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The Ultimate Atom Editor Setup (+for JS/React)

After years of perfecting my Sublime Text setup, I've decided to give Atom a chance. It took a couple of months, and I'm very proud of the setup I got. I feel super productive.

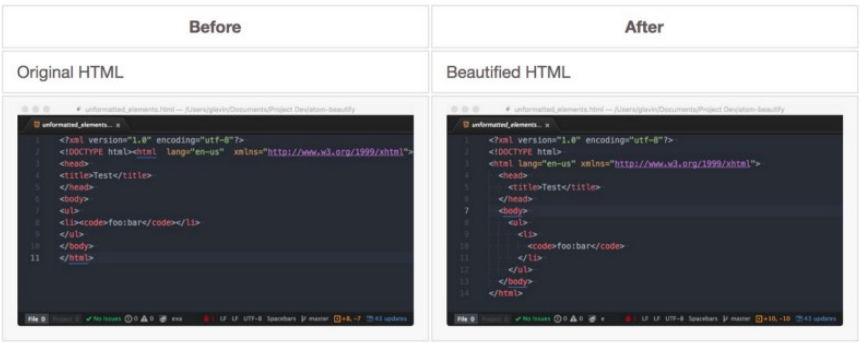
I divided this list into Utilities and JS/React specific packages. Default keybindings are also mentioned.

> *TL;DR—A script to install all packages is at the bottom of this article.*

Utilities

atom-beautify

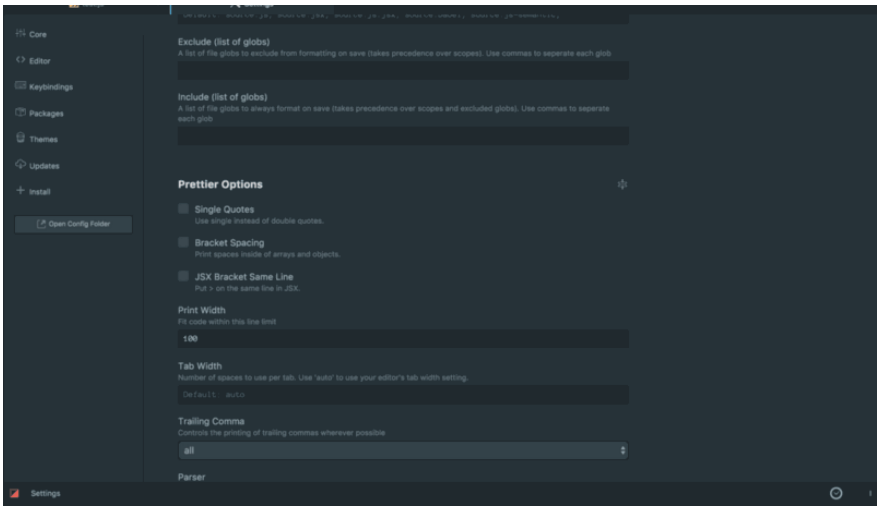
Beautify HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, Python, Ruby, Java, C, C++, C#, Objective-C, CoffeeScript, TypeScript, Coldfusion, SQL, and more in Atom. ^+ ⌥+*B*



atom-beautify

prettier-atom

Format your JavaScript using Prettier. Comes with powerful optional ESlint integration. *(Recommended by Dan Abramov—Thanks!)*.
^+ ⌥+*F*



prettier-atom

atom-transpose

Atom's alt+t (transpose) is more like a string flip. Sublime's would switch two selected strings one with another, which is a much more useful behavior. ⌥+*T*

case-keep-replace

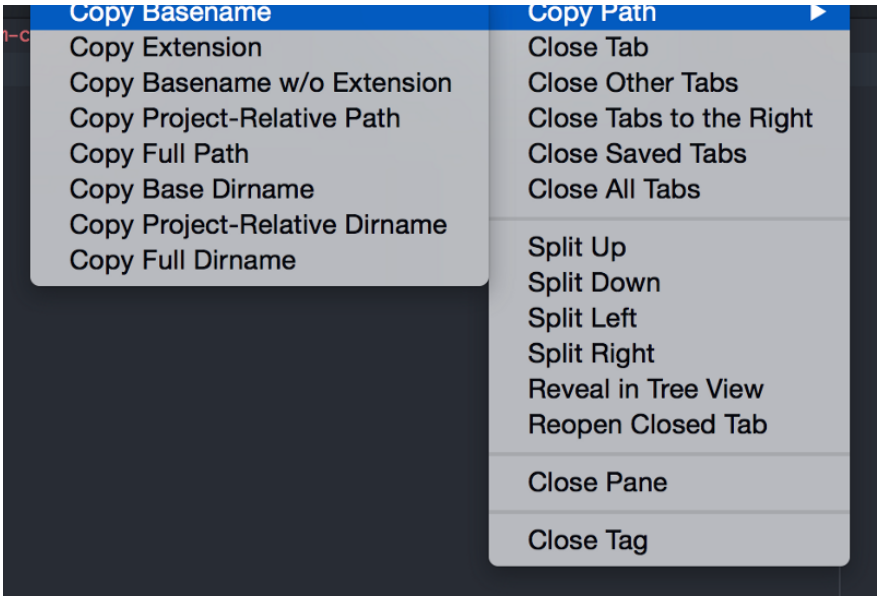
With this package you can replace given string with another, but preserve its original case. ⌘+ ^+*R*

change-case

A quick way to change the case of the current selection. From `camelCase` to `snake_case` etc. ⌘+*K* ⌘+*C*/*S*

copy-path

Copy a file path flexibly.



copy-path

duplicate-line-or-selection

Duplicates the selection if there is one, otherwise, duplicates the line. Same behavior of Sublime Text. Atom duplicates whole line. ⌘+ ⇧ +D

editorconfig

Helps developers maintain consistent coding styles between different editors

editorconfig

file-icons

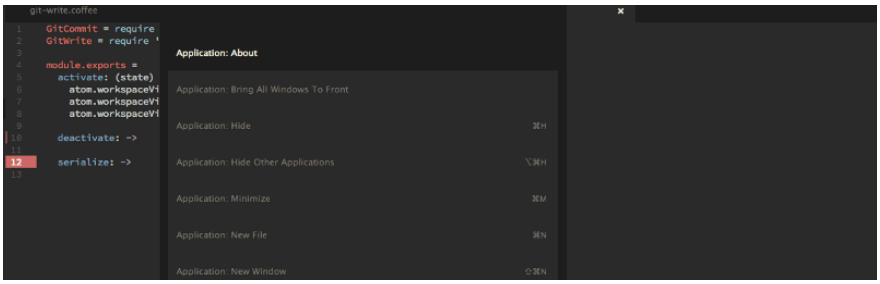
File-specific icons in Atom for improved visual grepping.

file-icons

git-plus

vim-fugitive like package for atom. make commits and other git things without the terminal

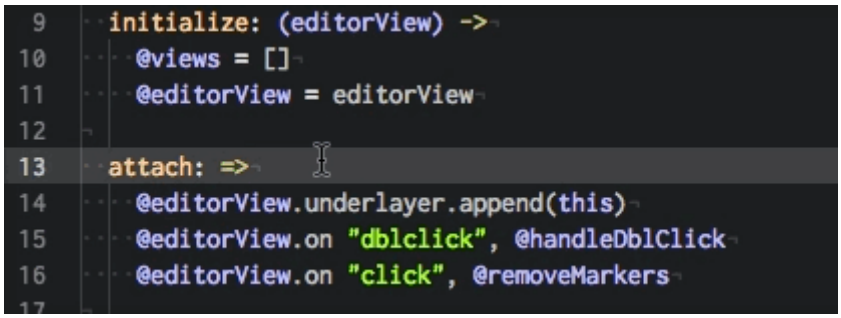
update: Atom 1.18.0 added git integration which is pretty nice. so I don't use this one anymore.



git-plus

highlight-selected

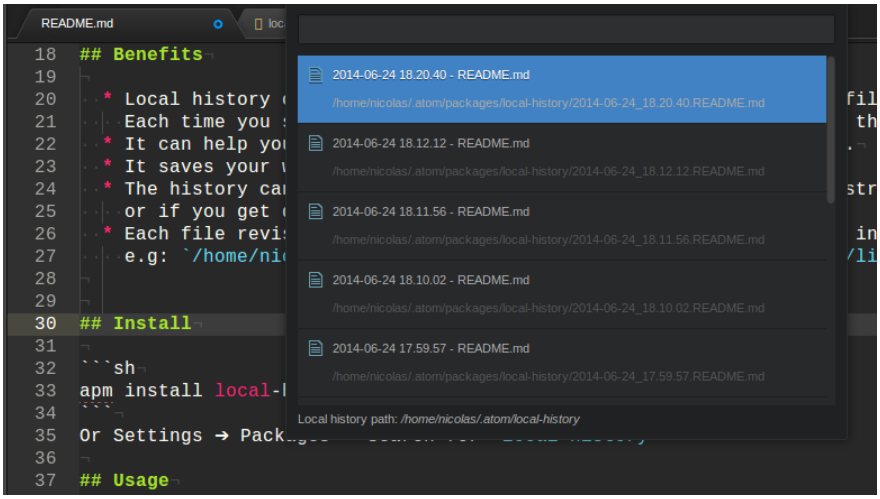
Double click on a word to highlight it throughout the open file.



highlight-selected

local-history

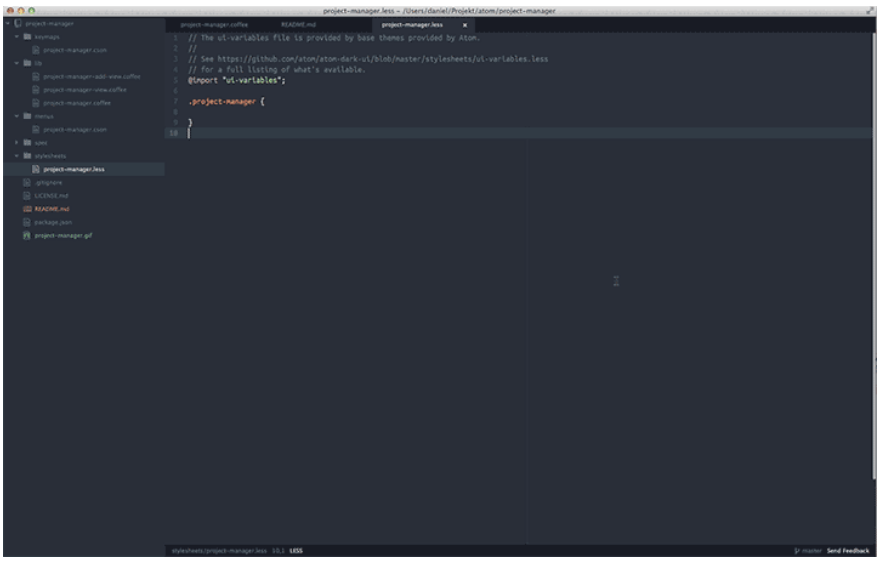
Package for maintaining local history of files (history of your changes to the code files).



local-history

project-manager

Get easy access to all your projects and manage them with project specific settings and options. ⌘+ ^+*P*



project-manager

related

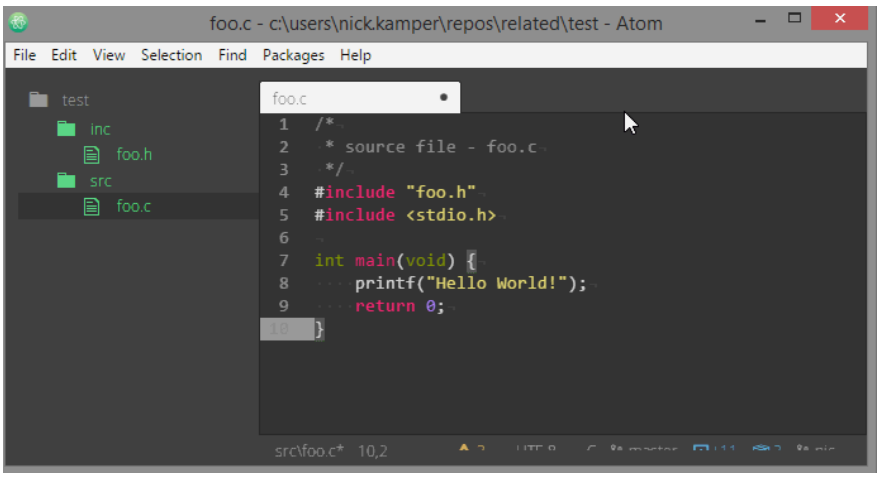
Related provides a quick way to access files that are “related” to the file currently opened. For example, switching between `.js` and `.spec.js` files. ⌘+ ⇧+*R*

My JS Related config (Menu > Packages > Related > Edit related

patterns):

```
'([^\\/]+)(?!\\.spec).js(x?)$': [
  'tests/$1.spec.js$2#create',
]
```

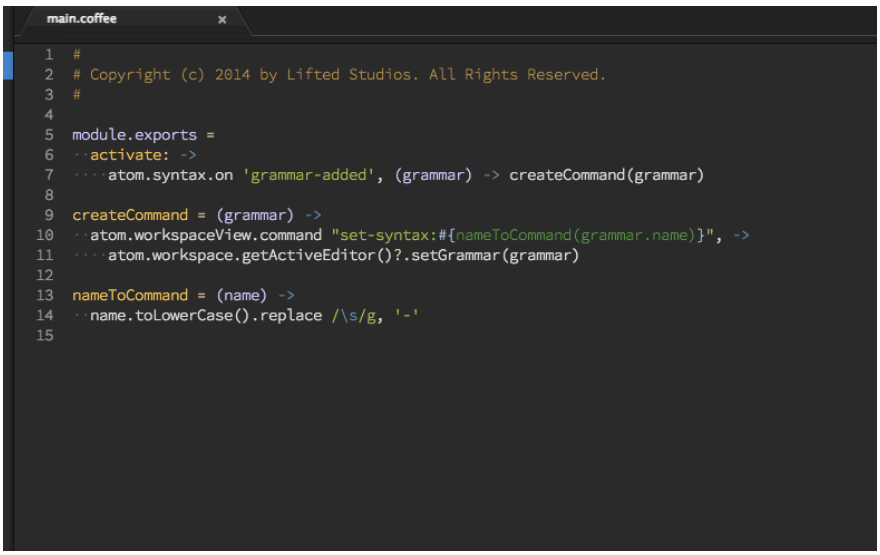
```
'tests/(.+).spec.js(x?)$': [
  '$1.js$2',
]
```



related

set-syntax

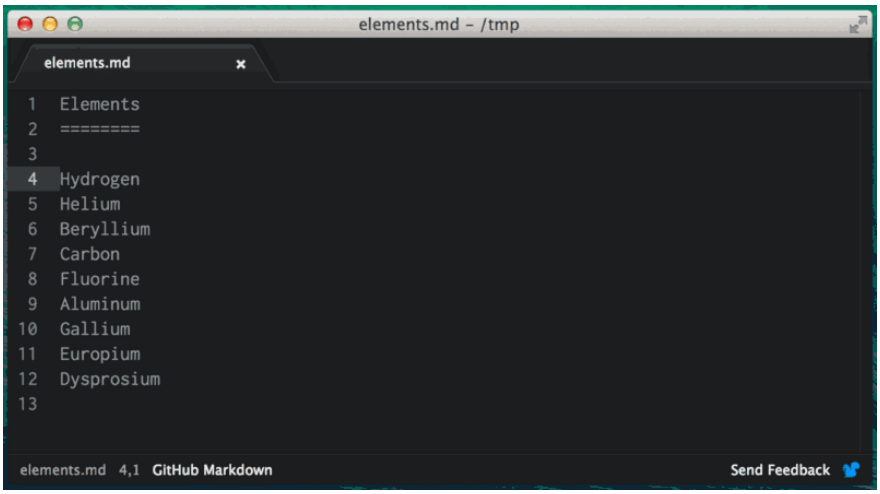
Creates easy Command Palette entries for setting the syntax of the current file. Similar to Sublime's. ⌘+⇧+P



set-syntax

sort-lines

Sorts/removes duplicated lines.



sort-lines

sublime-style-column-selection

alt+click across lines to select a block of text with carets on each line.
⌥+*Drag*

sublime-style-column-selection

tab-foldername-index

Plugin replaces tab's title if opened index.* file for more readability.

tab-foldername-index

sync-settings

Synchronize settings, keymaps, user styles, init script, snippets and

installed packages across Atom instances. I back up all my settings to Gist and sync between work/personal computers.

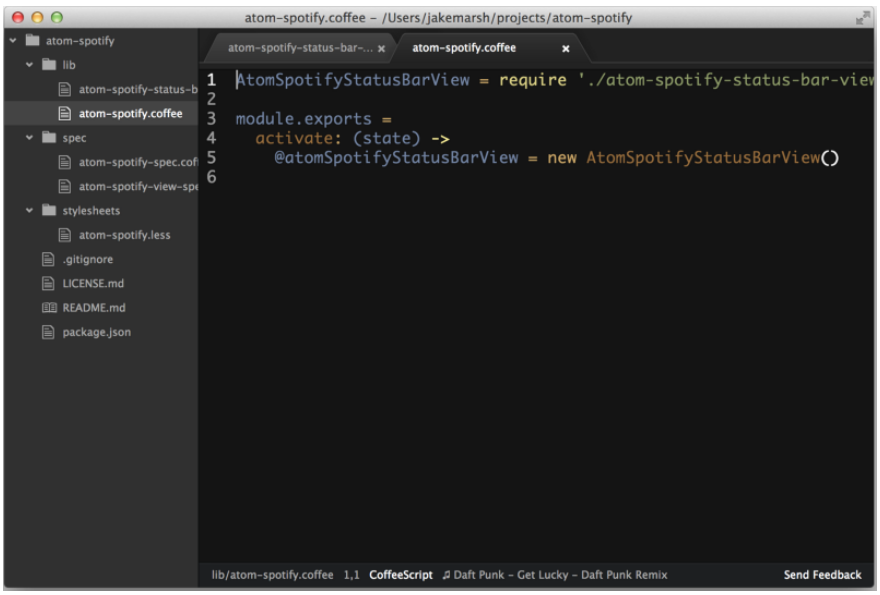
toggle-quotes

Toggle a single-quoted string to a double-quoted string (and ticks ` in JS!) ⌘+ ⇧+’

toggle-quotes

atom-spotify2

Displays the currently playing song in Spotify in Atom’s status bar. Not essential, but fun.

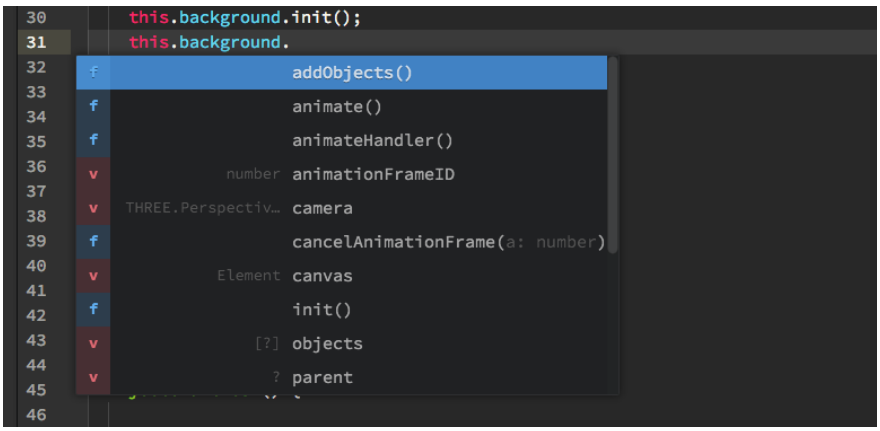


atom-spotify2

HTML/CSS/JS/React Specific Packages

atom-ternjs

JavaScript code intelligence for atom with Tern. Adds support for ES5, ES6, ES7, Node.js, jQuery, Angular and more. Extendable via plugins. Uses suggestion provider by autocomplete-plus.



atom-ternjs

atom-wrap-in-tag

Wraps tag around selection ⌥+⇧+W

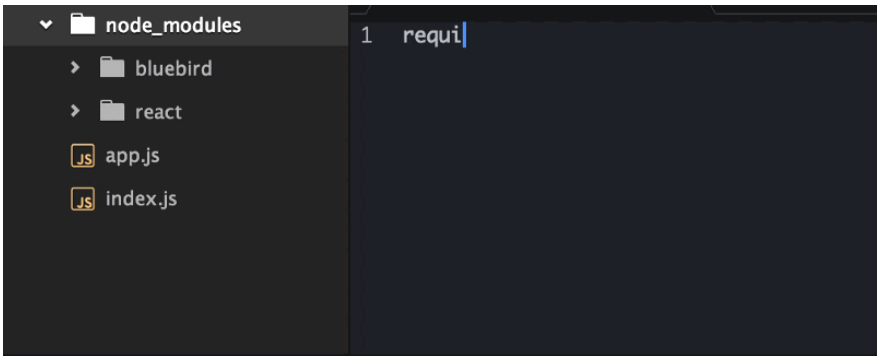
atom-wrap-in-tag

autoclose-html

Will automatically add closing tags when you complete the opening tag.

autocomplete-modules

Autocomplete for require/import statements.



autocomplete-modules

color-picker

Fancy Color PIcker! ⌘+ ⇧ +D

color-picker

docblockr

Write documentation faster and easier /** <tab>

docblockr

emmet

A plugin which greatly improves HTML & CSS workflow. Learn more

emmet-jsx-css-modules

Coolness of emmet, for css-modules. `.foo` will now expand to `<div className={style.foo}></div>` instead of `<div className="foo"></div>`.

es6-javascript

A collection of commands and ES6 focused snippets for optimizing modern Javascript development productivity. It aims to be compliant with AirBnB's mostly reasonable approach to Javascript.

ex→| module export

```
export ${1:member};
```

im→| module import

```
import ${1:*} from '${2:module}';
```

ima→| module import as

```
import ${1:*} as ${2:name} from '${3:module}';
```

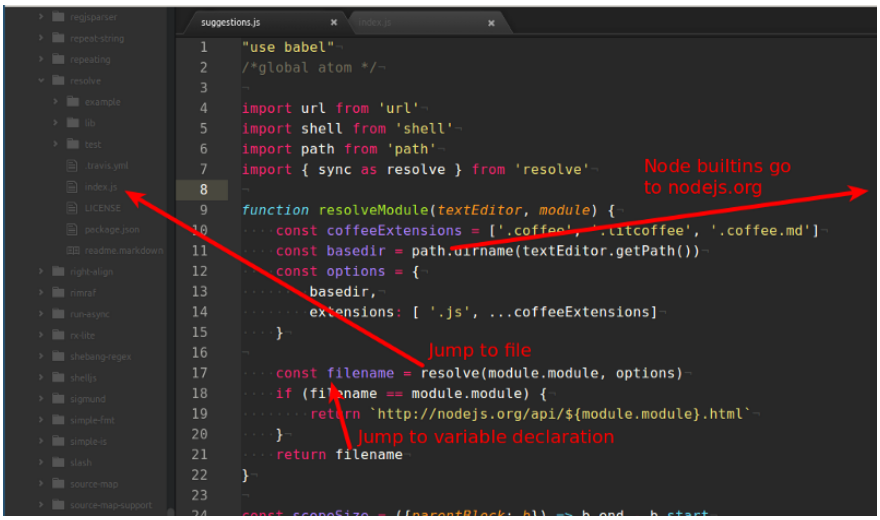
imn→| named module import

```
import \{ ${1:name} \} from '${2:module}';
```

es6-javascript

js-hyperclick & hyperclick

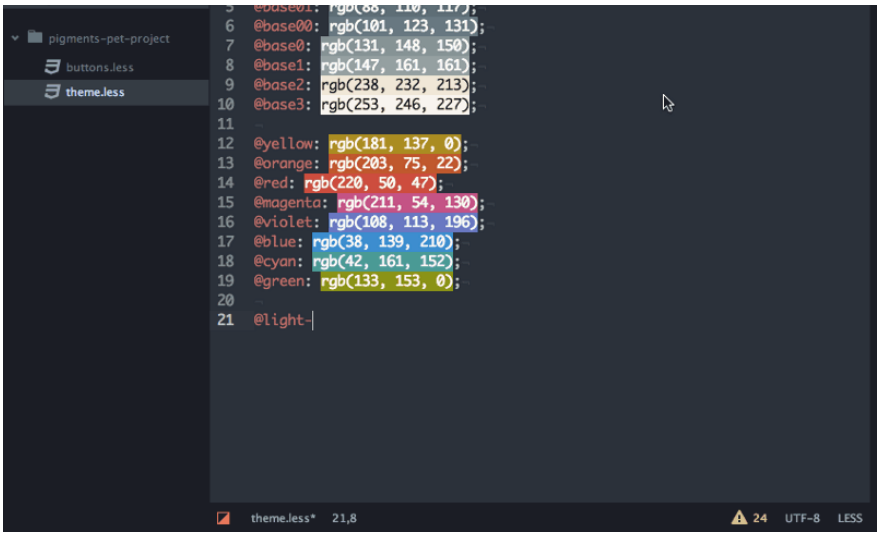
Go to definition of JS variables/imports. js-hyperclick requires hyperclick.



js-hyperclick

pigments

A package to display colors in project and files.



pigments

linter-eslint

This linter plugin for Linter provides an interface to eslint. It will be used with files that have the “JavaScript” syntax.

tree-view-copy-relative-path

Allows you to copy relative path to file from tree view.

tree-view-copy-relative-path

lodash-snippets

Some snippets to quickly use Lo-Dash Library in Atom.

language-babel

JavaScript ES201x, React JSX, Flow and GraphQL Grammar. Babel Transpiler

react-es7-snippets

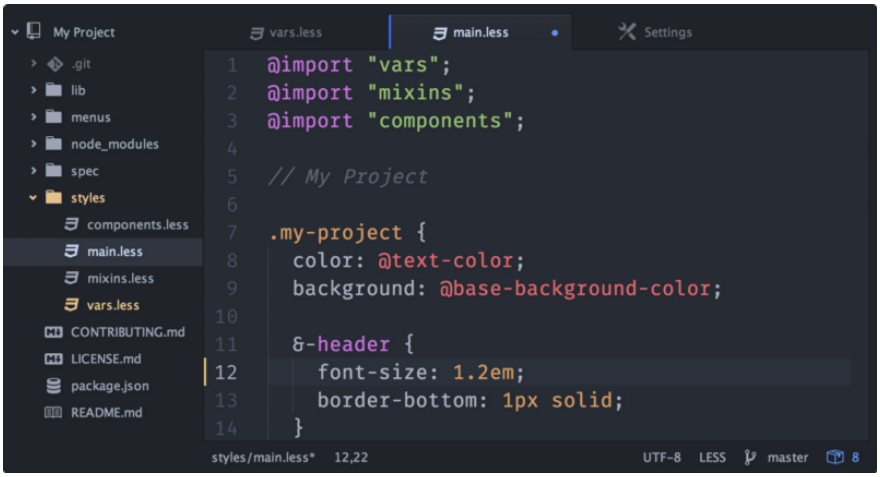
React ES7 snippets for atom

atom-jest-snippets

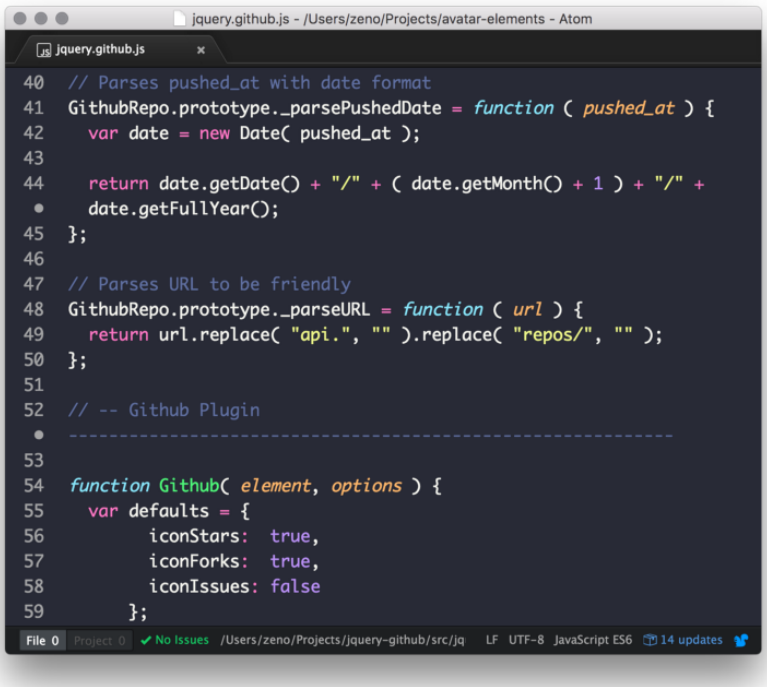
Snippets for Jest testing framework

My Theme

UI Theme: one-dark-ui



Syntax Theme: dracula-theme



Install EVERYTHING!

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transpose case-keep-replace change-case copy-path duplicate-
line-or-selection editorconfig file-icons git-plus
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