

## Movement

h j k l	Left, down, up, right
^	Go to the beginning of the line
\$	Go to the end of the line
gg	Go to the first line
G	Go to the last line
:n	Go to line n

## Replacing Text

r	Replace character
cw	Change word
cc	Change line
c{motion}	Change from cursor to {motion}

## Copy/Paste

y{motion}	Yank {motion}
yy	Yank line
p	Paste after cursor
P	Paste before cursor

## Searching

/ {pattern}	Forward search for {pattern}
? {pattern}	Reverse search for {pattern}
n	Repeat the last search
N	Repeat the last search in the opposite direction

## Repeating Commands

{num}{command}	Repeat command {num} times
.	Repeat previous change

## Find and Replace

:s/{old}/{new}/{options}
:%s/{old}/{new}/{options}

Substitute {new} for {old} on the current line

Substitute {new} for {old} in the entire document

The g option substitutes all occurrences on a line, otherwise just the first occurrence is changed per line.

## Inserting Text

i	Insert at cursor
I	Insert at the beginning of the line
a	Append after cursor
A	Append at the end of the line
o	Open a new line below the current line
O	Open a new line above the current line

## Deleting Text

x	Delete character
dd	Delete line
dw	Delete word
d{motion}	Delete {motion}

## Undo/Redo

u	Undo
Ctrl-r	Redo

## Save and Quit

:w	Write (save)
:wq	Write and quit
:q	Quit
:q !	Force quit, don't save changes
:wq!	Force write and quit

## Help

:help [topic/command]	Get help on topic or command.
vimtutor	Tutorial

# 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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0 "hard" bol	- prev line	= auto <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1,3</sup>	u undo	i insert mode	o open below	p paste after <sup>1</sup>	[ 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. spec <sup>1</sup>	bol/ goto col	
a append	s subst char	d delete <sup>1,3</sup>	f find char	g extra <sup>6</sup> cmds	h ←	j ↓	k ↑	l →	: repeat t/T/f/F	' goto mk. bol	\ not used!	
Z quit <sup>4</sup>	X back-space	C change to eol	V visual lines	B prev WORD	N prev (find)	M screen mid'l	< un-indent <sup>3</sup>	> indent <sup>3</sup>	? find (rev.)			
Z extra <sup>5</sup> cmds	X delete char	c change <sup>1,3</sup>	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);`

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**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 commands:**

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)

**[operator][count][motion]**

**d** delete/cut  
**y** yank/copy  
**c** change  
**gu** make uppercase  
**<** shift left  
**~** swap case  
**=** indent

Any motion can follow an operator. Marks and searches count as motions, too. **d/** will delete from the cursor to the next instance of "foo". **y3fi** will yank from the cursor to the 3rd "i" on the line after it. Counts can also come before operators: **5dd** will delete five lines.

**w** word  
**W** WORD  
**s** sentence  
**[, ]** block  
**(<, >)** block  
**<, >** block  
**t** XML/HTML tag  
**{, }** block  
**", '** quoted string

(use **iw** **iW**)

**gg** first line  
**^b** up 1 page  
**^u** up 1/2 page  
**k** up 1 line

**ts sw sts et** tabstop ts Columns per tabstop  
**use spaces only** **n n n** on **shiftwidth sw** Columns per <<<  
**use tabs only** **n n 0** off **softtabstop sts** Spaces per tab

Set **n** to desired tab width (default 8) **expandtab et** <<<Tab> inserts spaces

**MIXING TABS AND SPACES IS RIGHT OUT.** (that means don't do it.)

**:retab** Replace all tabs with spaces according to current **tabstop** setting

**fileformat ff** Try changing this if your line-endings are messed up

**list** Display whitespace visibly according to **listchars**

**:h cmd** Normal mode **cmd** help  
**:h i\_cmd** Insert mode **cmd** help  
**:h v\_cmd** Visual mode **cmd** help  
**:h c\_cmd** Command-line editing **cmd** help  
**:h :cmd** Command-line **cmd** help  
**:h 'option'** **Option** help  
**:helpgrep** Search through all help docs!

**<CR>** ^m \r Enter  
**<Tab>** ^i \t Tab  
**<C-n>** ^n Ctrl-**n**  
**<M-n>** Alt-**n**  
**<Esc>** ^[ Escape  
**<BS>** ^h \b Backspace  
**<Del>** Delete

**0** beginning of line  
**^** first non-blank character  
**B** previous WORD  
**b** previous word  
**h** previous character

**l** next character  
**e** end of word  
**w** beginning of next word  
**E** end of WORD  
**W** beginning of next WORD  
**\$** end of line

**^]** Jump to tag under cursor, including [tags] in help files  
**^t** Jump back up the tag-list  
**g^]** Jump to tag if it's the only match; else list matching tags

**SEARCHING**

Prev	Next	Forward	Backward	Matches
<b>N</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>/foo</b>	<b>?foo</b>	<b>foo</b>
		<b>*</b>	<b>#</b>	word under cursor
<b>;</b>	<b>,</b>	<b>tx</b>	<b>Tx</b>	upto <b>x</b>
		<b>fx</b>	<b>Fx</b>	find <b>x</b>

**p** paste after cursor  
**P** paste before cursor  
**u** undo  
**^r** redo  
**.** repeat  
**gf** find file under cursor in path and jump to it  
**dd** delete current line  
**yy** yank current line  
**x** delete character after cursor  
**%** jump to matching paren  
**r** replace char under cursor  
**nG** jump to line **n**  
**^o** jump back  
**^j** jump forward  
**zz** center screen on cursor  
**zt** align top of screen with cursor  
**zb** align bottom of screen with cursor  
**==** auto-indent current line  
**<<** shift current line left by **shiftwidth**  
**>>** shift current line right by **shiftwidth**

**:set opt?** View current value of **opt**  
**:set noopt** Turn off flag **opt**  
**:set opt** Turn on flag **opt**  
**:set opt=val** Overwrite value of **opt**  
**:set opt+=val** Append to value of **opt**  
**:echo &opt** Access **opt** as a variable

hidden	hid	Lets you switch buffers without saving
laststatus	ls	Show status line never (0), always (2) or with 2+ windows (1)
hsearch	hls	Highlight search matches. Also see 'highlight'
number	nu	Show line numbers
showcmd	sc	Show commands as you type them
ruler	ru	Show line and column number of the cursor
backspace	bs	Set to '2' to make backspace work like sane editors
wrap		Control line wrapping
background	bg	Set to 'dark' if you have a dark color scheme

Pass a directory to the **:edit** command to open a directory explorer. Instructions for usage are at the top of the screen.

**ENTERING INSERT MODE**

beginning of line **I** before cursor **i** after cursor **a** end of line **A**  
 previous line **O** next line **o** substitute character **s** substitute line **S** line from cursor **C**

Using **^[]** to return to Normal mode lets you keep your fingers on the home row. It's even easier if you map Caps Lock to Control!

**COOL INSERT MODE STUFF**

**^w** delete word before cursor  
**^u** delete line before cursor  
**^rR** insert the contents of register **r**  
**^r=** use the expression register (try **^r=5+10**)  
**^t** increase line indent by **shiftwidth**  
**^d** decrease line indent by **shiftwidth**  
**^x^l** line completion  
**^n** find next completion suggestion according to complete

**:ls** List all open files  
**:b path** Jump to unique file matching **path**. Use **<Tab>** to scroll through available completions!  
**:bn** Jump to file **n**, number from first column of **:ls**  
**:bnext** Jump to next file  
**:bprev** Jump to previous file  
**:bdelete** Remove file from the buffer list  
**:edit** Open a file for editing  
**:enew** Open a blank new file for editing

**REGISTERS** are **CLIPBOARDS**

All commands that delete, copy, or paste text use registers. To change which register is used by a command, type the register before the command. The default register is called "the unnamed register", and it is invoked with a pair of double-quotes (""). Typing **dd** or **yy** is the same as typing **"dd** or **"yy**. Think of the first "" as a short way of saying "register", so "" is pronounced "register ", and "a", "register a".

**ENTERING VISUAL (SELECT) MODE**

**v** The most basic type. Use **Visual mode** to select characters within a line.  
**V** Useful for moving chunks of a program around the file. Use **Visual line mode** to select one or more lines.  
**^v** Great for working with tables made of text, or anything that happens to be **conveniently** aligned. **Visual Block mode** can be used to select boxes across lines.

**COMMAND-LINE MODE ONLY**

edit using Normal mode **^f** insert word under cursor **^r^w** completion suggestions **^d**

**ZZ** Write current file, if modified, and quit  
**ZQ** Quit without checking for changes (like **:q!**)

**:write** Write current file  
**:wq** Write current file and quit

Use **:scriptnames** to list all files sourced during initialization.

**:syntax** Enable and configure syntax highlighting  
 Use **:sy sync** fromstart to redraw broken highlights

**:make** Run a compiler and enter quickfix mode

**!** Execute external shell command  
**!** Filter motion with shell command

Use **:earlier** and **:later** to quickly jump backward and forward in a file's history.

**:read** Read external program output into current file

Put **onoremap %% <C-R>=expand('%:h').'/<CR>** in your **vimrc** so you can type **%%** in Command-line mode to refer to the directory of the current file, regardless of **pwd**.

Supply **%** as a range to the **:substitute** command to run it on every line in the file.  
**:%s/Scribble/Design/** "Scribbled" -> "Designed"  
 Specify the **"g"** flag to apply the substitution to every match on a line.  
**:s/[dla]//g** "badly" -> "by" **:h s\_flags, :h /[]**  
 Vim supports many regular expression features.  
**:s/..k/ax/** "Mook" -> "Max" **:h usr\_27, :h /.**  
 Use **\\_.** instead of **.** if you want to search across multiple lines.  
**:%s/heat\\_.\*Bungle/anto/** "Cheatsheet\nBungler" -> "Cantor" **:h /\\_.**  
 Special escapes can be used to change the case of substitutions.  
**:s\\_(\f.\\_)\\_U\1\E\_** "foobar" -> "FOObar" **:h sub-replace-special**  
 Use **:global** to perform a command on matching lines.  
**:g/foobar/delete** Delete all lines containing "foobar"  
 If your pattern contains slashes, just use a different character as your delimiter.  
**:s\_Data/Lore\_Brent Spiner\_**  
 Use **\=** to evaluate expressions with replacement groups.  
**:s\\_d\\_=\=submatch(0) + 1\_g** "10 25" -> "21 36" **:h sub-replace-\=**

**:split** Split current window horizontally  
**:vsplit** Split current window vertically  
**^w hjkl** Move cursor to window left, below, above or to the right of the current window  
**^w HJKL** Move current window to left, bottom, top, or right of screen  
**^w r** Rotate windows clockwise  
**^w +-<>** Increase/decrease current window height/width  
**^w T** Move current window to a new tab  
**:only** Close all windows except current window  
**:bufdo** Execute a command in each open file

**:registers** View all current registers

**:echo @r** Access register **r** as a variable

**"/** Last search pattern register  
 Contains the last pattern you searched for

**"\_** The black hole register  
 Use this to delete without clobbering any register (**"\_dd**)

**"0** Last yank register  
 Contains the last text you yanked

**"1** Last big delete register  
 Contains the last line(s) you deleted

**"2-"9** Big delete register stack  
 Every time **"1** is written to, its content is pushed to **"2**, then **"2** to **"3**, and so on

**"\_** Small delete register  
 Contains the last text you deleted within a single line

**"+** System clipboard  
 If the OS integration gods smile upon you, this register reads and writes to your system clipboard.

**"a-"z** Named registers  
 26 registers for you to play with

**"A-"Z** Append registers  
 Using upper-case to refer to a register will append to it rather than overwrite it

**qr** Record  
 Record into register **r**. Stop recording by hitting **q** again

**@r** Playback  
 Execute the contents of register **r**

**@@** Repeat last playback  
 Repeat the last **@r**, this is particularly useful with a count

vim one-liner used to sort the list of names by length:  
 :exe 'g/^/let @x = len(getline(":",\*)) | normal \*\$Pa ' | sort n | g/normal dw