

# 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.

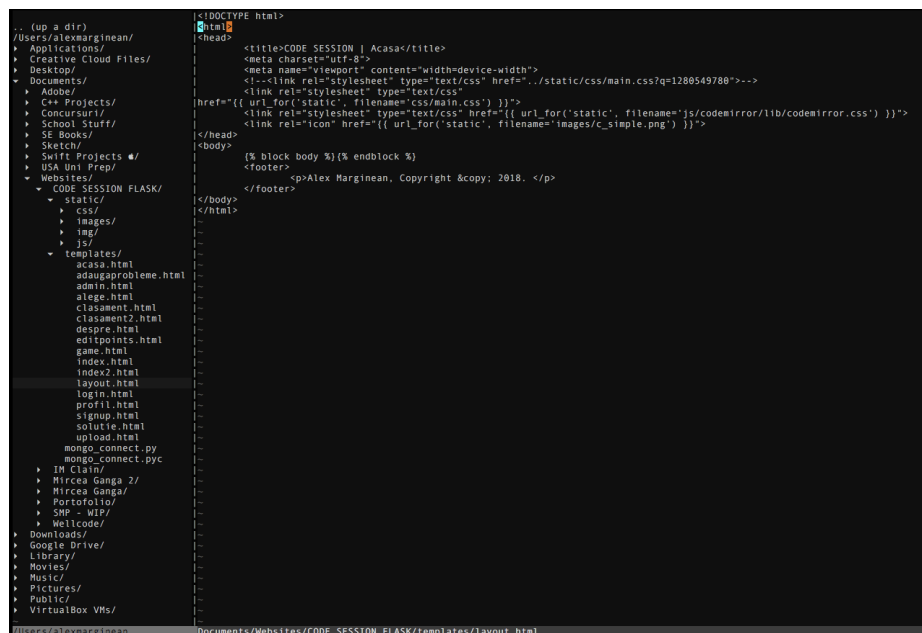
(If you don't have vim installed check <https://www.vim.org/download.php>)

Keep in mind that my favourite 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”)

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

```

Print ? for help
<img alt="" />
</script>
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```

```

<!-- CODE SESSION -->
<div class="container">
  <div class="row">
    <div class="col-md-9">
      <div class="card">
        <div class="card-header">
          <h3>CODE SESSION</h3>
        </div>
        <div class="card-body">
          <p>Welcome to the Code Session!</p>
          <p>This session will cover the basics of web development, including HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.</p>
          <p>We will start by creating a simple web page, then move on to more advanced topics like databases and APIs.</p>
          <p>By the end of the session, you will have a solid understanding of the fundamentals of web development.</p>
          <p>Let's get started!</p>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="col-md-3">
      <div class="card">
        <div class="card-header">
          <h3>ABOUT</h3>
        </div>
        <div class="card-body">
          <p>I am Alex Marginean, a software developer with over 10 years of experience. I specialize in full-stack development, with a focus on web applications.</p>
          <p>I have worked on a variety of projects, from small-scale startups to large enterprise solutions. My goal is to help others learn and grow in their careers as developers.</p>
          <p>Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.</p>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>

```

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</div>
</body>
</html>
```

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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, #rrggbbaa, 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.

```
/* 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;
}
```

Install it from (<https://vimawesome.com/plugin/vim-coloresque>)

### 4. Vim Airline

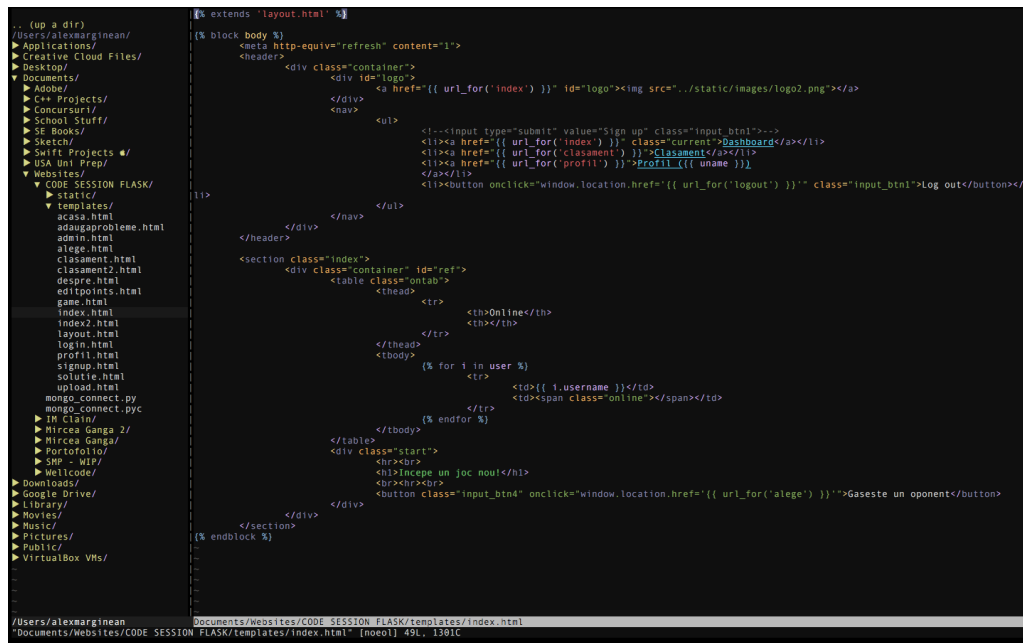
When the plugin is correctly loaded, Vim will draw a nice statusline at the bottom of each window. The statusline is the colored line at the bottom, which contains the sections (possibly in different colors).

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.



The screenshot shows a Vim editor window with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer lists various files and folders, including 'CODE SESSION FLASK/' and 'templates/'. The code editor displays a Jinja2 template with syntax highlighting. The template includes a header section with a logo and navigation links, and a main content area with a table and a button. The syntax highlighting is applied to the Jinja2 tags and variables, making them stand out from the HTML code.

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>)