

Simple vi editing Commands

Opening a file	vi file_spec (for new or existing files)
Exiting a file with save	:wq (or ZZ)
Exiting a file without save	:q (if no changes were made) :q! (if the file was changed)
Two basic modes	command mode (entered with an <esc>) insert mode
Insert mode	i (for insert) a (for append) o (for open)
Cursor Movement	h – left j – down k – up l – right (or use the spacebar) \$ - end of line 0 – beginning of line G – bottom of document :1 – top of document (that's the number one)
Deleting text	x – deletes a character dw – deletes a word dd – deletes a line <i>nx, ndw, ndd</i> - deletes <i>n</i> chars, words or lines respectively
Cut and Paste	<i>n</i> dd – will cut <i>n</i> lines and place in buffer <i>n</i> yy – will copy <i>n</i> lines and place in buffer p – will put buffer where the cursor is placed
Miscellaneous	/ <i>string</i> – searches and moves to first occurrence of <i>string</i> . – redo last command u – undo last command r - replace one character (overwrite)