

Vim Keyboard Shortcuts

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Modes

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Enter insert mode (before cursor)	i	i	i
Enter insert mode (after cursor)	a	a	a
Enter visual mode (character)	v	v	v
Enter visual line mode	Shift + V	Shift + V	Shift + V
Enter visual block mode	Ctrl + V	Ctrl + V	Ctrl + V
Enter command-line mode	:	:	:
Enter replace mode	Shift + R	Shift + R	Shift + R
Return to normal mode	Esc	Esc	Esc
Return to normal mode (alternative)	Ctrl + [	Ctrl + [	Ctrl + [
Insert at beginning of line	Shift + I	Shift + I	Shift + I

Movement

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Move left	h	h	h
Move down	j	j	j
Move up	k	k	k
Move right	l	l	l
Move forward to start of next word	w	w	w
Move backward to start of previous word	b	b	b
Move to end of word	e	e	e
Move to beginning of line	0	0	0
Move to first non-blank character of line	^	^	^
Move to end of line	\$	\$	\$
Go to first line of file	g + g	g + g	g + g
Go to last line of file	Shift + G	Shift + G	Shift + G
Jump to next paragraph	}	}	}
Jump to previous paragraph	{	{	{
Jump to matching bracket	%	%	%
Move to top of screen	Shift + H	Shift + H	Shift + H

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Move to middle of screen	Shift + M	Shift + M	Shift + M
Move to bottom of screen	Shift + L	Shift + L	Shift + L

Editing

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Insert before cursor	i	i	i
Append after cursor	a	a	a
Append at end of line	Shift + A	Shift + A	Shift + A
Open new line below	o	o	o
Open new line above	Shift + O	Shift + O	Shift + O
Delete character under cursor	x	x	x
Delete word	d + w	d + w	d + w
Delete entire line	d + d	d + d	d + d
Delete to end of line	Shift + D	Shift + D	Shift + D
Change word	c + w	c + w	c + w
Change entire line	c + c	c + c	c + c
Replace single character	r	r	r
Join current line with next line	Shift + J	Shift + J	Shift + J

Copy & Paste

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Yank (copy) entire line	y + y	y + y	y + y
Yank word	y + w	y + w	y + w
Yank to end of line	y + \$	y + \$	y + \$
Paste after cursor	p	p	p
Paste before cursor	Shift + P	Shift + P	Shift + P
Yank into register a	" + a + y + y	" + a + y + y	" + a + y + y
Paste from register a	" + a + p	" + a + p	" + a + p
Yank to system clipboard	" + ++ + y	" + ++ + y	" + ++ + y
Paste from system clipboard	" + ++ + p	" + ++ + p	" + ++ + p
Delete line and yank to register	" + a + d + d	" + a + d + d	" + a + d + d

Search & Replace

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Search forward	/	/	/
Search backward	?	?	?
Next search match	n	n	n
Previous search match	Shift + N	Shift + N	Shift + N
Search word under cursor (forward)	*	*	*
Search word under cursor (backward)	#	#	#
Search and replace on current line	: + s + / + old + / + new + / + g	: + s + / + old + / + new + / + g	: + s + / + old + / + new + / + g
Search and replace in entire file	: + % + s + / + old + / + new + / + g	: + % + s + / + old + / + new + / + g	: + % + s + / + old + / + new + / + g
Clear search highlighting	: + n + o + h	: + n + o + h	: + n + o + h

Visual Mode

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Start character-wise visual selection	v	v	v
Start line-wise visual selection	Shift + V	Shift + V	Shift + V
Start block visual selection	Ctrl + V	Ctrl + V	Ctrl + V
Select all	g + g + Shift + V + Shift + G	g + g + Shift + V + Shift + G	g + g + Shift + V + Shift + G
Indent selection right	>	>	>
Indent selection left	<	<	<
Change selected text to uppercase	Shift + U	Shift + U	Shift + U
Change selected text to lowercase	u	u	u
Toggle case of selection	~	~	~
Sort selected lines	: + s + o + r + t	: + s + o + r + t	: + s + o + r + t
Reselect last visual selection	g + v	g + v	g + v

File Operations

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Write (save) file	: + w	: + w	: + w
Quit	: + q	: + q	: + q
Write and quit	: + w + q	: + w + q	: + w + q
Force quit without saving	: + q + !	: + q + !	: + q + !
Save file as	: + w + + filename	: + w + + filename	: + w + + filename

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Edit (open) a file	: + e + + filename	: + e + + filename	: + e + + filename
Open horizontal split	: + s + p	: + s + p	: + s + p
Open vertical split	: + v + s	: + v + s	: + v + s
Open new tab	: + t + a + b + n + e + w	: + t + a + b + n + e + w	: + t + a + b + n + e + w
Go to next tab	g + t	g + t	g + t
Go to previous tab	g + Shift + T	g + Shift + T	g + Shift + T
Switch between splits	Ctrl + W + w	Ctrl + W + w	Ctrl + W + w

Advanced

Action	Mac	Windows	Linux
Record macro into register q	q + q	q + q	q + q
Stop recording macro	q	q	q
Play back macro from register q	@ + q	@ + q	@ + q
Replay last macro	@ + @	@ + @	@ + @
Set mark a	m + a	m + a	m + a
Jump to mark a	' + a	' + a	' + a
Jump to previous position	Ctrl + O	Ctrl + O	Ctrl + O
Jump to next position	Ctrl + I	Ctrl + I	Ctrl + I
Toggle fold	z + a	z + a	z + a
Undo	u	u	u
Redo	Ctrl + R	Ctrl + R	Ctrl + R
Repeat last command	.	.	.
Increment number under cursor	Ctrl + A	Ctrl + A	Ctrl + A
Decrement number under cursor	Ctrl + X	Ctrl + X	Ctrl + X