## **Gist**

Gist is a cool feature of GitHub. My Gist is available at <a href="https://gist.github.com/">https://gist.github.com/</a> and shown in the following screenshot:



Gist is basically a paste tool, similar to Pastie (<a href="http://pastie.org/">http://pastie.org/</a>). Paste tools make it easy to share text or code - the user pastes the text into a text field on the site which returns a URL under which this text is accessible.

Gist works the same way - except with a twist: the pasted text ends up in a Git repository, which is accessible via a Git clone URL - it can be checked out with a Git client program. Not just that, the connection works both ways: pushing a commit back to the repository makes the changes (and added files) accessible in the Gist web interface, which also allows to edit text files. Gist allows you to start off from a pasted bit of text or code and collaborate over the net, either using a web interface or Git tools.

You can simply paste in your snippet or type it all in. Give it a file name and let them know what language you are writing (for syntax highlighting). Then click 'Create Public Gist.' Copy the URL and share!