

Vim Cheatsheet

A comprehensive cheat sheet for Vim, covering essential commands, modes, navigation, editing, and advanced features to boost your coding efficiency.



Basic Navigation

Movement

h	Move cursor left
j	Move cursor down
k	Move cursor up
1	Move cursor right
W	Move to the beginning of the next word
b	Move to the beginning of the previous word
0	Move to the beginning of the line
\$	Move to the end of the line

Scrolling

Ctrl + d	Scroll down half a page
Ctrl + u	Scroll up half a page
Ctrl + f	Scroll forward one full page
Ctrl + b	Scroll backward one full page

Line Navigation

gg	Go to the first line of the file
G	Go to the last line of the file
: [line_numb er]	Go to a specific line number (e.g., :10 goes to line 10)

Editing Commands

Basic Editing

i	Insert before the cursor
a	Append after the cursor
0	Open a new line below the current line
0	Open a new line above the current line
x	Delete character under cursor
dd	Delete the current line

Copy, Paste, and Delete

уу	Yank (copy) the current line
p	Paste after the cursor
P	Paste before the cursor
dw	Delete word
d\$	Delete to end of line
D	Delete to end of line

Undo and Redo

u	Undo last change
Ctrl + r	Redo last undone change
•	Repeat the last command

Search and Replace

Searching

/pattern	Search for pattern forward
?pattern	Search for pattern backward
n	Find next occurrence
N	Find previous occurrence

Replacing

:%s/ol d/new/ g	Replace all occurrences of old with new in the file
:%s/ol d/new/g c	Replace all occurrences of old with new in the file, with confirmation
: [range] s/old/n ew/g	Replace all occurrences of old with new within the specified range (e.g., :1,10s/old/new/g)

Visual Mode Search & Replace

- 1. Enter Visual mode (v , V , or Ctrl-v).
- 2. Select the text you want to operate on.
- 3. Type : . Vim will automatically populate the command line with : '<, '>.
- 4. Enter the substitution command: : '<, '>s/old/new/g .
- 5. Add c flag to confirm each substitution: :'<, '>s/old/new/gc .

Saving and Exiting

Saving

:W	Save the current file
:w	Save the current file as
filename	filename

Exiting

(;q)	Quit Vim (only if no changes have been made)
: q	Quit Vim, discard all changes
: w	Save and quit
:x	Save and quit (only if changes have been made)
:Z	Save and quit (if changes have been made)

Combining Saving and Exiting

You can combine saving and exiting commands. For example, :wq will save the file and then quit Vim. If you want to save the file under a new name and exit, you would use :w filename followed by :q.

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