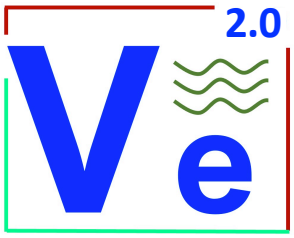
VE 2.0 Quick Reference Guide



Starting VE

ve filename

VE Modes

Insert (default)
Overwrite
Command

Moving Around

Home	Move to start of line
End	Move to end of line
Cursor Keys	Move one row or column
Page Up/Dn	Move one screen up/down
Esc-j, l	Jump to line number
Esc-z	Move line to top of screen

Repeat Last Command

F1	Repeat last command
Esc-a	Repeat last command

Repeat Command “n” Times

Esc-n command: repeat “n” times
Esc-* command: repeat until done

Find Text

Esc-f	Find text patterns
F5	Find text patterns

Function Keys

F1	Again. Repeat last command
F2	Block. Define, operate on blocks
F3	Unassigned
F4	Jump. Jump to start, end, line number
F5	Find. Find text pattern
F6	Replace. Replace text pattern with another
F7	Paste. Paste last copied line/block
F8	Edit. Edit more or new files, switch files
F9	Delete Line. Kill the current line
F10	Delete Right. Delete to end of line
F11	Update. Save file, return to editing
F12	Quit. Save/Save As/Discard/Quit VE

Enter Text

Begin typing – VE defaults to text insertion mode

Format Text

ESC-w	Wrap paragraph
Esc-o, w	Enable on-the-fly text wrapping

Edit Multiple Files

Esc-e	Edit command
f	Edit named file
n	Edit new file
m	Menu of open files
+	Move to next open file
=	Move to next open file

ESC-{	Move to start of paragraph
ESC-}	Move to end of paragraph
ALT-Cur Left	Move to start of word
ALT-Cur Right	Move to end of word
ALT-PgUp	Move to start of file
ALT-PgDn	Move to end of file

Delete Text

Del	Delete char under cursor
Rubout	Delete char to left of cursor
ALT-Del	Delete word
F9	Delete Line
F10	Delete to end of line

Find and Replace Text

Esc-r	Find, replace text patterns
F6	Find, replace text patterns
-v	Verify; prompt each replacement (append “ -v” to replace pattern)

Break/Join Lines

Enter	Break line into two at cursor
Del	End, Delete joins two lines
Rubout	Home, Rubout joins two lines

Copy, Paste, Delete, Move Lines

Esc-b, b	Copy current line
Esc-b, d	Delete current line (copies first)
Esc-b, g	Get/Paste copied/deleted lines
F7	Paste copied/deleted lines
F9	Kill current line (not copied)

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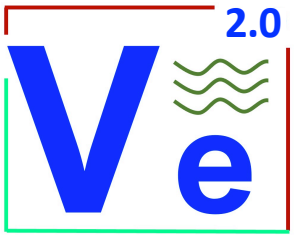

Work with Line Blocks

Esc-b	Block command
Markers	Interactively define block
c	Copy block to buffer
a	Append block to block
d	Delete block (copies to buffer)
g	Paste Block Buffer lines into file
s	Save block or buffer to file
r	Read file into buffer, paste it

VE Options

Esc-o	Options command
t	Set Tab, tabstop options
a	Set auto-indent options
w	Enable/Disable Text Wrapping

Miscellaneous Commands

Esc-v	Redraw screen
ESC-s	VE status

Macros

Esc-m	Macro command
c	Create macro
s	Stop macro creation
l	List all defined macros
e	Execute Macro
x	eXecute Macro
d	Delete macro
s	Save macro to file
r	Read macro from file

Esc-x eXecute Macro

At startup, VE automatically executes any macro found at c:\ve.mac.

Save Your Work and/or Quit VE

F11	Save file to disk
Esc-q	Quit command
s	Save file, discard/move/quit
d	Discard file, move/quit
a	Discard all files, quit
w	Write file out w/ new name
CTL-f	Force Quit (if VE seems stuck)

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