Helix Keyboard Shortcuts

The 32 shortcuts to know first

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Essentials

h	Move left
j	Move down
k	Move up
l	Move right

Editing

d	Delete the selection
c	Change the selection
y	Yank the selection
p	Paste after the selection

Selections

x	Select the current line
%	Select the entire file
;	Collapse to a single cursor
Alt + ;	Flip the cursor and anchor
,	Keep only the primary selection

Long words and characters

w	Move to the next long word start
b	Move to the previous long word start
e	Move to the next long word end
f	Find the next character

Search

/	Search forward
?	Search backward
n	Select the next match

Case and numbers

~	Switch case
`	Make lowercase
Alt + `	Make uppercase
Ctrl + A	Increment the number

Goto mode

gg	Go to the start of the file
ge	Go to the end of the file
gh	Go to the start of the line
gl	Go to the end of the line

Match mode

mm	Go to the matching bracket
ms(	Surround with parentheses
md(	Delete surrounding parentheses
mr([	Replace parentheses with brackets

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Typing drills + spaced repetition