

Reasons to Use Vim over Vi

This page [Difference Between VIM and vi](#) goes over some of the advantages of vim over vi.

(Note: the page disappeared, so now we're pointing at the Internet Archive's March 2011 cached version.)

To list some useful features:

Multi-level History

- Undo – *n* u (*n* is the number of levels)
- Redo – *n* ctrl-r

Windowing

- horiz split – :new *file*
- vert split – :vs *file*
- next window – ctrl-w ctrl-w
- prev window – ctrl-w ctrl-p

Visual mode

- start – v
- finish and...
- move – h,j,k,l
- change – c
- delete – d
- yank – y
- alter case – ~,U,u

Command Completion – tab

Insert Completion

- match dictionary – ctrl-x ctrl-k
- match from includes – ctrl-x ctrl-i
- match line – ctrl-x ctrl-l
- current file
- next match – ctrl-n
- prev match – ctrl-p

Additional info: <http://csswizardry.com/2014/06/vim-for-people-who-think-things-like-vim-are-weird-and-hard/>

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