Vifm vi-like file manager

START HERE

`j` / `k` Move down / up

`yy` › `p` Copy to other pane

`h` / `l` Parent / enter or open

`dd` Delete (to trash)

`Tab` Switch pane

`/` Search names

`t` Select file

`:` Command line

`Left directory` | `Right directory`

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

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.

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.

Config lives in vifmrc (~/.config/vifm/vifmrc or ~/.vifm/vifmrc). Settings are :set commands, mappings are :nnoremap.

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

Ctrl+I is the same key as Tab; see the cpoptions tip.

`gh` Go up a directory, also from custom views

`n%` Jump to n percent of the list

`:cd` *<path>* Change directory

`:pushd` *<path>* Push directory on the stack

PANES & TABS

`Tab` Switch to other pane

Switches panes when cpoptions has t; otherwise it goes forward in history.

PANES & TABS (cont.)

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

`Ctrl` + `W` › `o` Leave only the current pane

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

`Ctrl` + `W` › `x` Exchange the two panes

`:tabnew [path]` Open a new tab

`gt` / `gT` Next / previous tab

`:tabclose` Close current tab

`:sync` Point other pane to this directory

`e` Explore file in the pane (quick view)

`:tree` Toggle tree view

SELECTION

`t` Toggle selection of current file

`v` / `V` Visual mode: select a range

Move with j/k, then act (y, d, ...), or Esc to cancel.

`av` Visual mode keeping current selection

`gv` Restore last visual selection

`:select` *<pattern>* Select files matching pattern

`:unselect` *<pattern>* Deselect files matching pattern

`:invert s` Invert the selection

`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)

FILE OPERATIONS (cont.)

`DD` Delete permanently, skip trash

`cw` Rename file(s) in an editor

With several selected files it opens all names in your editor; save and quit to apply.

`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

`:substitute/`*<re>*`/`*<repl>*`/` Rename by pattern

`:restore` Restore file from trash

`:empty` Empty trash for good

`al` / `rl` Make absolute / relative symlink

`cp` Change permissions

`ga` Compute directory size

`Ctrl` + `G` Show file details

SEARCH & FILTER

`/` › *<pattern>* Search forward

`?` › *<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

`:bmark` *<tag>* Bookmark current directory

`:bmgo` Pick a bookmark to go to

`!!` Run shell command

`:!`*<cmd>* Run shell command

%f is current file, %F selected files, %d current dir, %D other pane's dir.

`:shell` Start a shell

`.` Repeat last : command

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

`:compare` Compare the two panes

`: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

Basic vifmrc

```
" ~/.config/vifm/vifmrc
set vicmd=vim
set trash
set dotfiles
set vifminfo=savedirs,tabs
nnoremap <f3> :view<cr>
filetype *.pdf zathura %c %i &
```

Copy selection to the other pane

```
t on each file (or v ... Esc)
yy
Tab
p
```

Bulk rename

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