

Basic VI Quick Reference Sheet

Navigation	
Arrow keys	
h or [bkspc]	left
j	down
k	up
l or space	right
[Return]	move to beginning of next line
<ctrl> f	Page forward
<ctrl> b	Page back
<ctrl> d	Half page forward
<ctrl> u	Half page back
0	(zero) goto the beginning of the line
:n	Goto line n
G	Goto last line of document
1G	Goto first line of document
\$	move to last printable character of that line
^	move to the beginning of the line

Useful commands	
:set number	Display line numbers
:set nonumber	Remove line numbers
u	undo last command
[esc]	exit typing mode

Editing	
x	delete the character that the cursor is under
o	adds a line below the cursor
O	adds a line above the cursor (shift o)
i	insert before the cursor (prepend)
a	insert after the cursor (append)
yy	copy the line the cursor is on
p	insert the copied line after the line the cursor is on
P	insert the copied line before the line the cursor is on.
R	continued character replacement, keep replacing characters until you hear [esc]
dd	delete the line the cursor is on
r	single character replacement, replace this character with the next typed character
/thing	Move forward to thing
?thing	Move back to thing
n	Repeat last / ? thing

Saving and Exiting	
:x	save and exit
:w [filename]	save file as [filename]
:q	quit, if you have modified and not saved, vi will not quit
:wq!	write to file quickly and exit
:q!	quit and discard any modifications