

VI Quick Reference Chart

Invoking VI: `vi <filename>`

Command Mode	Default mode active after entering vi. To invoke it from input mode or last line mode, press the ESC key.
Input Mode	Active after pressing the desired input key.
Last Line Mode	Press Shift-Colon (:) to invoke it from command mode

Moving the cursor (Command Mode)

Keypad arrow keys can be used for movement as well.

j	move down one line
h	move to the left one character
k	move up one line
l	move to the right one character

Entering / Deleting Text (Command Mode)

a	append after cursor
A	append at end of line
I	insert before cursor
l	insert at beginning of line
o	create new line below the current line
O	create new line above the current line
dd	delete current line (4dd deletes 4 lines)
D	delete from cursor to end of line
u	undo last change
x	delete character at cursor (4x deletes 4 characters)

Other Commands (Last Line Mode)

q	quit if saved or no changes
q!	quit and discard changes
w <filename>	write changes to file
wq	exit after writing changes to file
r <filename>	read file in at cursor position