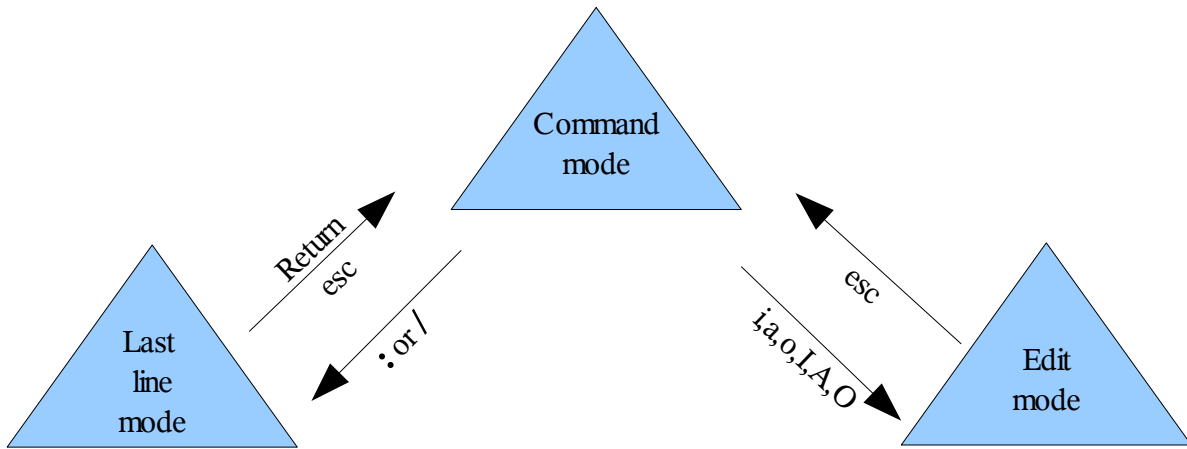


# Vi pocket guide

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## Search functions

**/exp** search for exp  
**?exp** search backward for exp  
**n** repeat search forward  
**N** repeat search backward  
**:set ic** search ignore case sensitive  
**:set noic** search should be case sensitive

**:%s/OLD/NEW/g** search and replace globally the string OLD with the string NEW

## handle files and exit

**:w** write to disk  
**:wq** write to disk and exit  
**:wq!** Force write to disk and exit  
**:q** quit editor  
**:q!** force quit editor  
**:n <file>** open another <file> for editing  
**:n #** switch between files

## Control edit session

**:set nu** show line numbers  
**:set nonu** hide line numbers

## Encryption

**:X** ask for encryption key  
(in order to open an encrypted file use vi -x)  
please note: only null encryption key returns the file to be decrypted !

## Alternate arrow keys:

(if regular arrow keys do not work).

## Relevant switches:

**-x** Allow encryption/decryption of a file using a specific key(which should be entered interactively).  
**-r** Allow recovering of a file after an editor or system crash.

## Cursor movement

**l** move cursor right  
**h** move cursor left  
**j** move cursor down  
**k** move cursor up  
**0** move to start of line (zero)  
**\$** move to end of line  
**G** move to last line in the file

## Delete text

**x** delete a character  
**dw** delete one word  
**dd** delete one line  
**D** delete till end of line  
**d0** delete to start of line  
**dG** delete to end of file  
**d1G** delete from beginning of file to cursor

## Copy and insert text

**yy** yank 1 line  
**2yy** yank two lines  
**p** paste bellow cursor  
**P** paste above cursor

## Undo and Redo commands

**u** undo last change  
**U** restore current line  
**.** repeat last change

## Add/Append text

**a** append text after cursor  
**A** append text at end of line  
**i** insert before cursor  
**I** insert a at begin of line  
**5i** insert text 5 times

## Add lines

**o** add line below cursor  
**O** add line above cursor

## Change text

**s** change one character  
**cw** change one word ahead  
**r** replace one character

