

vi Tutorial

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- Why spend time learning a text editor?
- Why vi?
- vim – vi improved
- vi has two basic modes, **command** mode and **insert** mode

The Bare Minimum

vi vitest	Open a new or existing file (starts in command mode)
i	Enter insert mode
<i>Your Name</i>	Type your name
[Enter]	Press the enter key to start a new line
<i>Your favorite food</i>	Type the name of your favorite food
[Enter]	Press the enter key to start a new line
[Esc]	Press the escape key to enter command mode
:w [Enter]	Save (write) the file
i	Enter insert mode
	Use the arrow keys to place the cursor below favorite food
<i>Your favorite element</i>	Type the name of your favorite chemical element
[Enter]	Press the enter key to start a new line
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.	
[Enter]	Press the enter key to start a new line
[Esc]	Press the escape key to enter command mode
:w [Enter]	Save (write) the file
:q [Enter]	Exit (quit) vi
OR	
:x [Enter]	Save and exit vi
less vitest	Have a look at your file in less

Moving Around in Command Mode

w	Move one word to the right
gg	Move to the beginning of the file
G	Move to the end of the line
^	Move to the beginning of the line
\$	Move to the end of the line
: <i>line_number</i> [Enter]	Move to a specific line

Different ways of entering insert mode

a	Insert after cursor
I	Insert at the beginning of the line
A	Insert at the end of line

Undo

:u [Enter]

[Esc]:q!

Deleting Text

x

Delete the character under the cursor

dd

Delete the current line

d\$

Delete to the end of the line

Repeating Commands

.

Repeat last command

nc

Repeat command *c* *n* times

3dd

Delete three lines

4w

Move four words to the right

Changing text

~

Change the case of the current character

r

Change the current character

R

Overwrite

Copy and Paste

yy

Copy (yank) the current line

y\$

Yank to the end of the line

p

Paste the last thing that was copied

Visual Mode

v

Enter visual mode

Use arrow keys to select text

y

Copy selected text

p

Paste text

V

Enter visual line mode

Search

/text

Search for *text*

:%s/text/newtext/

Search for *text* and replace with *newtext*

Other

:e file

Edit another file

.vimrc