Top 5 Vim Plugins

The ubiquitous text editor Vim is a highly configurable text editor for efficiently creating and changing any kind of text. Vim is usually available by default in most of the operating systems, making it universal. If not available. It can be installed by any package manager. Vim is very powerful and highly extensible. Plugins can be used to make it feel like every other IDE out there.
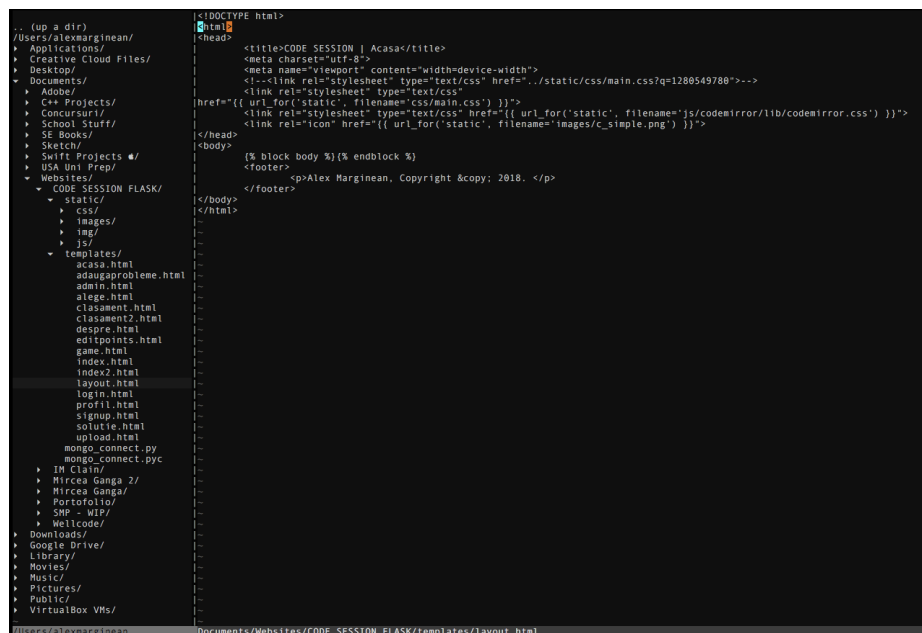
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Keep in mind that my favourtie vim plugins are web development based and you might not like the same plugins as I do.

1. NERDtree

The NERDTree is a file system explorer for the Vim editor. Using this plugin, users can visually browse complex directory hierarchies, quickly open files for reading or editing, and perform basic file system operations.

I chose NERDTree as the best plugin for me because I'm used to work with web projects that have multiple subfolders in sublime text. This plugin is the making vim more familiar and easy to switch between files.

Install NERDTree by visiting (https://github.com/scrooloose/nerdtree) or read the instructions from (https://vimawesome.com/plugin/nerdtree-better-than-revenge) to install it with a plugin manager (like Vundle).

2. Vim Colorschemes

This plugin not just enables syntax highlighting but gives you the possibility to choose a specific color scheme for syntax highlighting. Vim-colorschemes is a must for any type of file because it gives you a better understanding at lines of code or text and it is much easier to find or edit any line of text. The variety of schemes isn't limited only to pre-installed ones because you can always download more from the internet.

I like this plugin because I like customizing my themes when I code.

Example of themes:

- molokai theme: (run it by typing ":colorscheme molokai")

 - Sweet candy theme (run it by typing ":colorscheme SweetCandy")

Install vim-colorschemes from(https://vimawesome.com/plugin/vim-colorschemes-sweeter-than-fiction).

3. Vim Coloresque

A Vim plugin to colorize all text in the form #rgb, #rgba, #rrggbb, #rrgbbaa, rgb(...), rgba(…) etc.

This plugin it's handy for front-end web developers because it gives you the color in real time from the color code.

```css
/* Global & Header */

html {
        height: 100%;
}

body {
        margin: 0;
        padding: 0;
        font-family: 'CircularStd-Book';
        /*font-family: 'Circular Pro';*/
        font-size: 16px;
        color: rgb(109, 126, 143);
        /*margin-top: 80px; pt header fixed*/
}

.container {
        width: 85%;
        margin: 0 auto;
        overflow: hidden;
}

header {
        width: 100%;
        min-height: 65px;
        background-color: #ffffff;
        border-bottom: 1px Solid rgb(209, 216, 227);
        padding-top: 15px;
        /*color: rgb(109, 126, 143);*/
        /*position: fixed;
        top: 0;Pt header fixed*/
}

nav a{
        color: rgb(109, 126, 143);
}

nav a.current,nav a:hover {
        color: #1e7cfc;
        font-weight: bold;
}

header li {
        /*float: left;*/
        display: inline;
        padding: 0 20px 0 20px;
}

header #logo {
        float: left;
        margin: 0;
}
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Install it from (https://vimawesome.com/plugin/vim-coloresque)
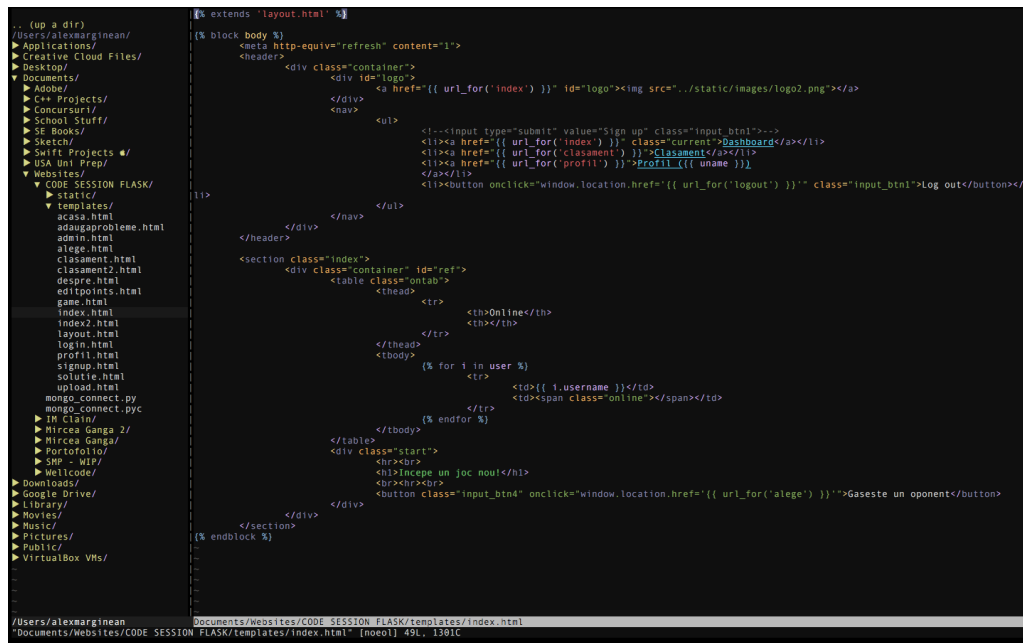
4. Vim Airline

When the plugin is correctly loaded, Vim will draw a nice statusline at the bottom of each window. The statusline is the colored line at the bottom, which contains the sections (possibly in different colors).

This is handy for source control with git because it displays the working branch.

Install vim-airline from (https://vimawesome.com/plugin/vim-airline-superman).

5. Jinja Syntax highlighting

This might not be a plugin for everyone but the reason why I chose this plugin is because I'm a fan of Flask projects. Flask is a python framework that uses Jinja 2 templates. This plugin helps to highlight the syntax of jinja2.

Install vim-jinja2-syntax from (https://vimawesome.com/plugin/vim-jinja2-syntax)

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Every plugin showed in this post was installed with Vundle - vim plugin manager. To Install and run Vundle on your vim follow the instructions at (https://github.com/VundleVim/Vundle.vim)