

# Vi – Show lines

To show lines in a file opened in `vi`, press `Esc` to enter *Normal/Command mode* and type `:set number`.

To make this persistent = show lines by default when you open any file, create a file called `.nexrc` in your home directory and put `set number` on the first line of it.

```
$ cd ~  
$ touch .nexrc
```

## `.nexrc`

```
set number
```

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