The ParaText Plugin Manager (PPM) plugin is a tool that manages the installation and updates of ParaText plugins. It maintains a library of plugins and performs all of the necessary steps to install and manage other plugins. Unfortunately, the one plugin it cannot manage is itself.

Some key features of TVP are:

1. It performs all of the steps required to install new ParaText plugins as they become available.
2. When a new release of a plugin is available, it lists as available and will install it when requested. PPM does not automatically update existing plugins, so as not to disrupt a user’s work.
3. If a particular plugin is no longer desired, PPM can be used to easily remove the plugin.

PPM is invoked from the main ParaText menu as shown below:

Graphical user interface, text, application, email

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Once invoked, the main PPM window will appear over top of the ParaText window as shown below. It can be moved as desired if the user wants to view the ParaText window.

All plugins that are available to the user are displayed in this window. The user selects one plugin at a time. Once the user clicks “Run Checks”, a progress window will appear while the validations are being run, and finally a results window will appear:

Graphical user interface, application

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Items to note in this window:

1. The “Available” tab lists any new plugins that the user does not already have.
2. The “Updates” tab lists any existing plugins that have a new version available.
3. The “Installed” lists all plugins that are currently installed.
4. This is the list window.
5. This button is either “Install”, “Update”, or “Uninstall” depending on the selected tab.

Once the process is complete, the user will be prompted to restart ParaText in order for the plugins to appear in the appropriate ParaText menu(s).

Requirements to use TVP:

* A PC with ParaText 9.1 or higher installed
* An internet connection

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