

operator [count] [motion]

d delete/cut
y yank/copy
c change
gU make uppercase
< shift left
= indent

Any motion can follow an operator. Marks and searches count as motions, too! **dfoo** will delete from the cursor to the next instance of "foo". **y3fi** will yank from the cursor to the 3rd "f" 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 **text-objects**)
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
shiftwidth sw Columns per **≡**
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
**** Delete

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

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

7 words **http://www.vimcheatsheet.com**
 1 WORD

SEARCHING

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

mM set mark **m** (a-z) in file **M** set mark **M** (A-Z) across files **'** jump to first char of line containing **m** **``** jump to exact character of **m** **''** jump back to last jump

p paste after cursor **P** paste before cursor **^** return to Normal mode
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 **^i** 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)
hlsearch 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

Use **a** instead of **i** when beginning text-objects to include delimiters or surrounding whitespace. For example, **d(i** will change "(foo)" into ")", but **da(i** will delete the parentheses as well.

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

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!

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**

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=ls**)
^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 "", "register a".

ENTERING VISUAL (SELECT) MODE

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

COMMAND-LINE MODE ONLY

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

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

: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

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

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_.*Bungler/anto/ "Cheatsheet\Bungler" -> "Cantor" **:h _.**
 Special escapes can be used to change the case of substitutions.
:s_(\f._)_U\1E "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.
:_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

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: **sort --nr --key=ln | normal :q! | sort -n | q | normal de**

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