

Quick Reference: vi-based editors

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Misc:

:r <i>File_F</i>	read <i>File_F</i>
:w <i>File_F</i>	write <i>File_F</i>
:wq	exit with save
:q!	exit without save

Cursor movement:

h/←	left
l/→	right
k/↑	up
j/↓	down
B/b	back one word
W/w	forward one word
E/e	forward to end of next word
(/)	back/forward one sentence
{/}	back/forward one paragraph
O/\$	beginning/end of line
-/↵	beginning of previous/next line
[CTRL]-d	down one page
[CTRL]-u	up one page
H	Home line of page
M	Middle line of page
L	Lowest line of page
<i>Line_LG</i>	Go to line <i>Line_L</i> (if <i>Line_L</i> not specified, go to end of file)

Editing:

v	mark (in vim)
Esc	switch to command mode
I/i	insert before first non-blank character on line / before cursor
A/a	append at end of line/after cursor
O/o	open a line above/below current line
R/r	replace current character/until Escape
C/c	change to end of line/specified point
D/d	delete to end of line/specified point
X/x	delete character to left/right
S/s	substitute line / characters
Y/y	yank to end of line/specified point
P/p	paste before/after cursor position
~	toggle case
J	join lines
gq	justify lines
U/u	undo last change / all changes to line
[CTRL]-r	redo
.	repeat last command
cM	change M (e.g. cw = change word)
ncc	change (n) line(s)
dM	delete M
ndd	delete (n) line(s)
yM	yank M
nyy	yank (n) line(s)
Examples:	
d'r	delete till r
d0	delete till beginning of line
d)	delete till end of sentence
dL	delete till last line on screen
dG	delete till end of file
d1G	delete till beginning of file

Search and Replace:

/	search forward
?	search backward
n/N	repeat search forward/backward
:[address]s/search-string/replace-string[/g]	Search <address> and replace (/g does globally)

Special characters:

^	beginning of line
\$	end of line
.	any character
\<	beginning of word
\>	end of word
%	whole file
[CTRL]-V	next character is literal (e.g. Ctrl+V ↵ = ^M)
