

Vim cheat sheet

General

Esc	Gets out of the current mode into the "command mode". All keys are bound of commands
I	"Insert mode" for inserting text. Keys behave as expected
:	"Last-line mode". In this mode, Vim expects you to enter a command such as to save the document

Navigation keys

H	Move the cursor one character to the left
J or Ctrl + J	Move the cursor down one line
K or Ctrl + P	Move the cursor up one line
L	Move the cursor one character to the right
0	Move the cursor to the beginning of the line
\$	Move the cursor to the end of the line
^	Move the cursor to the first non-empty character of the line
W	Move forward one word (next alphanumeric word)
W	Move forward one word (delimited by a white space)
5 then W	Move forward five words
B	Move backward one word (previous alphanumeric word)
B	Move backward one word (delimited by a white space)
5 then B	Move backward five words
G	Move to the end of the file
G then G	Move to the beginning of the file

Navigate around the document

(Jump to the previous sentence
)	Jump to the next sentence
{	Jump to the previous paragraph
}	Jump to the next paragraph

[then [Jump to the previous section
] then]	Jump to the next section
[then]	Jump to the end of the previous section
] then [Jump to the end of the next section

Insert text

A	Insert text after the cursor
A	Insert text at the end of the line
I	Insert text before the cursor
O	Begin a new line below the cursor
O	Begin a new line above the cursor

Delete text

X	Delete character at cursor
D then W	Delete a word
D then 0	Delete to the beginning of a line
D then \$	Delete to the end of a line
D then)	Delete to the end of sentence
D then G then G	Delete to the beginning of the file
D then G	Delete to the end of the file
D then D	Delete line
3 then D then D	Delete three lines

Simple replace text

R	Replace characters instead of inserting them
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Copy/Paste text

Y then Y	Copy current line into storage buffer
P	Paste storage buffer after current line
P	Paste storage buffer before current line

Undo/Redo operation

U	undo the last operation
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Ctrl + R

Redo the last undo

Modify selected text

~	Switch case
D	Delete a word
C	Change
Y	Yank
>	Shift right
<	Shift left
!	Filter through an external command

Save and quit

: then Q	Quits Vim but fails when file has been changed
: then W	Save the file
: then W then Q	Save the file and quit Vim
: then Q then !	Quit Vim without saving the changes to the file
Z then Z	Write file, if modified, and quit Vim
Z then Q	Same as :q! Quits Vim without writing changes

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More information: defkey.com/vim-text-editor-shortcuts

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