

NERD FONTS

Putting together the perfect terminal experience

The relatively short version



Who am I?



- Aspiring Speakers Group member #1
- I have a cute accent
- I spend a lot of time using the terminal
- Principal Developer at Comply Advantage
- Disclaimer: Nothing that I say or do has anything to do with my employer:

Comply Advantage

But we are hiring
<https://complyadvantage.com/careers/>

Motivation

- I'm a IntelliJ IDEA kind of person
- Keyboard shortcuts are ♥
- Thanks to the whole DevOps movement I'm expending more and more time using the terminal
- Old school SysAds surely can do a lot in the terminal
- Can I become more productive with the terminal?



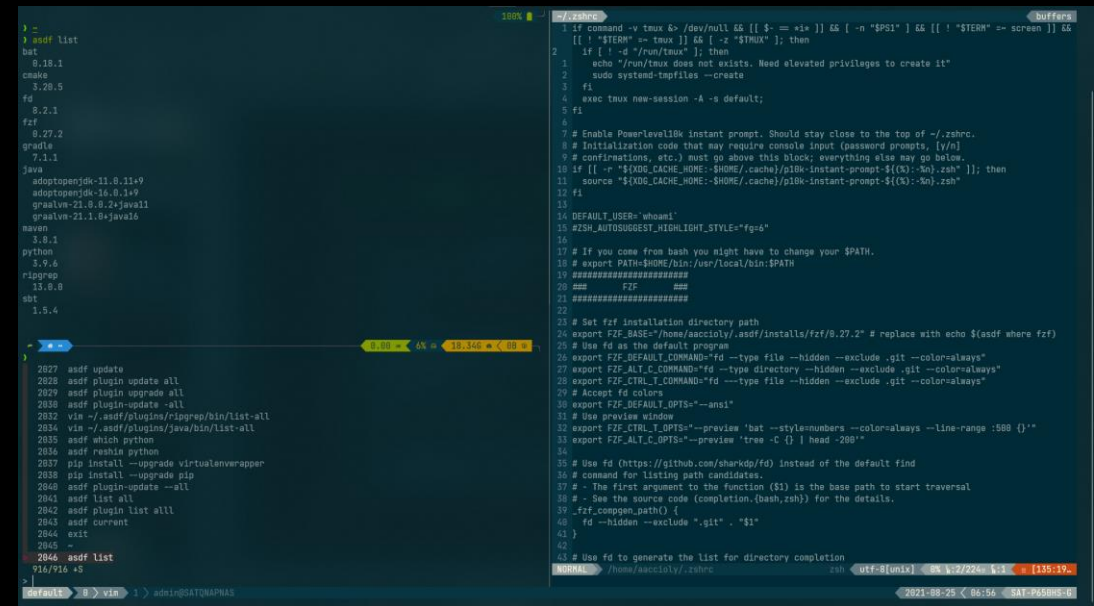
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So, what's the “perfect” terminal experience?

It's up to you. My wishlist:

- Terminal doesn't get in my way
- Fast
- Low energy consumption
- Syntax highlighting and auto-completion
- I can quickly find files, commands, etc
- Term can handle context switching
- It remembers what I was doing 3 days ago so that I don't have to do it

And it looks like this:



```
1.
2. asdf list
3. bat
4. 8.18.1
5. cmake
6. 3.28.5
7. fd
8. 8.2.1
9. fzf
10. 8.27.2
11. gradle
12. 7.1.1
13. java
14. adoptopenjdk-11.0.11+9
15. adoptopenjdk-16.0.1+9
16. graalvm-21.0.0-jdk11
17. graalvm-21.0.0-jdk16
18. mvn
19. 3.8.1
20. python
21. 3.9.6
22. ripgrep
23. 13.0.8
24. sbt
25. 1.5.4

2027 asdf update
2028 asdf plugin update all
2029 asdf plugin upgrade all
2030 asdf plugin update --all
2032 vim ~/.asdf/plugins/ripgrep/bin/list-all
2034 vim ~/.asdf/plugins/java/bin/list-all
2035 asdf which python
2036 asdf rubin python
2037 pip install --upgrade virtualenvwrapper
2038 pip install --upgrade pip
2040 asdf plugin update --all
2041 asdf list all
2042 asdf plugin list all
2043 asdf current
2044 exit
2045
2046 asdf list
2047 916/916 45
2048 |

1. if command -v tmux && /dev/null && [[ $- == *i* ]] && [ -n "$PS1" ] && [[ ! "$TERM" =~ screen ]] &&
2. [[ ! "$TERM" =~ tmux ]] && [ -z "$TMUX" ]; then
3. if [ ! -d ~/.run/tmux ]; then
4. echo "/run/tmux does not exist. Need elevated privileges to create it"
5. sudo systemd-tmpfiles --create
6. fi
7. exec tmux new-session -A -s default;
8. fi
9.
10. # Enable Powerlevel10k instant prompt. Should stay close to the top of ~/.zshrc.
11. # Initialization code that may require console input (password prompts, y/n)
12. # confirmations, etc.) must go above this block; everything else may go below.
13. if [[ -n "${XDG_CACHE_HOME:-$HOME/.cache}" ]]; then
14. source "${XDG_CACHE_HOME:-$HOME/.cache}/p10k-instant-prompt-${(KX)-kn}.zsh"
15. fi
16.
17. # If you come from bash you might have to change your $PATH.
18. # export PATH=$HOME/bin:/usr/local/bin:$PATH
19. #####
20. ### fzf ###
21. #####
22.
23. # Set fzf installation directory path
24. export FZF_BASE="/home/ascciofy/asdf/installs/fzf/0.27.2" # replace with echo $(asdf where fzf)
25. # Use fd as the default program
26. export FZF_DEFAULT_COMMAND="fd --type file --hidden --exclude .git --color=always"
27. export FZF_ALT_C_COMMAND="fd --type directory --hidden --exclude .git --color=always"
28. export FZF_CTRL_T_COMMAND="fd --type file --hidden --exclude .git --color=always"
29. # Accept fd colors
30. export FZF_DEFAULT_OPTS="--ansi"
31. # Use preview window
32. export FZF_CTRL_T_OPTS="--preview 'bat --style=numbers --color=always --line-range :500 {}'"
33. export FZF_ALT_C_OPTS="--preview 'tree -C {} | head -200'"
34.
35. # Use fd (https://github.com/sharkdp/fd) instead of the default find
36. # command for listing path candidates.
37. # - The first argument to the function ($1) is the base path to start traversal
38. # - See the source code (completion.bash,zsh) for the details.
39. _fzf_compgen_path() {
40. fd --hidden --exclude ".git" . "$1"
41. }
42.
43. # Use fd to generate the list for directory completion
44. _fzf_compgen_dir() {
45. fd --hidden --exclude ".git" . "$1"
46. }
```

Let's get something out of the way

- I will be using Ubuntu Today
- This is not a talk for Linux Gurus
- The OS itself isn't as important as you may think
- I'll be using a terminal emulator called kitty:
<https://sw.kovidgoyal.net/kitty/>
- Your choice of terminal emulator is important
- Pick one that:
 - Is GPU Accelerated
 - Has a Quake / drop-down mode
 - Has good font support (including ligatures)



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Eye Candy:

Fonts

- You want a Monospaced font
- At least Powerline Glyphs
- Optional: Font ligatures
- Pick one from <https://www.nerdfonts.com/>:
 - JetBrains Mono
 - Cascadia Code
 - Fira Code
 - Meslo
 - Source Code Pro / Hasklig
 - Ubuntu Mono

Colours

- Pick a colour scheme that doesn't make your eyes bleed
- I don't have a lot of imagination, so I keep coming back to my own patched version of [Solarized](#) Dark
- A few other suggestions:
 - Base16 schemes: <https://github.com/chriskempson/base16>
 - Dracula
 - Gruvbox
 - Monokai
 - PaperColor



Shell



- [Bash](#) is great, [Zsh](#) is even better
- Install a recent version and make it default:

```
chsh -s $(which zsh)
```

- Notable features:
 - Smart tab completion
 - History filter with up arrow
 - case / typo correction
 - ** expansion
 - Glob Qualifiers: `ls *(m-7)`

Framework / Plugin Managers

- Extract even more from zsh with a collection of plugins and themes.
[Use Oh My Zsh](#)
- Install Oh My Zsh and start enjoying extra functionality out of the box:
 - Easier navigation:
 - .., ...,
 - No need to type cd
 - Partial path matching
 - New commands / alias by default such as:
 - d / cd -N
 - rd
 - take
- Install custom plugin sand edit your .zshrc file to enable / disable plugins
 - [zsh-autosuggestions](#)
 - [zsh-syntax-highlighting](#)
 - [z](#)
 - [web-search](#)
- If you are using too many plugins and your shell is taking a while to start, have a look at a plugin manager able to load plugins asynchronously (such as [Zinit](#))

A powerful / lightweight / flexible theme

- [Powerlevel10K](#) is my favourite theme
- Notable features:
 - Make it look the way you want
 - Fast (and can also make zsh plugins load faster)
 - Transient Prompt
 - Enable and Disable “Segments”



Terminal Multiplexer

- [Tmux](#) for the win!



- Create, use and manage multiple sessions, windows and panes
- Nest Tmux inside Tmux
- Tmux + SSH = Don't lose your work
- Customize and install plugins ([TPM](#) strongly recommended)



Fuzzy Find all the things



- Find what you need with [fzf](#)
- A standalone command that integrates with what you have
- ** expansion
- Integrates by default with commands such as kubectlx, kubens, etc
- Shortcuts:
 - CTRL+T to search files
 - CTRL+R to search history
 - ALT+C cd into directory

Honourable mentions:

- [asdf](#): nvm + pyenv+ rbenv + SDKMAN + Install and manage versions for all your cli tools. Go watch my talk ⇒
- [bat](#): “better” cat with syntax highlighting, Git Integration, automatic paging, etc
- [fd](#): “better”, faster, saner alternative to find written in Rust
- [ripgrep](#): “better”, faster”, saner alternative to grep written in Rust



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NNbqDTSFDo&t=646s>

Oh, by the Way

- I avoid text editors as much as I can but...
- When I need an editor I use [neovim](#):



- ... and [vim-plug](#)

- Getting all of this to work can take some time
- It's a hobby like any other
- Make sure to keep your files in version control
- Take some time to ~~steal ideas from~~ get inspired by other people's dotfile repositories.





That's all Folks!

Questions?



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