**Vi Editor Basics:**

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>> Noral mode - ESC key. Always press ESC key to come to normal mode.

:q! -- Exit with out saving anything.

SHIFT + zz -- Save and exit

:w! -- Save and does NOT Exit, allows to edit still, saves till that point.

Insert mode - press "i"(at the current cursor location) "I" will move the cursor to starting of line.

Append Mode - press "a" (at the current cursor location) "A" will go the end of the line.

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x - it will delete a single character. hit x repetedly to delete characters.

dd - removes a line.

>> r -- replace mode. But only single character it will allow you replace. "R" will allow in the true Replace mode. Remeber to press ESC to come to Normal mode once you have done the job.

>> "J" joins the next line with the previous line.

>> Search in the fil: "/" to search forward and "?" to search in the backward direction. "n" for next result and "N" for previous result.

yy - to copy a line and "p" to paste it.

v - to select a block of text. and "yy" to copy it (after pressing v, and text selection, do not press esc. press yy immediately.) and then "p" to paste it.

>> :!filename --> this is to run the same script while inside the vi editor without exiting. this is useful while doing a quicktesting without exiting the vi editor.

>> :!! --> this is to repeat the last command in the vi.