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# Setting up Atom for Rails development

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On a recent development project we chose [Atom](#) as editor (instead of our regular [Sublime](#)). Here's how to install it and some tips on what packages to install.

```
brew install caskroom/cask/brew-cask  
brew cask install atom
```

Next use the Atom Package Manager (apm) to install some packages.

```
apm install linter # Base linter  
apm install linter-ruby  
apm install linter-scss-lint  
apm install linter-coffeelint  
apm install linter-rubocop  
apm install linter-haml  
# nicer code  
apm install atom-beautify  
apm install atom-css-comb  
# testing  
apm install ruby-test  
apm install cucumber  
apm install cucumber-step # open the step definition  
# language highlighting  
apm install language-rspec  
apm install language-haml  
apm install language-docker  
# other  
apm install minimap # Shows you a tiny preview of the file on the right  
apm install Sublime-Style-Column-Selection # Allows you to select columns  
apm install toggle-quotes  
apm install trailing-spaces  
# for extra credit  
apm install color-picker  
apm install git-blame
```

Install dependencies for some of the packages.

```
gem install scss-lint
gem install rubocop
gem install coffee-script
npm install -g coffeelint
rbenv rehash # if you use rbenv
```

Edit your Atom config (~/.atom/config.cson).

Needed to make ruby-test and various linters find the correct executables. Check what paths you need.

```
"ruby-test":
  specFramework: "rspec"
  rspecAllCommand: "bundle exec rspec --tty spec"
  rspecFileCommand: "bundle exec rspec --tty {relative_path}"
  rspecSingleCommand: "bundle exec rspec --tty {relative_path}:{line_number}"
  cucumberAllCommand: "bundle exec cucumber --color features"
  cucumberFileCommand: "bundle exec cucumber --color {relative_path}"
  cucumberSingleCommand: "bundle exec cucumber --color {relative_path}:{line_number}"
"linter-rubocop":
  command: "/Users/[yourname]/.rbenv/shims/rubocop"
```

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