

# 8 methods to exit Vim in Linux

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Normal shortcuts cannot help in this case. Today's article will introduce you to 8 methods to exit Vim in Linux.

## Do you know how to exit Vim in Linux?

1. Quickly exit when accidentally launching Vim
2. Stuck in Insert Mode?
3. How to exit without saving
4. How to save the file and exit
5. Other methods to escape Vim

## Quickly exit when accidentally launching Vim

If you're going to run another command, but instead accidentally launch Vim, exit is quite simple. Vim starts in '**Normal mode**', which means you don't actually edit the file. Anything you type will be interpreted as a command.

To exit Vim, enter the following:

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:q
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If the error message '*No write since last change (add! To override) is encountered*' (Nothing has been added since the last change (added! To override), then you have accidentally entered text or replaced change the file Please enter the following command:

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:q!
```



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7 \ https://raw.githubusercontent.com/junegunn/vim-plug/master/plug.vim
8 autocmd VimEnter * PlugInstall --sync | source $MYVIMRC
9 endif
10
11 call plug#begin('~/.local/share/nvim/plugged')
12
13 Plug 'junegunn/fzf', { 'dir': '~/.fzf', 'do': './install --all' }
14 Plug 'https://github.com/Alok/notational-fzf-vim'
15 Plug 'flazz/vim-colorschemes'
16 Plug 'vim-airline/vim-airline'
17 Plug 'vim-airline/vim-airline-themes'
18 Plug 'reedes/vim-pencil'
19 Plug 'christoomey/vim-tmux-navigator'
20 Plug 'edkolev/tmuxline.vim'
21
22 call plug#end()
23
COMMAND .vimrc vim utf-8[unix] 1% 1/93 ln : 1
:~
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## Other methods to escape Vim

There are several other ways to quickly get out of Vim. First, press the **Escape** key to make sure you're not in Insert Mode anymore.

1. Holding **Shift** and pressing **ZZ** will help you save changes and exit Vim.
2. Hold **Shift** and press **ZQ** to exit without saving changes.

As mentioned at the beginning of the article, Vim is a very powerful and worthwhile tool to learn. Even if it seems a bit 'scary' at first, knowing a little bit about this editor can be very helpful. If you are not sure where to start, refer to the article: [How to use the Vim editor for more details!](#)

Hope you are successful.

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