```
:set incsearch
:set hlsearch
:set ignorecase
:set smartcase
```

Controlling Whitespace

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```
:set tabstop=4
:set softtabstop=4
:set expandtab
:set smarttab
```

Controlling Whitespace

```
:set shiftwidth
:set shiftround
```

Roam If You Want To

```
:set backspace=indent,eol,start
:set whichwrap+=<,>,[,]
```

Better Buffers

```
:set hidden
```

Blessed Silence

```
:set vb
:set t_vb=
```

Exploring ~/.vim

- Colorschemes
- Extra filetypes
- Custom syntax and indentation
- Bundles
- And more

Search and Substitution

Regexes - Feel the Power

- Regular expressions (regexes) are the patterns used in searches
- Formal language to concisely describe strings
- Vim's regexes are among the most powerful available

What They're Not

- Filename "globs" (but there's a little overlap)
- All the same everywhere (but there are lots of similarities among the flavors)
- Line noise (but you might be forgiven for thinking so)

Literal Characters

- Match themselves (unless they're escaped)
- Any alphanumeric character
- Whitespace
- Punctuation other than `.` `[` `]` `\` `^` `$`

Special Characters

- For modifiers, anchors, groups, character classes, etc.
- The punctuation we just saw: `.` `[` `]` `\` `^` `$`
- Nothing else special unless it's escaped

"Escaped"?

- Adding a backslash before a special character converts it to a literal (so you can match, say, a period)
- Adding a backslash before a literal character often converts it to a special character (like **`\n`** or **`\t`**)

Anchors

- "Anchor" expression to start of a line with a caret: **^**
- ...or to the end of a line with the dollar sign: **$**
- Match "word boundaries" with **\<** and **\>**

Repetition

- Match zero or more of something with asterisk: `*`
- One or more with (escaped!) plus: `\+`
- Exactly *n*: `\{`*n*`}`
- At least *n*: `\{`*n*`,}`
- No more than *m*: `\{,`*m*`}`
- At least n but no more than *m*: `\{`*n*`,`*m*`}`

Character Classes

- Unescaped square brackets
- Any character: **`[abc]`**
- Or a range of characters: **`[a-f]`**
- Any character not in the class: **`[^a-f]`**
- Collections: **`[[:alpha:]]`** **`[[:print:]]`** etc. (note the doubled brackets)

The Dot

- An unescaped period matches any character
- Well, except a newline
- And except when it's in a character class: `[.]`

Alternation

- Match *this* or *that*: **`this\|that`**
- Note the escape!

Grouping and Capturing

- Use escaped parentheses: **`\(pattern\)`**
- Refer to the captured group with backrefs: **`\1  \2`**

Um... this just keeps going

- Yes.
- Yes it does.
- How about just **`:help pattern.txt`**
- Oh, and a possibly crazy person's online tip archive

Plugins

Plugins to Consider

- Command-T, CtrlP, etc.
- NERD tree
- Ack
- JSHint
- Fugitive
- Matchit
- Surround
- Tabular
- NERD commenter
- Easymotion
- Syntastic
- Taglist
- BufExplorer / MiniBufExpl
- Many many (many) more

Managing Plugins

- Manual
- Pathogen
- Vundle
- A few others, some old, some new

A Little Scripting Interlude

Resources

- **21st Century Vim Slides**
  http://www.billodom.com/vim/21st-century-vim-strange-loop-2013.pdf
- **Vim**
  http://www.vim.org/
- **MacVim**
  http://code.google.com/p/macvim/
- **Vim Plugins, Add-Ons, Scripts**
  http://www.vim.org/scripts/index.php
- **Vim Mailing Lists**
  http://www.vim.org/maillist.php

Resources

- **Vimcasts**
  http://vimcasts.org/
- **Derek Wyatt's Vim Tutorial Videos**
  http://www.derekwyatt.org/vim/vim-tutorial-videos/

Resources

- **godlygeek's explanation of buffers, windows, and tabs**
  http://billodom.com/vim/vim-buffers-windows-tabs-explanation.txt
- **VimCasts - How to use buffers/windows/tabs**
  http://vimcasts.org/episodes/working-with-buffers/
  http://vimcasts.org/episodes/working-with-windows/
  http://vimcasts.org/episodes/working-with-tabs/
  http://vimcasts.org/episodes/how-to-use-tabs/
- **Derek Wyatt - Working with Many Files**
  http://vimeo.com/6306508
- **Vim Tips Wiki - Tabs**
  http://vim.wikia.com/wiki/Category:Tabs

Resources

- **Efficient Editing With Vim**
  http://jmcpherson.org/editing.html
- **Zenclavier: Extreme Keyboarding**
  http://www.oreilly.com/news/zenclavier_1299.html
- **Your problem with Vim is that you don't grok vi**
  http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1218390/#1220118
- **Everyone Who Tried to Convince Me to use Vim was Wrong**
  http://yehudakatz.com/2010/07/29/everyone-who-tried-to-convince-me-to-use-vim-was-wrong/
- **Damian Conway's "Scripting the Vim Editor" Series**
  https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/library/l-vim-script-1/

Resources

- **Bill Odom's Vim Environment**
  https://github.com/wnodom/wnodom-vim-environment
- **Steven Pritchard's Vim Environment**
  https://github.com/silug/vim-environment
- **Damian Conway's Vim Environment**
  https://github.com/thoughtstream/Damian-Conway-s-Vim-Setup
- **Steve Losh's Vim Environment**
  https://github.com/sjl
- **Tim Pope's Vim Environment**
  https://github.com/tpope/tpope

Resources

- **Practical Vim *by* Drew Neil**
  http://pragprog.com/book/dnvim/practical-vim/
- **Learning the vi and Vim Editors *by* Arnold Robbins, et al**
  http://shop.oreilly.com/product/9780596529833.do
- **Learn Vimscript the Hard Way *by* Steve Losh**
  http://learnvimscriptthehardway.stevelosh.com
- **Vi iMproved (VIM) *by* Steve Oualline**
  http://www.truth.sk/vim/vimbook-OPL.pdf

Resources

- **Vim Geeks**
  http://vimgeeks.org/
- **@vimgeeks**
  http://twitter.com/vimgeeks
- **Vim-Related Twitter Accounts**
  https://twitter.com/#!/VimGeeks/following

Thanks!