

| vi Editor Bare Essential Command Reference |   |
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| Command                                    | Description   |
| vi <i>filename</i>                         | Starts the vi editor and opens <i>filename</i> .                                    |
| :e <i>filename</i>                         | Already in vi, opens <i>filename</i> .  |
| ctrl/g                                     | Displays the current file name and line number of current line.                     |
| /string/                                   | Find the first occurrence of the <i>string</i> below the current line.              |
| a  | Add text after current character (places editor in insertion mode).                 |
| A  | Add text to end of current line (insertion mode).                                   |
| i  | Inserts before the current character (insertion mode)                               |
| o  | Inserts below the current line (insertion mode). Opens new line.                    |
| O  | Inserts above the current line (insertion mode). Opens new line.                    |
| r  | Replaces the current character; no ESC necessary.                                   |
| J  | Joins the current line and the line below it.                                       |
| 0 (zero)                                   | Moves to the beginning of the current line.   |
| \$   | Moves to the end of the current line.   |
| G  | Moves to end of file.   |
| xG   | Moves to line number <i>x</i> .   |
| ctrl/f                                     | Scrolls forward one screen.   |
| ctrl/b                                     | Scrolls backward one screen.  |
| x  | Deletes the current character.  |
| dd   | Deletes the current line.   |
| u  | Counteracts the last command that changed the buffer contents.                      |
| .  | Repeats the last command that changed the buffer.                                   |
| :w   | Writes file under its original file name (press ENTER).                             |
| :wq  | Write file under original file name and exit vi (press ENTER).                      |
| :q   | Exits vi if no changes have been made since the last write (to any filename).       |
| :q!  | Exits vi without saving changes (press ENTER).                                      |
| :w <i>filename</i>                         | Write file to <i>filename</i> . Doesn't change the filename currently being edited. |
| :w! <i>filename</i>                        | Write or over-write <i>filename</i> (press ENTER).                                  |
| ESC  | Switches out of insertion mode. Cancels unexecuted vi command.                      |