
Creative Software Design

1 - Lab1 - Reference - Vim Advanced

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Shell settings for convenient vim use - 1

- set completion-ignore-case on
 - bash (shell) has an autocompletion function (by pressing <tab> key), and it is convenient to make this autocompletion case insensitive.
 - Just add "set completion-ignore-case on" to your .inputrc file. You can do it like this:

(Shell – home directory)

```
echo 'set completion-ignore-case On' >> ~/.inputrc
```

- Close and reopen the terminal to see it apply.

Shell settings for convenient vim use - 2

- `stty -ixon`
 - This setting allows you to use the shortcut keys used with Ctrl in vim.
 - Just add "`stty -ixon`" to your `.bashrc`. You can do it like this:

(Shell – home directory)

```
echo 'stty -ixon' >> ~/.bashrc
```

- Close and reopen the terminal to see it apply.

Install vim-gtk

- The vim version installed by default on Ubuntu is a vim-tiny version without many useful features.
- Run the following command to install vim-gtk, which contains most of the functionality.

(Shell)

```
sudo apt-get install vim-gtk
```

Vim configuration - .vimrc

- You can change various settings of Vim through **.vimrc** file in your home directory.
- **.vimrc** is written in Vim's own scripting language called vim script.
 - Comment starts with “
 - For more detail, refer <http://learnvimscriptthehardway.stevelosh.com/>
- Since there is no **.vimrc** file at first, let's start editing the **.vimrc** file with the following command in your home directory:

(Shell)

```
vi .vimrc
```

Recommended minimal settings for .vimrc

```
.vimrc
syntax on      "use syntax highlighting
filetype plugin indent on  "use auto-indentation

set expandtab   "use spaces instead of a tab
set tabstop=4  "number of spaces for a tab
set shiftwidth=4 "number of spaces for each step of indent (e.g. when using '>' or '<')

set nowrap     "stop line breaking
set clipboard=unnamedplus "use system clipboard (e.g. when using 'yy')
set ignorecase "case-insensitive search
set incsearch  "use incremental search

"disable automatic comment insertion
autocmd FileType * setlocal formatoptions-=c formatoptions-=r formatoptions-=o
```

- After updating .vimrc, enter `:so%` to apply the updated settings. Try to modify and apply the above file.
- The above file contains minimal items, so feel free to modify / add / remove any settings you want.

Vim Visual Mode

Marking text (visual mode) <https://vim.rtorr.com/>

- v – start visual mode, mark lines, then do a command (like y–yank)
- V – start linewise visual mode
- Ctrl + v – start visual block mode

- In the .vimrc file, mark a block and copy (y), paste (p), and so on.

Vim Windows

Working with multiple files

<https://vim.rtorr.com/>

- Ctrl + ws – split window
 - Ctrl + ww – switch windows
 - Ctrl + wq – quit a window
 - Ctrl + wv – split window vertically
 - Ctrl + wh – move cursor to the left window (vertical split)
 - Ctrl + wl – move cursor to the right window (vertical split)
 - Ctrl + wj – move cursor to the window below (horizontal split)
 - Ctrl + wk – move cursor to the window above (horizontal split)
- Split your .vimrc file into multiple windows and move between them.

Vim Plug-ins

- Many plugins are available to extend Vim's functionality.
 - https://vim.sourceforge.io/scripts/script_search_results.php?keywords=&script_type=&order_by=rating&direction=descending&search=search
- You can download and use plug-in files directly, but using "vim plugin managers" is much more convenient to install and manage plug-ins.

Install vim-plug

- One of the most popular vim plugin manager
- <https://github.com/junegunn/vim-plug>
- To install it, you need to install git first and then configure it initially.
- Replace the gray part below with your information.

(Shell)

```
sudo apt-get install git
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
```

- Install vim-plug following the instructions on the page above.

Using vim-plug

- Let's install two most useful plugins.
 - Add the following lines to .vimrc and save it, and type :so% and :PlugInstall

.vimrc

```
call plug#begin()
Plug 'scrooloose/nerdtree'
Plug 'scrooloose/nerdcommenter'
call plug#end()
```

- To install other plugins, you can add them like Plug '<Github account name> / <Github project name>'.
 - Most Vim plugins are maintained on Github.
 - e.g.) NERDTree <https://github.com/scrooloose/nerdtree>

NERDTree

- Plugin that allows directory browsing on Vim.
- How to run: Enter `:NERDTree` in Vim and press Enter
- Go to the NERDTree window and press `?` to test its functions.

NERD Commenter

- Plugin that provides comment / uncomment function for various programming languages.
- Let's add a new shortcut by adding the following to `.vimrc`:

`.vimrc`

```
let mapleader=","          " change <leader> key
let NERDCreateDefaultMappings = 0      "disable default mapping
let NERDCommentWholeLinesInVMode = 1  "always comment whole line
map <Leader>c <plug>NERDCommenterComment
map <Leader>x <plug>NERDCommenterUncomment
```

- After reloading `.vimrc` by typing `:so%`,
- `,c` : comment
- `,x` : uncomment

Install Vim colorscheme

- A colorscheme can be installed like a plugin
- Let's install two most popular colorschemes.
 - Add the following bold lines to `.vimrc` and save it, and type `:so%` and `:PlugInstall`

`.vimrc`

```
call plug#begin()
Plug 'scrooloose/nerdtree'
Plug 'scrooloose/nerdcommenter'
Plug 'vim-scripts/xoria256.vim'
Plug 'vim-scripts/peaksea'
call plug#end()
```

Apply Vim colorscheme

- Add the following lines to `.vimrc` to apply an installed colorscheme.
 - Add the following lines to `.vimrc` and save it, and type `:so%`
 - Apply another colorscheme by changing commented / uncommented lines.

```
.vimrc
```

```
colorscheme xoria256  
"colorscheme peaksea
```

More Colorschemes?

- <http://vimcolors.com/>
- https://vim.sourceforge.io/scripts/script_search_results.php?keywords=&script_type=color+scheme&order_by=rating&direction=descending&search=search
- Googling ‘vim colorscheme’
- Find the address of a colorscheme's Github project and add it between `plug#begin()` and `plug#end()`.