

Useful Commands for Vi

The page is meant to document some of the more useful, but obscure commands in vi. For commands exclusive to vim see [Reasons To Use Vim Over Vi](#). Please feel free to add commands you would like to see on this page.

% move to matching (, {, or [*n* G goto line *n* f *char* move to position of the next *char* t *char* move to position before next *char* J join the next line to the current one m *reg* mark position in *reg* which can be a-z ` *reg* move to position in *reg* which can be a-z

Notes:

f and t are useful for changing quotes. say you are at the first position on the line below

```
echo "old_text" . $var . "preserve";
```

to change this you simply to say "new_value" in place of "old_text" you can press

```
f"lct"new_value
```

m and ` are useful for marking locations to remember and moving large chunks of code.

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