**Atom :**

Atom, a project started by [Github](https://www.elegantthemes.com/blog/resources/git-and-github-a-beginners-guide-for-complete-newbies) and thus [now owned by Microsoft](https://thenextweb.com/dd/2018/06/08/githubs-new-ceo-promises-to-save-atom-post-microsoft-acquisition/), has established itself as one of the premiere code and text editors out there. The best part is that Atom is totally free, open source, and highly customizable. Built around a minimal core, Atom comes with multiple language-specific packages built in, and the library of community-written ones has exploded over the years since the editor was first released. Atom is as robust as you need it to be – if the editor doesn’t do something you need, you can create that feature yourself. The Teletype features has been embraced by users, too. It allows multiple developers to work on the same code from remote locations.

It does directly compete with MS’s poster child VS Code, but they are maintaining both editors as a gesture of good faith to the communities surrounding each.

#### Key Features (out of the box):

* File system browser
* Teletype
* Fuzzy finder for quickly opening files
* Fast project-wide search and replace
* Multiple cursors and selections
* Multiple panes
* Snippets
* Code folding
* A clean preferences UI
* Import TextMate grammars and themes
* Highly extendable
* Highly theme-able
* Incredibly passionate community

#### Platforms:

* MacOS
* Windows
* Linux

#### Atom is for you if…

…you’re the kind of person who likes to have your software be exactly what they want it to be and do exactly what you want it to do. With the growing library of mods and add-ons, Atom is one of the most customizable code editors out there. It works great out of the box, but its real power comes from the open source community around it and the almost infinite customizations you can add to it yourself. Some folks are put off by the Microsoft acquisition of GitHub, but in the months since, Atom has continued to flourish.

**Price:** FREE