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Installing and configuring the Oh My ZSH shell

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Installation

I love using Oh My ZSH in my terminal to use with GIT. This works faster than GIT UI programs like Tower. First of all you need to install ZSH and afterwards install Oh My ZSH. The minimum zsh version required for Oh My ZSH is 4.3.9

Install ZSH first:

Git is required. If you don't have git installed you can download it from this location http://git-scm.com/downloads

```
1  git clone git://zsh.git.sf.net/gitroot/zsh/zsh
```

Installing Oh My ZSH via CURL

```
1  curl -L https://github.com/robbyrussell/oh-my-zsh/raw/master/tools/install.sh | sh
```

Or install Oh My ZSH via WGET

```
1  wget --no-check-certificate https://github.com/robbyrussell/oh-my-zsh/raw/master/tools/install.sh -O - | sh
```

If you don't already have a **~/.zshrc file**. You can create a file with that filename

Afterwards you can set ohmyzsh as your default shell:

```
1  chsh -s /bin/zsh
```

All you need to do then is **restart your terminal** and it should be using ohmyzsh than. You can tweak your ohmyzsh in the .zshrc file. This is what my .zshrc file looks like:

```
1   # Path to your oh-my-zsh configuration.
2   ZSH=$HOME/.oh-my-zsh
3
4   # Set name of the theme to load.
5   # Look in ~/.oh-my-zsh/themes/
6   # Optionally, if you set this to "random", it'll load a random theme each
7   # time that oh-my-zsh is loaded.
8   ZSH_THEME="afowler"
9
10  # Example aliases
11  # alias zshconfig="mate ~/.zshrc"
12  # alias ohmyzsh="mate ~/.oh-my-zsh"
13
14  # Set to this to use case-sensitive completion
15  # CASE_SENSITIVE="true"
16
17  # Comment this out to disable weekly auto-update checks
18  # DISABLE_AUTO_UPDATE="true"
19
20  # Uncomment following line if you want to disable colors in ls
21  # DISABLE_LS_COLORS="true"
22
23  # Uncomment following line if you want to disable autosetting terminal title.
24  # DISABLE_AUTO_TITLE="true"
25
```

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```
26  # Uncomment following line if you want red dots to be displayed while waiting f
    or completion
27  COMPLETION_WAITING_DOTS="true"
28
29  # Which plugins would you like to load? (plugins can be found in ~/.oh-my-zsh/p
    lugins/*)
30  # Custom plugins may be added to ~/.oh-my-zsh/custom/plugins/
31  # Example format: plugins=(rails git textmate ruby lighthouse)
32  plugins=(git)
33
34  source $ZSH/oh-my-zsh.sh
35
36  # Customize to your needs...
37  export PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/X11/bin:/usr/loca
    l/git/bin:/opt/local/bin
38  ZSH_THEME_GIT_PROMPT_PREFIX=" on %{$fg[magenta]%}"
39  ZSH_THEME_GIT_PROMPT_SUFFIX="%{$reset_color%}"
40  ZSH_THEME_GIT_PROMPT_DIRTY="%{$fg[green]%}!"
41  ZSH_THEME_GIT_PROMPT_UNTRACKED="%{$fg[green]%}?"
42  ZSH_THEME_GIT_PROMPT_CLEAN=""
43
44
45  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
46  # Git aliases
47  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
48
49  alias ga='git add -A'
50  alias gp='git push'
51  alias gl='git log'
52  alias gs='git status'
53  alias gd='git diff'
54  alias gm='git commit -m'
55  alias gma='git commit -am'
56  alias gb='git branch'
57  alias gc='git checkout'
58  alias gra='git remote add'
59  alias grr='git remote rm'
60  alias gpu='git pull'
61  alias gcl='git clone'
62  alias gta='git tag -a -m'
63  alias gf='git reflog'
64
65  # leverage an alias from the ~/.gitconfig
66  alias gh='git hist'
67  alias glg1='git lg1'
68  alias glg2='git lg2'
69  alias glg='git lg'
70
71  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
72  # Capistrano aliases
73  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
74
75  alias capd='cap deploy'
76
77
78  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
79  # Symfony aliases
80  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
81
82  alias symcl='php app/console cache:clear --no-debug'
83  alias symcla='php app/console assetic:dump --no-debug'
84  alias symaiaw = 'php app/console assets:install --symlink && php app/console as
    setic:watch'
85
86  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
87  # OTHER aliases
88  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
89
90  alias cl='clear'
91
92
93  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
94  # FUNCTIONS
95  # ------------------------------------------------------------------
96
97  # return my IP address
98  function myip() {
99      ifconfig lo0 | grep 'inet ' | sed -e 's/:/ /' | awk '{print "lo0        : "
    $2}'
100     ifconfig en0 | grep 'inet ' | sed -e 's/:/ /' | awk '{print "en0 (IPv4): "
    $2 " " $3 " " $4 " " $5 " " $6}'
101     ifconfig en0 | grep 'inet6 ' | sed -e 's/ / /' | awk '{print "en0 (IPv6):
    " $2 " " $3 " " $4 " " $5 " " $6}'
102     ifconfig en1 | grep 'inet ' | sed -e 's/:/ /' | awk '{print "en1 (IPv4): "
    $2 " " $3 " " $4 " " $5 " " $6}'
103     ifconfig en1 | grep 'inet6 ' | sed -e 's/ / /' | awk '{print "en1 (IPv6):
    " $2 " " $3 " " $4 " " $5 " " $6}'
104  }
105
106  # Change directory to the current Finder directory
107  cdf() {
108     target=`osascript -e 'tell application "Finder" to if (count of Finder wind
    ows) > 0 then get POSIX path of (target of front Finder window as text)'`
109     if [ "$target" != "" ]; then
110         cd "$target"; pwd
111     else
```

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```
112        echo 'No Finder window found' >&2
113    fi
114 }
```

Here you can find a list of plugins to enable in your oh-my-zsh: https://github.com/robbyrussell/oh-my-zsh/wiki/Plugins

I just used the git plugin here. Your terminal should now look something like this

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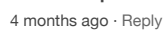
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```
1 chsh -s `which zsh`
```

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