General Startup To Use vi: vi filename To exit vi and save changes: ZZ or :wq To exit vi without saving changes: :q! To enter vi command mode: [ESC] Counts A number preceding any vi command tells vi to repeat that command that many times. Cursor Movement move left (backspace) h j move down k move up move right (space bar) [ENTER] move to the beginning of the next line last column on the current line \$ 0 move cursor to the first column on the current line H move cursor to the top of the screen move cursor to the bottom of the screen Screen Movement G move to the last line in the file (Ctrl+End) ^F move forward one screen Inserting replace character under cursor with next character typed r R keep replacing character until [ESC] is hit insert before cursor i append after cursor а Α append at the end of the line open line above cursor and enter append mode Deleting delete character under cursor (Supr) Х dd delete line under cursor dw delete word under cursor db delete word before cursor Find Commands repeat last command undoes last command issued Reading Files :r filename copies (reads) filename after cursor in file currently editing Write File :w saves the current file without quitting Shell Escape :!"cmd" executes "cmd" as shell command