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Q. I am using vim under Ubuntu Linux and whenever I type following command: syntax on

I'm getting an error which read as follows:

E319: Sorry, the command is not available in this version: syntax on

How do I fix this problem?

A. Vim is a text editor that is upwards compatible to Vi. It can be used to edit all kinds of plain text. It is especially useful for editing programs.



There are a lot of enhancements above Vi: multi level undo, multi windows and buffers, syntax highlighting, command line editing, filename completion, on-line help, visual selection, etc

Ubuntu Linux comes with tiny version of vim.

All you need to do is installed full vim version by typing following command:

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$ sudo apt-get install vim
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You can add syntax on command to ~/.vimrc file [12]

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