Vifm vi-like file manager

CONCEPTS

Vifm behaves like vi: normal mode for keys, : for commands, visual mode (v) for ranges. Two panes show two directories; copy and move work between them.

Left directory	Right directory

Left pane and right pane; Tab switches, p puts here

yy only marks files; the copy happens at p. Use P to move instead. Files you have selected with t or v are used instead of the file under the cursor.

Count prefixes work: 5j, 3dd, 12G or :12 jumps to entry 12.

NAVIGATION

j / k Down / up

h Go to parent directory

l / Enter
Open file or enter directory

gg / G First / last entry

Ctrl + F / Ctrl + B
Page down / up

Ctrl + D / Ctrl + U
Half page down / up

H / M / L
Top / middle / bottom of window

Ctrl + O / Ctrl + I
Back / forward in directory history

`:cd <path>`
Change directory

PANES & TABS

Tab Switch to other pane

Ctrl + W › h/j/k/l
Focus pane left / down / up / right

Ctrl + W › o
Leave only the current pane

PANES & TABS (cont.)

Ctrl + W › s / Ctrl + W › v
Split horizontally / vertically

`:tabnew [path]`
Open a new tab

gt / gT Next / previous tab

`:tabclose`
Close current tab

`:sync`
Point other pane to this directory

SELECTION

t
Toggle selection of current file

v / V
Visual mode: select a range

gv Restore last visual selection

`:select <pattern>`
Select files matching pattern

Esc / Ctrl + C
Cancel and clear selection

FILE OPERATIONS

yy Yank file(s)

p Put yanked files here (copy)

P Put yanked files here (move)

dd Delete (to trash if enabled)

DD
Delete permanently, skip trash

cw Rename file(s) in an editor

cW
Rename without the extension

C Clone file

u / Ctrl + R
Undo / redo last file operation

`:mkdir <name>`
Create directory

`:touch <name>`
Create empty file

ga Compute directory size

Ctrl + G Show file details

SEARCH & FILTER

/ › <pattern> Search forward

SEARCH & FILTER (cont.)

? › <pattern>
Search backward

n / N Next / previous match

f › <c> / F › <c>
Jump to name starting with char

= › <regex> Filter list by regex

zr Clear the local filter

za Toggle dot files

`:find <pattern>`
Search with find, list in menu

`:grep <pattern>`
Search file contents

`:sort`
Open sort dialog

MARKS & COMMANDS

m › <a-z> Set mark

' › <a-z> Jump to mark

'' Back to previous location

!! Run shell command

`:!<cmd>`
Run shell command

`:copy / :move`
Copy / move to other pane

`:help`
Open built-in help

ZZ Quit

`:q`
Quit

CONFIGURATION

`:set dotfiles`
Show hidden files

`:set vicmd=<editor>`
Set editor

`:set trash`
Enable trash

`:filetype <pattern> <cmd>`
Associate programs with files

RECIPES

Bulk rename

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V  (select the files with j/k)
cw
# edit names in editor, :wq
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