

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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