While working on the Windows port of Meteor, we came across a few simple tools that made programming on Windows more enjoyable for us. They might be particularly helpful to people coming from a Mac or Linux background where command-line development is more common.

ConEmu
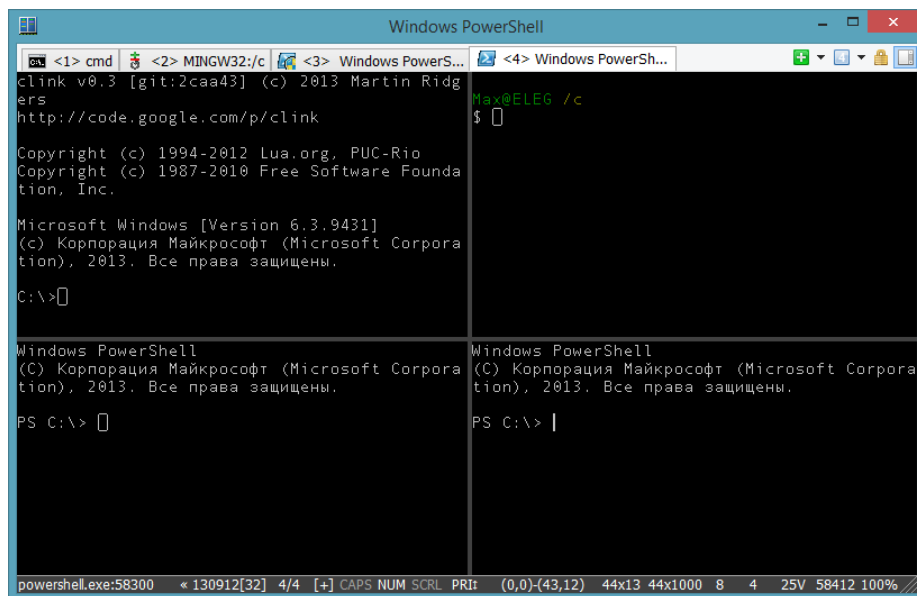
https://conemu.github.io/

Figure 1: Screenshot of ConEmu with PowerShell

This is a tool that makes using CMD and PowerShell more enjoyable by allowing you to have tabs, easily copy and paste into and out of the window, configure key bindings, set a nicer font, and lots of other nice features.

Notepad++

http://notepad-plus-plus.org/

Notepad++ is a free text editor for Windows that improves in every single way over its namesake Notepad. It's great for editing any kind of code.

Sublime Text

http://www.sublimetext.com/

Sublime Text is a nice text editor that gets out of your way at the right times and has lots of nice plugins for JavaScript programming. It's not free, but has
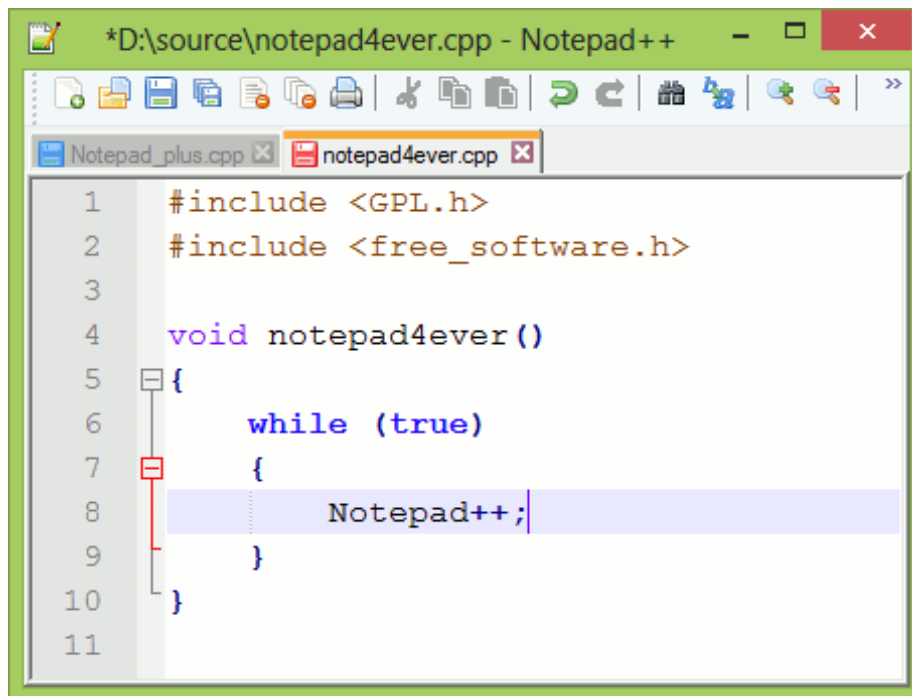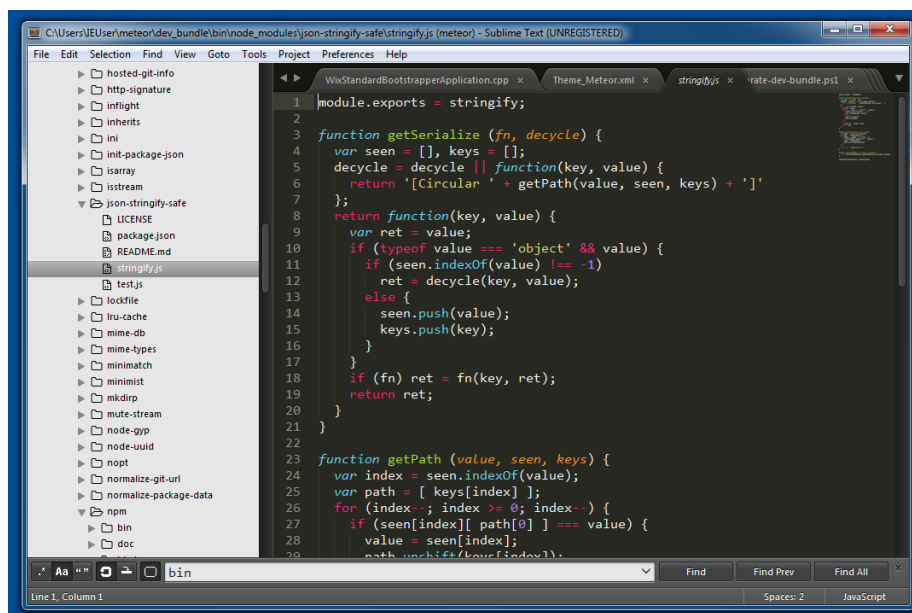
Figure 2: Gif of notepad++

Figure 3: Screenshot of Sublime Text

an unlimited trial period.

Version Control

You might find it useful to use Git or a different version control system to collaborate on your projects. There are many different Windows-based version control tools available, like msysgit (Git, command line) and GitHub for Windows (Git, GUI).