Setting Up Sublime Text

Downloading Sublime Text

Sublime Text is a great code editor for Mac and Windows. It has a free unlimited trial, which occasionally asks you to buy it. If you like it, you can buy it for $70.

Visit **sublimetext.com** and download the trial (or buy a copy) of **Sublime Text 3**.

We recommend installing some free packages (add-ons) that add great functionality. To make installing packages easier, you should first install **Package Control**.

Installing Package Control

1. Launch **Sublime Text**.

2. Go into the **Tools** menu and choose **Install Package Control**.

3. After a moment you should see a message telling you that Package Control was successfully installed. Click **OK**.

Installing the Emmet Package

Emmet offers shortcuts to make coding faster and easier. Here's how to install it:

1. After Package Control is installed, launch it as follows:

   • Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Package Control**.

   • Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Package Control**.

2. Choose **Install Package**.

3. In the list that appears, start typing **emme** and **Emmet** should appear. Choose it.

4. A message will appear briefly in the bottom status bar to tell you it has been successfully installed.

Installing the View in Browser Package

The **View in Browser** package will allow you to hit a keystroke to quickly preview a webpage in a browser. Here's how to install it:

1. Open Package Control as follows:

   • Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Package Control**.

   • Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Package Control**.

2. Choose **Install Package**.

3. In the list that appears, start typing **View in Browser** and choose it when it appears.

4. A message will appear briefly in the bottom status bar to tell you it has been successfully installed.

Setting Up F12 as a Shortcut for View in Browser

The **View in Browser** package defines various keyboard shortcuts for previewing in different browsers (Chrome, Safari, etc.). We prefer to use **F12** as the keystroke, so we'll need to add some code to Sublime Text's preferences.

1. Go to **nobledesktop.com/sublime-keybinding**

2. Copy the following code:

```
[
    {"keys":["f12"], "command":"view_in_browser", "args":{"browser":"chrome"}}
]
```

3. In Sublime Text, open the key binding preferences as follows:

   • Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Key Bindings**.

   • Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Key Bindings**.

4. A 2-column window will open. The **Default** key bindings are on the left, and **User** (your) key bindings are on the right. In the User key bindings on the right, select and delete any code that's there.

5. In the User key bindings on the right, paste the code you just copied.

   NOTE: We recommend previewing using Chrome because we like Chrome's Developer Tools, but if you want a different browser you can change **chrome** to **safari**, **firefox**, or **iexplore**.

6. Save and close the file.

Installing the AutoFileName Package

By default Sublime Text does not suggest path and filenames. Manually typing these is tedious and it's easy to make typos. The **AutoFileName** package adds much needed code hints as you're typing.

1. Open Package Control as follows:

   • Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Package Control**.

   • Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Package Control**.

2. Choose **Install Package**.

3. In the list that appears, start typing **AutoFileName** and choose it when it appears.

4. A message will appear briefly in the bottom status bar to tell you it has been successfully installed.

Restart Sublime Text

Some of the packages may require a restart. Quit and relaunch Sublime Text and you'll be all set!