Sketch Plugin - NounProject #2

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Intro

Sketch Plugin to use open source database of <u>Thenounproject</u>

Features:

- See all icons from thenounproject
- Search specific tags
- Drag-n-Drop svg icons to Sketch artboards

Achievements and progress

- Setup Sketch Development.
- Setup my first Sketch Plugin.
- Implement Sketch plugin with Cocoascript and Javascript.
- Setup Sketch Development Environment.
 - Enable reload scripts before running.

defaults write ~/Library/Preferences/com.bohemiancoding.sketch3.plist AlwaysReloadScript -bool YES

Next Steps

- Setup Debugging Tools
 - Usual debugging JS practises are still available but require some setup.
 - Inspect Variable Values: > log(variable_name)
 - Setup Console app to view the plugin logs:
 - In the app, set filters -> Process Sketch, Library Sketch
 - As the plugins run in JS context, Safari can be setup to inspect and debug the JS contexts.
 - Enable Automatically Show Web Inspector for JS Contexts
 - Enable Automatically Pause Connecting to JS Contexts

Next Steps

Better plugin code structure

```
.gitignore
README.md
                         // source
- src
  - manifest.json
                        // plugin manifest
  - my-command.js
                        // source code of the command
node modules
  – skpm
                         // the sketch plugin developer toolchain
my-plugin.sketchplugin
                         // compilation output, the actual plugin
   Contents
     - Resources
     Sketch
       manifest.json
       · my-command.js
package.json
```

Problems

- it's unclear how to translate Cocoa to pure JavaScript.\
- Pretty bad documentation for CocoaScript
- https://github.com/skpm/skpm/issues/88
 https://github.com/skpm/skpm/issues/22
- Converted code from Cocoa to JS syntax sometimes crash

Requires extensive knowledge of CocoaScript and JS.

Thanks!

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