

Chat Transcript

NoVaLUG virtual meeting April 11, 2020

42 years of vi - Sam Chessman

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10:17:10      From john a : Hi there all John A from UK
10:18:42      From John Kennedy : Hello Mr A from the UK...
10:19:17      From Shmuel : People were exchanging source tape in the 1960s, using cards
or tape.
10:26:46      From Shmuel : The 640K quote was Bill Gates; no Joy.
10:28:45      From Brandon Mitchell : Quite likely that quote is misattributed or made up:
https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Talk:Bill_Gates
10:29:57      From Phil : Most of the IntelliJ IDEs have vim emulators
10:30:02      From Brandon Mitchell : o/
10:30:04      From Robert Lay : ALWAYS!
10:30:06      From Xavier : I do, everyday
10:30:13      From Nick Morrott : Everyday!
10:30:19      From Phil : Pretty much everyday
10:30:20      From Brett Medalen : I do and you (Sam) have thought me a few tricks over my
career. :)
10:30:22      From James M : Everyday!
10:30:26      From john a : VIM everyday
10:30:35      From Peter M. Nelson : Most days :-) .
10:30:50      From Kyle : I use vi occasionally when I SSH to servers, but prefer PyCharm
for most Python programming
10:30:52      From dougtoppin : I have used vi for a long time. My first use was probably
on IBM Xenix in 1988. A lesson learned is to also learn to use ed just enough. The reason
being way back when a failed mount blew lost the filesystem that vi was on and I was able
to use ed to fix a startup script that caused the problem. I still use vim every day.
10:30:54      From Mike : All the time, but sometimes use VS Code for Node
10:30:55      From john a : even old VI on Solaris
10:31:20      From Scott Burns : I use it every day for Code and configuration editing.
10:31:36      From 356 640 974 : Since 1982. Originally, we only had ex and was happy to
switch to vi when it was made available.
10:32:29      From dougtoppin : Oddly, even though I use Pycharm a lot now I still have a
tendency to use vim in a terminal window because I can use it more quickly.
10:33:57      From dougtoppin : I tried emacs for a short bit a long time ago but I ran
out of fingers and toes for control commands and went back to vi.
10:35:31      From Shmuel : Will you be taking about scripting?
10:36:18      From John Kennedy : I don't think so since that is kind of out of the scope
of this talk.
10:39:57      From Robert Lay : This is good. However, the screen is dark. Not sure what
happened.
10:39:59      From john a : We can see and hear you just fine---JA
10:41:37      From Phil : +1 for vim adventure, cool project
10:47:09      From John Kennedy : @Robert Lay - I see that but not sure how to tell him a
way to fix it. I think it has something to do with how he is sharing - Maybe he has not
completed the share...
10:48:37      From Fox Reymann : why i see the screen behind black shadow?
10:48:46      From Fox Reymann : like a black overlay
10:49:22      From Fox Reymann : ooh, I'm the only one:)
10:49:23      From Brandon Mitchell : Wondering if the window is properly selected, might
have the zoom controls up top selected.
10:50:01      From Fox Reymann : maybe stop for a sec and fix it, I struggle to see a bit
10:50:23      From john a : Yes its because its selected
10:55:18      From Kyle Mulka : :reg command to see all the registers and their content
10:55:57      From Nick Morrott : :reg[isters]
11:00:24      From Nick Morrott : Mapping an F key to ":set paste!" provides a nice
toggle to enable/disable paste mode
11:01:15      From Kyle Mulka : Could you talk about the extra stuff in vim for editing
Python code? What features can you use with code?
11:01:30      From John Place : did you mention the '.' operator
11:02:16      From Xavier : in your vimrc there was a "noai" setting? what is that?
11:03:05      From Sam Chessman : :map K n.
11:03:29      From Sam Chessman : :map K .n
11:12:10      From Nick Morrott : @Xavier "set noai" sets noautoindent (see :h noai in
vim for the details)
11:12:25      From Xavier : thanks!
11:14:30      From Shmuel : What about nested quotes and doubled quotes used as escaps to
single quotes, e.g., 'foo''bar'?
11:20:00      From Brandon Mitchell : I may need to step back from my monitor to read that
giant text. :D
11:22:29      From Nick Morrott : interesting piece of vim history - the "z" key was
chosen for fold management because it looks like 3 pieces of fan-fold paper folding
11:31:08      From Shmuel : Which regex syntax does vim use?
11:31:31      From Kyle Mulka : Can you put the link in the chat?
11:32:02      From Brandon Mitchell : Can we share the link to the slides on Meetup?
11:33:23      From John Place : TY Sam!
11:33:28      From Sam Chessman : Wow!
11:33:31      From Nick Morrott : Thank you very much Sam
11:33:35      From Sam Chessman : Thanks for coming
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