Helix Modal selection editor

CONCEPTS

Selection first, then action: w selects a word, d deletes it. There is no operator-pending state like in Vim.

Every selection has a cursor; several selections edit in parallel. ; collapses to one and , keeps only the primary.

MODES & FILES

`Esc`
Return to Normal mode

`i` / `a`
Insert before / after selection

`I` / `A`
Insert at line start / end

`o` / `O`
Open line below / above

`v`
Select (extend) mode

`:w`
Save file

`:q`
Quit window

`:wq` / `:x`
Save and quit

MOVEMENT

`h` / `j` / `k` / `l`
Left / down / up / right

`w` / `b` / `e`
Next word start / previous start / end

`f` / `t`
Find / till next char

`Ctrl` + `u` / `Ctrl` + `d`
Half page up / down

`G`
Go to line number

GOTO & MATCH

`g` › `g`
File start (or line number)

GOTO & MATCH (cont.)

`g` › `d`
Go to definition (LSP)

EDITING

`d`
Delete selection

`c`
Change selection (delete + insert)

`y`
Yank (copy)

`p` / `P`
Paste after / before

`u` / `U`
Undo / redo

SELECTIONS

`x`
Select line, again extends down

`s`
Select regex matches inside selection

`C`
Add cursor on next line

`;`
Collapse to a single cursor

SEARCH

`/`
Search forward (regex)

`n` / `N`
Next / previous match

`Space` › `/`
Search the whole workspace

SPACE MENU & PICKERS

`Space` › `f`
File picker (workspace root)

`Space` › `b`
Buffer picker

`Space` › `y` / `Space` › `p`
Yank / paste via system clipboard