

# Introduction to Vim



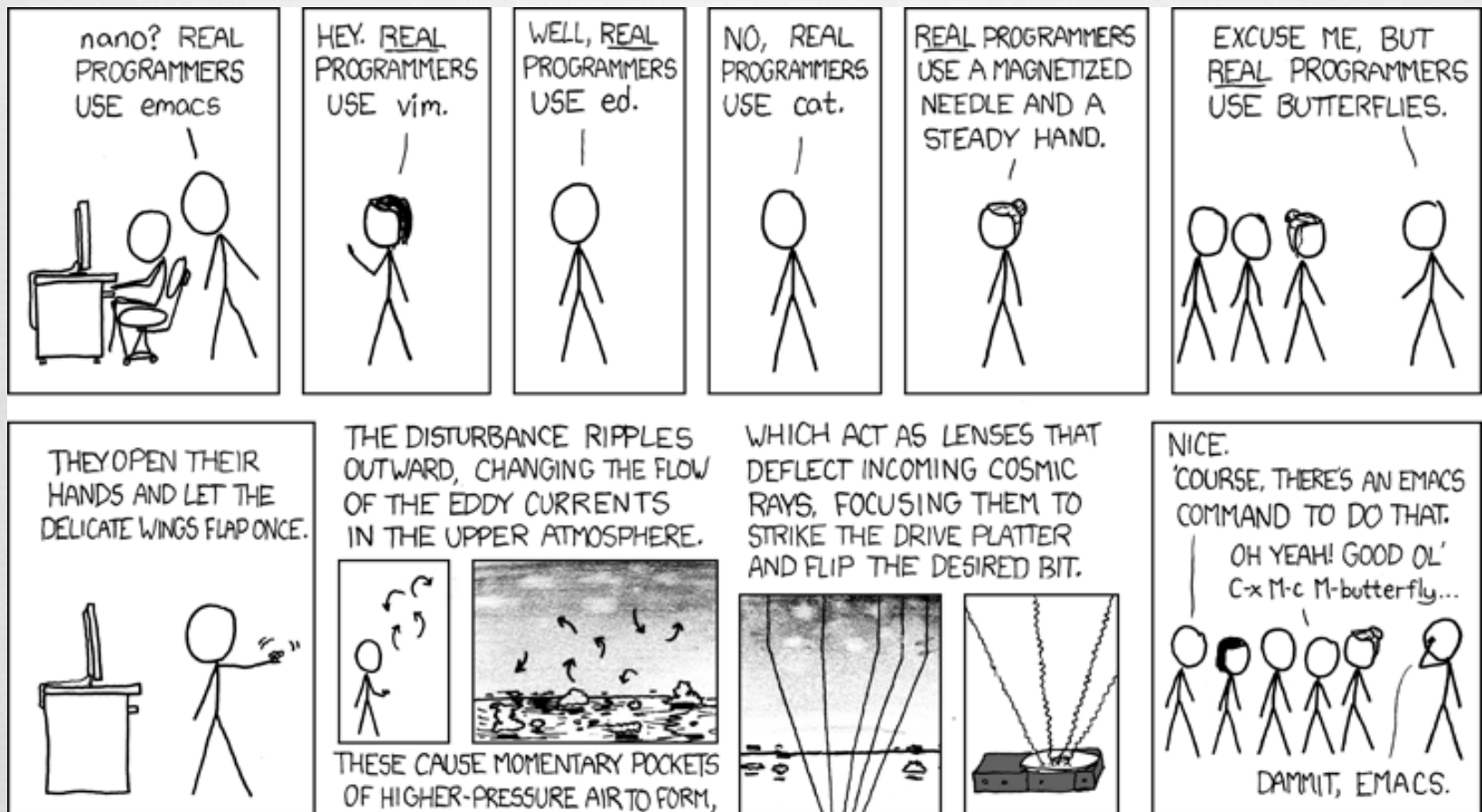
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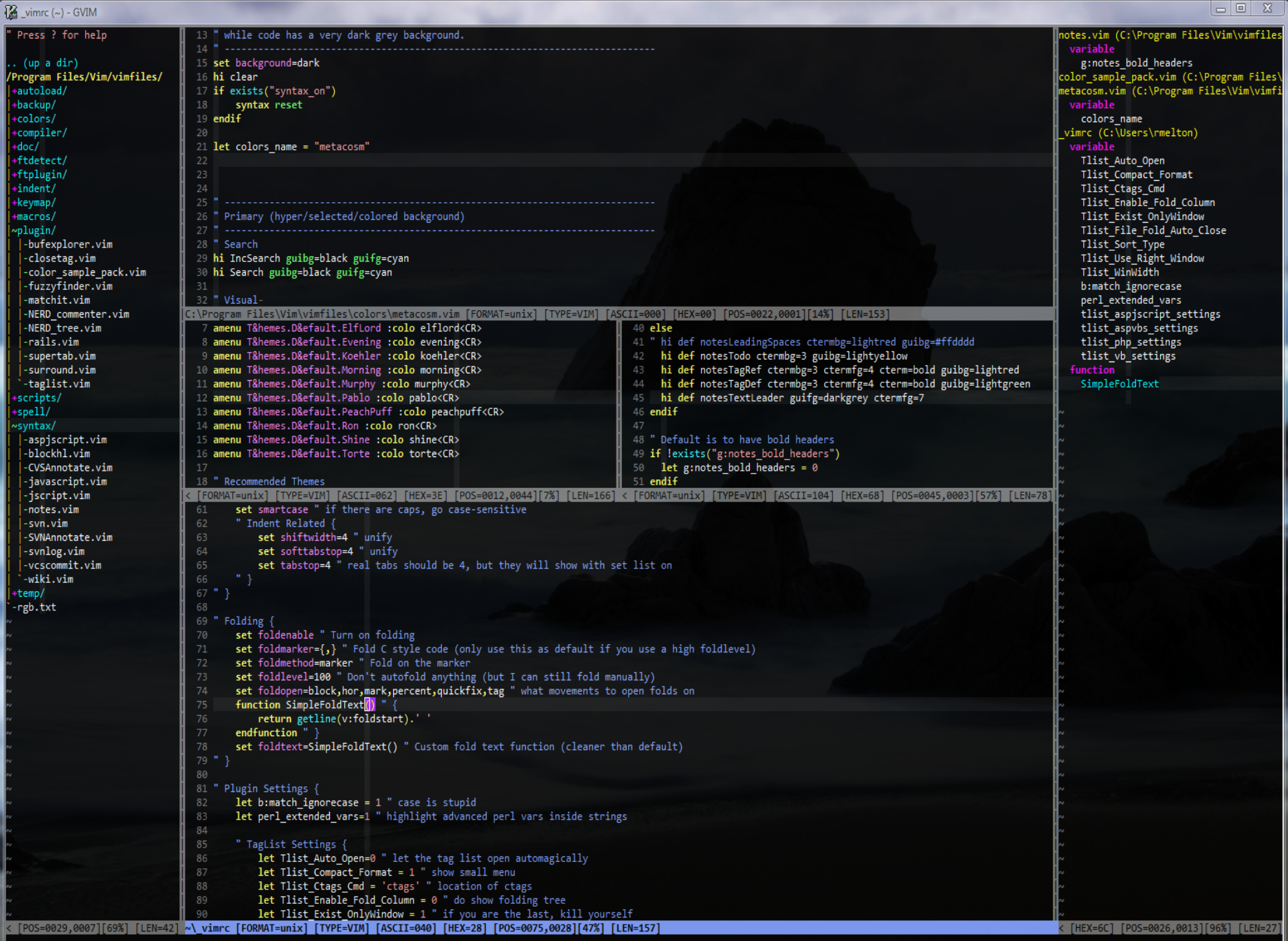


# What is Vim?



- ⌘ Advanced programmer's text editor
- ⌘ Designed expressly for efficient text editing
- ⌘ IDE-like features not built-in, but 1000's of plugins
- ⌘ Highly customizable and extensible
- ⌘ Incredibly powerful—will double or triple your productivity!





# Showcase!



See why all the cool kids use Vim

# Installing Vim



- ❧ Linux/Unix: Comes installed with practically all distributions
- ❧ OSX: Ships with Vim, but use MacVim for a GUI:  
<http://code.google.com/p/macvim/>
  - ❧ Tip: Use iTerm2 to support 256-color color schemes!
- ❧ Windows: Use gVim: <http://www.vim.org/download.php#pc>



# Download vimfiles



- ❧ Download my configuration files to start
- ❧ Make sure git is installed

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> cd ~  
> git clone http://github.com/thenovices/dotfiles  
> ln -s dotfiles/.vim* .  
> git clone https://github.com/gmarik/vundle .vim/  
bundle/vundle  
> vim +BundleInstall +qall
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- ❧ Repository: <http://github.com/thenovices/dotfiles>

# What are we doing?



- ⌘ Whirlwind tour of Vim's key features
- ⌘ Come back and use this powerpoint as a reference
- ⌘ Play around with me!

<http://bit.ly/SGgrya>

# Vim Philosophy



1. Modal Editing

2. Operators and Motions

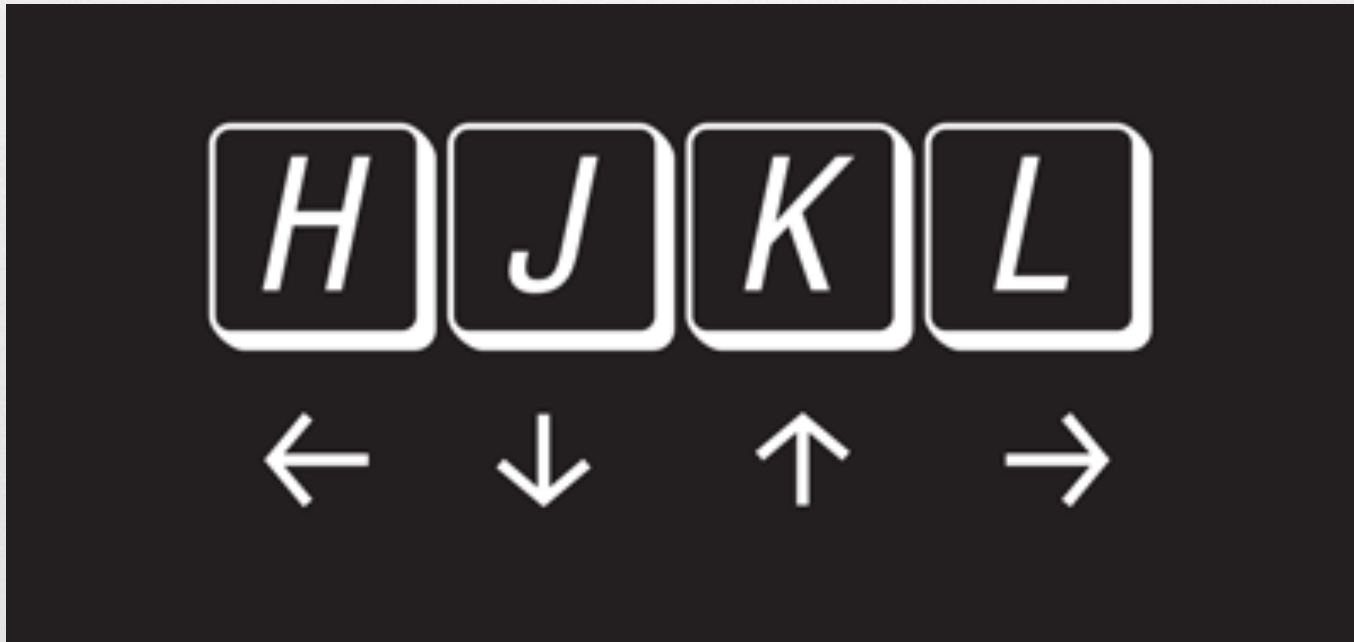


# The Modal Editor



- ⌘ Keystrokes take different actions depending on your mode
- ⌘ Why? We spend more time reading and editing than typing!
- ⌘ **Normal mode:** All keystrokes are interpreted as commands
- ⌘ **Insert mode:** Regular typing as you know it
- ⌘ **Visual mode:** Highlighting
- ⌘ ... more!

# Surviving in Vim



- ∞ **i** – Gets you into insertion mode
- ∞ **<ESC>** – Always gets you back to normal mode
- ∞ **:wq<Enter>** – Saves and quits Vim

# Advanced movement



- ☞ Vim is all about saving keystrokes! Many many motion commands.

This is some text



**^**



**b**



cursor



**e**



**w**

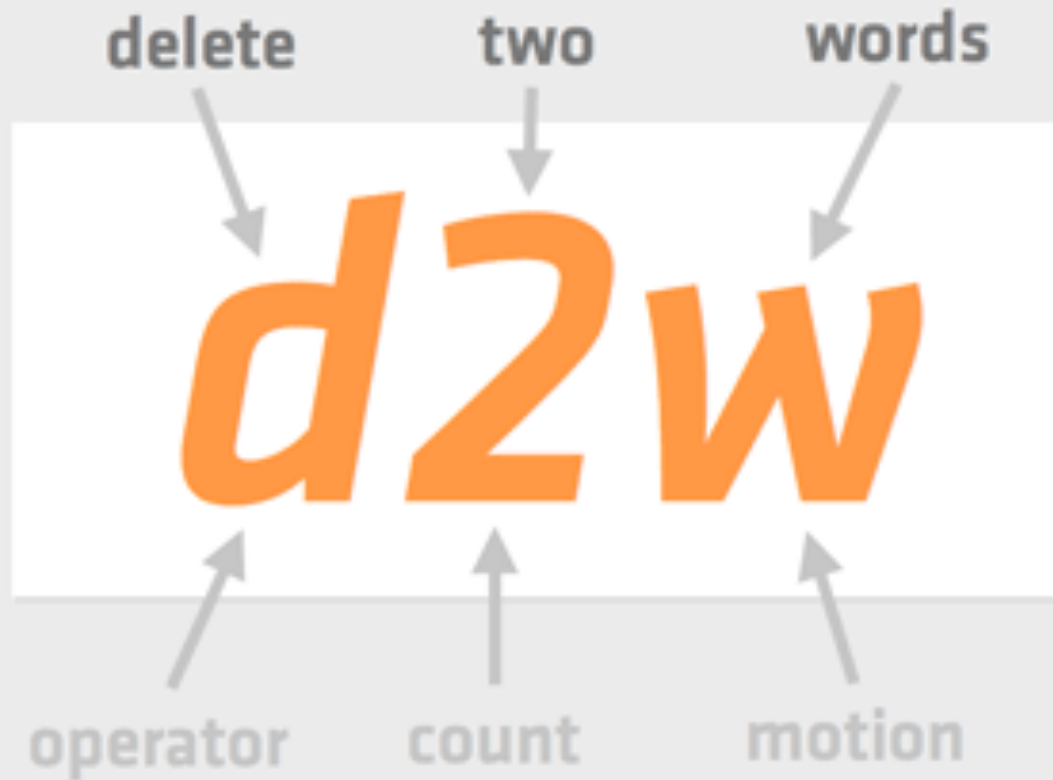


**\$**

**^** – begin line  
**b** – beginning  
**e** – end  
**w** – word  
**\$** – end line



# Operator-Motion Model



# Operators



⌘ **d** – Delete

⌘ **c** – Change (delete and go into insertion mode)

⌘ **y** – Yank (Copy)

⌘ **v** – Visual/Highlight

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⌘ Combine with motions to great effect! Type an operator twice to act upon the entire line.

# More Common Commands



⌘ **V** – Visual line highlighting

⌘ **O** – Create new line below and go into insertion mode

⌘ **X** – Delete character under cursor

⌘ **U** – Undo (very helpful 😊)

⌘ **A** – Append to end of line (goes into insertion mode)



# Text Objects



⌘ **w** – word (delimited by punctuation)

⌘ **W** – word (delimited by whitespace)

⌘ **)** – matching set of parentheses (also [], {}, <>, “, “”)

⌘ **t** – XML tag (e.g. <html></html>)

# Putting it all together



# Find and Replace



⌘ / – Searches in the document for some string

⌘ **n** – Goes to next occurrence

⌘ **N** – Goes to previous occurrence

⌘ **:%s/foo/bar** – replace all occurrences of ‘foo’ with ‘bar’ in the entire document. (Key token: ‘%’)

⌘ You can use regular expressions as well!



# What now?



- ❧ Once you've mastered the basics, gradually pick up more and more Vim tricks.
- ❧ Learn one thing at a time (crucial!)
- ❧ Explore Vim plugins.

# Advanced Topics



- ❧ Windows
- ❧ Tabs
- ❧ Buffers
- ❧ Macros
- ❧ Marks
- ❧ Visual Blocks

# Popular Plugins



- ❧ Surround.vim
- ❧ Fugitive.vim (Git integration)
- ❧ Rails.vim (Rails integration)
- ❧ NERD\_tree.vim (File Explorer)
- ❧ Tabular.vim (Alignment, tables)
- ❧ Snipmate.vim (Textmate-like snippets)

# Resources and Links



- ❧ vimtutor (30-minutes) and :help usr\_02.txt (manual)
- ❧ Learn Vim Progressively (good way to start off)  
<http://yannesposito.com/Scratch/en/blog/Learn-Vim-Progressively/>
- ❧ Treasure Trove of Vim Tricks:  
<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1218390/what-is-your-most-productive-shortcut-with-vim/1220118#1220118>
- ❧ Why do those nutheads use Vim? (like a showcase)  
<http://www.viemu.com/a-why-vi-vim.html>
- ❧ Comprehensive list of Vim tips and tricks (advanced!!)  
<http://rayninfo.co.uk/vimtips.html>
- ❧ Brandon's dotfiles: <http://github.com/thenovices/dotfiles>
- ❧ Vim Adventures!! <http://vim-adventures.com/>



# More Advanced Links



- ❧ <http://vimcasts.org>
- ❧ <https://github.com/tpope/tpope>
- ❧ <https://github.com/ryanb/dotfiles>
- ❧ <https://github.com/languages/VimL>