

## Common VI Commands

The commands to move around the file are:

- h Move the cursor left one character.
- j Move the cursor down one line
- k Move the cursor up one line.
- l Move the cursor right one character.

The commands to enter new text are:

- a Append new text, after the cursor.
- i Insert new text, before the cursor.
- o Open a new line below the line the cursor is on, and start entering text.
- O Open a new line above the line the cursor is on, and start entering text.

<escape>

Once you've entered input mode using the one of the a, i, O or o commands, use <escape> to quit entering text and return to command mode.

The commands to copy text are:

- yy Copy the line the cursor is on.
- p Append the copied line after the line the cursor is on.

The commands to delete text are:

- dd Delete the line the cursor is on.
- x Delete the character the cursor is on.

The commands to write the file are:

:w<carriage-return>

Write the file back to the file with the name that you originally used as an argument on the vi command line.

:w file\_name<carriage-return>

Write the file back to the file with the name ``file\_name".

The commands to quit editing and exit the editor are:

:q<carriage-return>

Quit editing and leave vi (if you've modified the file, but not saved your changes, vi will refuse to quit).

:q!<carriage-return>

Quit, discarding any modifications that you may have made