



Open, move, and edit

> Open, save, and quit

vim README.md Open a file

Esc Back to normal mode

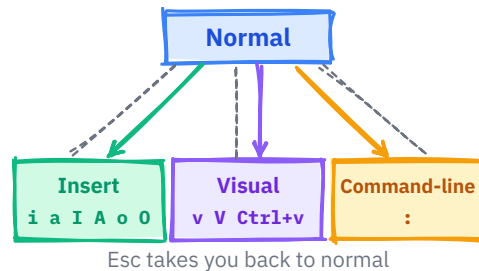
:w Save

:q Quit

:wq Save and quit

:q! Quit without saving !

> Modes



> Start typing

i Type before the cursor

a Type after the cursor

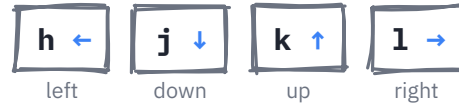
I Type at the start of the line

A Type at the end of the line

o Open a new line below

O Open a new line above

> Move the cursor



w Next word

b Previous word

0 Start of the line

\$ End of the line

f To the next character you type

> Jump and search

gg Top of the file

G Bottom of the file

:38 Line 38

/ Search for the word you type

n Next match

> Delete, copy, and undo

x Delete a character

dd Delete the line

3dd Delete 3 lines (count first)

yy Copy the line

p Paste below (deleted lines too)

P Paste above

u Undo

Ctrl+r Redo

> Operator + motion



What to do

d delete

c change

y copy

How far

w to the next word

\$ to the end of the line

dw Delete a word

cw Change a word

d\$ Delete to the end of the line

c\$ Change to the end of the line

. Repeat the last change

> Text objects

see the quick fox

diw the word only

daw with the space after it

diw Delete the word under the cursor

daw Delete the word and its space

ci" Change inside quotes

ci(Change inside parentheses

> Macros

qa Start recording into a

q Stop recording

@a Play it back

@@ Play it again

3@a Play it 3 times

> Search and replace

:%s/old/new/g

% whole file

old what to find

s substitute

new what to put

g every match on the line

:s/2025/2026/

Replace on this line

:%s/http:/https:/g

Replace every match in the file

:%s/btn/button/gc

Confirm each one (y / n)

> Visual mode



v Select characters

V Select lines

Ctrl+v Select a block

d Delete the selection

y Copy the selection

> Indent the selected lines

I Type at the start of each line in a block