

GNU/Linux Administration - Feature #664

Using Vi to Comment Out a Range of Code

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Description

This is a simple guide on using vi to insert a comment character in front of every line of a given range of line in a text file. I find this extremely useful for testing various blocks of code or configuration files.

- Open a file file with vi:

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vi /home/user/sometext.conf
```

- Show line numbers in vi:

```
:set number
```

- To add a # character in front of lines 34-65:

```
:34,65s/^/#
```

- To remove the # character from the beginning of lines 78-102:

```
:78,102s/^#/
```

Resources

- <http://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/120615/how-to-comment-multiple-lines-at-once>

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