

## GNU/Linux Administration - Feature #772

### Using Vi to Remove Entire Lines Beginning With a Specific Character

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<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Daniel Curtis	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Shell Scripts	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.10 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	*nix	<b>Spent time:</b>	0.50 hour
<b>Description</b>			
<p>One common task I do is strip down commented configuration files, and rather than spend a lot of time locating and deleting individual line I find vi to be useful for finding and deleting these lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open the file to be edited: <pre>vi somefile.txt</pre><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ To remove all lines beginning with ; (comment character for PHP config file) <pre>:g/^;/d</pre></li></ul></li></ul>			
<b>Resources</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://vim.wikia.com/wiki/Delete_all_lines_containing_a_pattern">http://vim.wikia.com/wiki/Delete_all_lines_containing_a_pattern</a></li></ul>			

#### History

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