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    1. Intro
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     Syntastic is a syntax checking plugin that runs files through external syntax
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     checkers. This can be done on demand, or automatically as files are saved and
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     opened. If syntax errors are detected, the user is notified and is happy
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     because they didn't have to compile their code or execute their script to find
     them.
     Syntastic comes in two parts: the syntax checker plugins, and the core. The
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     syntax checker plugins are defined on a per-filetype basis where each one wraps
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     up an external syntax checking program. The core script delegates off to these
     plugins and uses their output to provide the syntastic functionality.
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     Take a look at the wiki for a list of supported filetypes and checkers:
        https://github.com/scrooloose/syntastic/wiki/Syntax-Checkers
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     Note: This doc only deals with using syntastic. To learn how to write syntax
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     checker integrations, see the guide on the GitHub wiki:
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        https://github.com/scrooloose/syntastic/wiki/Syntax-Checker-Guide
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     1.1. Quick start
                                                       *syntastic-quickstart*
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     Syntastic comes preconfigured with a default list of enabled checkers per
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     |filetype|. This list is kept reasonably short to prevent slowing down Vim or
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    trying to use conflicting checkers.
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     You can see the list of checkers available for the current filetype with the
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     |:SyntasticInfo| command.
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     You probably want to override the configured list of checkers for the
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     filetypes you use, and also change the arguments passed to specific checkers
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     to suit your needs. See |syntastic-checker-options| below for details.
     Use |:SyntasticCheck| to manually check right now. Use |:Errors| to open the
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     |location-list| window, and |:lclose| to close it. You can clear the error
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     list with |:SyntasticReset|, and you can use |:SyntasticToggleMode| to switch
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     between active (checking on writing the buffer) and passive (manual) checking.
     You don't have to switch focus to the |location-list| window to jump to the
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     different errors. Vim provides several built-in commands for this, for
     example |:lnext| and |:lprevious|. You may want to add shortcut mappings for
     these commands, or perhaps install a plugin such as Tim Pope's 'unimpaired'
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     (see https://github.com/tpope/vim-unimpaired) that provides such mappings.
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    1.2. Recommended settings
                                                     *syntastic-recommended*
     Syntastic has numerous options that can be configured, and the defaults are
     not particularly well suitable for new users. It is recommended that you start
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     by adding the following lines to your vimrc, and return to them later as
    needed: >
        set statusline+=%#warningmsg#
        set statusline+=%{SyntasticStatuslineFlag()}
        set statusline+=%*
        let g:syntastic_always_populate_loc_list = 1
        let g:syntastic_auto_loc_list = 1
        let g:syntastic_check_on_open = 1
        let g:syntastic_check_on_wq = 0
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Functionality provided

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Syntax checking can be done automatically or on demand (see
     |'syntastic_mode_map'| and |:SyntasticToggleMode| for configuring this).
     When syntax checking is done, the features below can be used to notify the
     user of errors. See |syntastic-global-options| for how to configure and
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     activate/deactivate these features.
         * A statusline flag
         * Signs beside lines with errors
         * The |location-list| can be populated with the errors for the associated
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         * Erroneous parts of lines can be highlighted (this functionality is only
          provided by some syntax checkers)
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         \ensuremath{^*} Balloons (if the |\ensuremath{^+}\text{balloon\_eval}| feature is compiled in) can be used to
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          display error messages for erroneous lines when hovering the mouse over
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         * Error messages from multiple checkers can be aggregated in a single list
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     2.1. The statusline flag
                                                      *syntastic-statusline-flag*
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     To use the statusline flag, this must appear in your |'statusline'| setting >
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       %{SyntasticStatuslineFlag()}
     Something like this could be more useful: >
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        set statusline+=%#warningmsg#
         set statusline+=%{SyntasticStatuslineFlag()}
        set statusline+=%*
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     When syntax errors are detected a flag will be shown. The content of the flag
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     is derived from the |syntastic_stl_format| option.
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     2.2. Error signs
                                                          *syntastic-error-signs*
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     Syntastic uses the |:sign| commands (provided that the |+signs| feature is
     compiled in) to mark lines with errors and warnings in the sign column. To
     enable this feature, use the |'syntastic_enable_signs'| option.
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     Signs are colored using the Error and Todo syntax highlight groups by default
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     (see |group-name|). If you wish to customize the colors for the signs, you
     can use the following groups:
         SyntasticErrorSign - For syntax errors, links to 'error' by default
         SyntasticWarningSign - For syntax warnings, links to 'todo' by default
         SyntasticStyleErrorSign - For style errors, links to 'SyntasticErrorSign'
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                                  by default
         SyntasticStyleWarningSign - For style warnings, links to
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                                    'SyntasticWarningSign' by default
     Example: >
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         highlight SyntasticErrorSign guifg=white guibg=red
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     To set up highlighting for the line where a sign resides, you can use the
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     following highlight groups:
         SyntasticErrorLine
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         SyntasticWarningLine
         SyntasticStyleErrorLine - Links to 'SyntasticErrorLine' by default
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         SyntasticStyleWarningLine - Links to 'SyntasticWarningLine' by default
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     Example: >
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         highlight SyntasticErrorLine guibg=#2f0000
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     2.3. The error window
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     You can use the |:Errors| command to display the errors for the current buffer
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     in the |location-list|.
     By default syntastic doesn't fill the |location-list| with the errors found by
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     the checkers, in order to reduce clashes with other plugins. Consequently, if
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     you run |:lopen| or |:lwindow| rather than |:Errors| to open the error window
     you wouldn't see syntastic's list of errors. If you insist on using |:lopen|
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     or |:lwindow| you should either run |:SyntasticSetLoclist| after running the
     checks, or set |syntastic_always_populate_loc_list| which tells syntastic to
     update the |location-list| automatically.
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     2.4. Error highlighting
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                                                        *syntastic-highlighting*
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     Some checkers provide enough information for syntastic to be able to highlight
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     errors. By default the SpellBad syntax highlight group is used to color errors,
     and the SpellCap group is used for warnings. If you wish to customize the
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     colors for highlighting you can use the following groups:
         SyntasticError - Links to 'SpellBad' by default
         {\bf SyntasticWarning\ -\ Links\ to\ 'SpellCap'\ by\ default}
         SyntasticStyleError - Links to SyntasticError by default
         SyntasticStyleWarning - Links to SyntasticWarning by default
     Example: >
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       highlight SyntasticError guibg=#2f0000
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     2.5. Aggregating errors
                                                   *syntastic-aggregating-errors*
     By default, namely if |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| is unset, syntastic runs
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     in turn the checkers corresponding to the filetype of the current file (see
     |syntastic-filetype-checkers|), and stops as soon as a checker reports any
     errors. It then notifies you of the errors using the notification mechanisms
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     above. In this mode error lists are always produced by a single checker, and,
     if you open the error window, the name of the checker that generated the errors
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     is shown on the statusline of the error window.
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     If |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| is set, syntastic runs all checkers that
     apply (still cf. |syntastic-filetype-checkers|), then aggregates errors found
     by all checkers in a single list, and notifies you. In this mode each error
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     message is labeled with the name of the checker that generated it, but you can
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     disable generation of these labels by turning off '|syntastic_id_checkers|'.
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     If |'syntastic_sort_aggregated_errors'| is set (which is the default), messages
     in the aggregated list are grouped by file, then sorted by line number, then
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     type, then column number. Otherwise messages produced by the same checker are
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     grouped together, and sorting within each group is decided by the variables
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     |'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_sort'|.
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     2.6 Filtering errors
                                                     *syntastic-filtering-errors*
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     You can selectively disable some of the errors found by checkers either
     using |'syntastic_quiet_messages'|, or by specifying a list of patterns in
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     |'syntastic_ignore_files'|.
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     See also: |'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_quiet_messages'| and
     |'b:syntastic_skip_checks'|.
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     3. Commands
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     :Errors
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     When errors have been detected, use this command to pop up the |location-list|
     and display the error messages.
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     Please note that the |:Errors| command overwrites the current location list with
     syntastic's own location list.
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     :SyntasticToggleMode
                                                           *:SyntasticToggleMode*
     Toggles syntastic between active and passive mode. See |'syntastic_mode_map'|
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     for more info.
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     :SyntasticCheck
                                                                *:SyntasticCheck*
     Manually cause a syntax check to be done. By default the checkers in the
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cf. |syntastic-filetype-checkers|. If |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| is unset
      (which is the default), checking stops the first time a checker reports any
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     errors; if |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| is set, all checkers that apply are
     run in turn, and all errors found are aggregated in a single list.
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     The command may be followed by a (space separated) list of checkers. In this
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      case |'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers'| and |'b:syntastic_checkers'| are
     ignored, and the checkers named by the command's arguments are run instead, in
      the order specified. The set by |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| still apply.
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         :SyntasticCheck flake8 pylint
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                                                                   *:SyntasticInfo*
      :SyntasticInfo
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     The command takes an optional argument, and outputs information about the
      checkers available for the filetype named by said argument, or for the current
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     filetype if no argument was provided.
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     :SyntasticReset
                                                                  *:SyntasticReset*
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      Resets the list of errors and turns off all error notifiers.
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     :SvntasticSetLoclist
                                                             *:SvntasticSetLoclist*
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     If |'syntastic_always_populate_loc_list'| is not set, the |location-list| is
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      not filled in automatically with the list of errors detected by the checkers.
     This is useful if you run syntastic along with other plugins that use location
     lists. The |:SyntasticSetLoclist| command allows you to stick the errors into
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      the location list explicitly.
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      4. Global Options
                                                         *syntastic-global-options*
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                                                        *'syntastic_check_on_open'*
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     Default: 0
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     If this variable is enabled, syntastic in active mode will run syntax checks
309
     when buffers are first loaded, as well as on saving: >
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         let g:syntastic_check_on_open = 1
                                                          *'syntastic_check_on_wq'*
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     Default: 1
     In active mode syntax checks are normally run whenever buffers are written to
     disk, even when the writes happen just before quitting Vim. If you want to
      skip checks when you issue |:wq|, |:x|, and |:ZZ|, set this variable to 0: >
         let g:syntastic_check_on_wq = 0
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                                                     *'syntastic_aggregate_errors'*
     Default: 0
      When enabled, syntastic runs all checkers that apply to the current filetype,
      then aggregates errors found by all checkers and displays them. When disabled,
324
      syntastic runs each checker in turn, and stops to display the results the first
     time a checker finds any errors. >
         let g:syntastic_aggregate_errors = 1
                                                          *'syntastic_id_checkers'*
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     Default: 1
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     When results from multiple checkers are aggregated in a single error list
      (that is either when |'syntastic_aggregate_errors'| is enabled, or when
      checking a file with a composite filetype), it might not be immediately
      obvious which checker has produced a given error message. This variable
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     instructs syntastic to label error messages with the names of the checkers
     that created them. >
         let g:syntastic id checkers = 0
                                               *'syntastic_sort_aggregated_errors'*
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     Default: 1
     By default, when results from multiple checkers are aggregated in a single
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      error list (that is either when |'syntastic aggregate errors'| is enabled,
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     or when checking a file with a composite filetype), errors are grouped by
      file, then sorted by line number, then grouped by type (namely errors take
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|'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers'| or |'b:syntastic_checkers'| lists are run,

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precedence over warnings), then they are sorted by column number. If you want
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      to leave messages grouped by checker output, set this variable to 0: >
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         let g:syntastic_sort_aggregated_errors = 0
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                                                    *'syntastic echo current error'*
349
     Default: 1
     If enabled, syntastic will echo current error to the command window. If
     multiple errors are found on the same line, |'syntastic_cursor_columns'| is
     used to decide which one is shown. >
          let g:syntastic_echo_current_error = 1
354
                                                        *'syntastic_cursor_columns'*
356
     Default: 1
     This option controls which errors are echoed to the command window if
     |'syntastic_echo_current_error'| is set and multiple errors are found on the
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     same line. When the option is enabled, the first error corresponding to the
359
     current column is shown. Otherwise, the first error on the current line is
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     echoed, regardless of the cursor position on the current line.
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     When dealing with very large lists of errors, disabling this option can speed
     up navigation significantly: >
         let g:syntastic_cursor_column = 0
                                                          *'syntastic enable signs'*
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     Default: 1
     Use this option to tell syntastic whether to use the |:sign| interface to mark
      syntax errors: >
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          let g:syntastic_enable_signs = 1
                           *'syntastic error symbol'* *'syntastic style error symbol'*
                       *'syntastic_warning_symbol'* *'syntastic_style_warning_symbol'*
374
      Use this option to control what the syntastic |:sign| text contains. Several
376
      error symbols can be customized:
          syntastic_error_symbol - For syntax errors, defaults to '>>'
          syntastic style error symbol - For style errors, defaults to 'S>'
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          syntastic_warning_symbol - For syntax warnings, defaults to '>>'
          syntastic_style_warning_symbol - For style warnings, defaults to 'S>'
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     Example: >
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         let g:syntastic error symbol = "x"
383
          let g:syntastic_warning_symbol = "A"
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                                                       *'syntastic enable balloons'*
387
     Default: 1
     Use this option to tell syntastic whether to display error messages in balloons
389
      when the mouse is hovered over erroneous lines: >
         let g:syntastic_enable_balloons = 1
391
     Note that Vim must be compiled with |+balloon eval|.
                                                   *'syntastic_enable_highlighting'*
     Use this option to tell syntastic whether to use syntax highlighting to mark
396
     errors (where possible). Highlighting can be turned off with the following >
         let g:syntastic_enable_highlighting = 0
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                                              *'syntastic_always_populate_loc_list'*
400
     Default: 0
401
     By default syntastic doesn't fill the |location-list| with the errors found
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     by the checkers, in order to reduce clashes with other plugins. Enable this
403
      option to tell syntastic to always stick any detected errors into the
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     |location-list|: >
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         let g:syntastic_always_populate_loc_list = 1
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     Please note that if |'syntastic auto jump'| is set to a non-zero value the
     location list is overwritten with Syntastic's own list when taking a jump,
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     regardless of the value of |'syntastic_always_populate_loc_list'|. The
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     location list is also overwritten when running the |:Errors| command.
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                                                             *'syntastic auto jump'*
414
      Enable this option if you want the cursor to jump to the first detected issue
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     when saving or opening a file.
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      When set to 0 the cursor won't jump automatically. >
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         let g:syntastic_auto_jump = 0
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      When set to 1 the cursor will always jump to the first issue detected,
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      regardless of type. >
          let g:syntastic_auto_jump = 1
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      When set to 2 the cursor will jump to the first issue detected, but only if
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426
      this issue is an error. >
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          let g:syntastic_auto_jump = 2
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      When set to 3 the cursor will jump to the first error detected, if any. If
      all issues detected are warnings, the cursor won't jump. \gt
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         let g:syntastic_auto_jump = 3
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      Please note that in either situation taking the jump also has the side effect
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434
      of the location list being overwritten with Syntastic's own location list,
435
      regardless of the value of |'syntastic_always_populate_loc_list'|.
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                                                          *'syntastic_auto_loc_list'*
438
      Default: 2
439
      Use this option to tell syntastic to automatically open and/or close the
      |location-list| (see |syntastic-error-window|).
441
      When set to 0 the error window will be neither opened nor closed
442
      automatically. >
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444
         let g:syntastic_auto_loc_list = 0
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      When set to 1 the error window will be automatically opened when errors are
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      detected, and closed when none are detected. >
         let g:syntastic_auto_loc_list = 1
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      When set to 2 the error window will be automatically closed when no errors are
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      detected, but not opened automatically. >
451
         let g:syntastic_auto_loc_list = 2
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453
      When set to 3 the error window will be automatically opened when errors are
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      detected, but not closed automatically. >
455
         let g:syntastic_auto_loc_list = 3
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                                                        *'syntastic_loc_list_height'*
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      Default: 10
     Use this option to specify the height of the location lists that syntastic
      opens. >
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         let g:syntastic_loc_list_height = 5
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                                                           *'syntastic_ignore_files'*
      Default: []
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      Use this option to specify files that syntastic should never check. It's a
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      list of |regular-expression| patterns. The full paths of files (see |::p|) are
      matched against these patterns, and the matches are case-sensitive. Use |\c |
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      to specify case-insensitive patterns. Example: >
          let g:syntastic_ignore_files = ['\m^/usr/include/', '\m\c\.h$']
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471
                                                          *'syntastic_filetype_map'*
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      Default: {}
473
      Use this option to map non-standard filetypes to standard ones. Corresponding
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      checkers are mapped accordingly, which allows syntastic to check files with
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      non-standard filetypes: >
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         let g:syntastic_filetype_map = {
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478
              \ "plaintex": "tex",
              \ "gentoo-metadata": "xml" }
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      Composite filetypes can also be mapped to simple types, which disables the
      default behaviour of running both checkers against the input file: >
482
          let g:syntastic_filetype_map = { "handlebars.html": "handlebars" }
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                                                               *'syntastic_mode_map'*
486
      Default: { "mode": "active",
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                  "active_filetypes": [],
                 "passive_filetypes": [] }
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      Use this option to fine tune when automatic syntax checking is done (or not
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      The option should be set to something like: >
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          let g:syntastic_mode_map = {
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495
              \ "mode": "active",
              \ "active_filetypes": ["ruby", "php"],
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              \ "passive_filetypes": ["puppet"] }
497
      "mode" can be mapped to one of two values - "active" or "passive". When set
499
      to "active", syntastic does automatic checking whenever a buffer is saved or
      initially opened. When set to "passive" syntastic only checks when the user
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      calls |:SyntasticCheck|.
      The exceptions to these rules are defined with "active_filetypes" and
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      "passive_filetypes". In passive mode, automatic checks are still done for
      filetypes in the "active_filetypes" array (and "passive_filetypes" is
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      ignored). In active mode, automatic checks are not done for any filetypes in
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      the "passive_filetypes" array ("active_filetypes" is ignored).
     If any of "mode", "active_filetypes", or "passive_filetypes" are left
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      unspecified, they default to values above.
      If local variable |'b:syntastic mode'| is defined its value takes precedence
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     over all calculations involving |'syntastic_mode_map'| for the corresponding
      At runtime, the |:SyntasticToggleMode| command can be used to switch between
      active and passive modes.
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                                                                *'b:syntastic mode'*
      Default: unset
      Only the local form |'b:syntastic_mode'| is used. When set to either "active"
      or "passive", it takes precedence over |'syntastic_mode_map'| when deciding
      whether the corresponding buffer should be checked automatically.
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                                                        *'syntastic quiet messages'*
     Default: {}
     Use this option to filter out some of the messages produced by checkers. The
528
      option should be set to something like: >
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          let g:syntastic_quiet_messages = {
              \ "!level": "errors",
              \ "type":
                           "style",
              \ "regex": '\m\[C03\d\d\]',
              \ "file:p": ['\m^/usr/include/', '\m\c\.h$'] }
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     Each element turns off messages matching the patterns specified by the
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      corresponding value. Values are lists, but if a list consist of a single
      element you may omit the brackets (e.g. you may write "style" instead of
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      ["style"]). Elements with values [] or '' are ignored (this is useful for
      overriding filters, cf. |filter-overrides|).
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          "level" - takes one of two values, "warnings" or "errors"
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          "type" - can be either "syntax" or "style"
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          "regex" - each item in list is matched against the messages' text as a
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                    case-insensitive |regular-expression|
          "file" - each item in list is matched against the filenames the messages
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547
                    refer to, as a case-sensitive |regular-expression|.
     If a key is prefixed by an exclamation mark "!", the corresponding filter is
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      negated (i.e. the above example silences all messages that are NOT errors).
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      The "file" key may be followed by one or more filename modifiers (see
      |filename-modifiers|). The modifiers are applied to the filenames the messages
      refer to before matching against the value (i.e. in the above example the full
      path of the issues are matched against '\m^/usr/include/' and '\m\c\.h$').
      If |'syntastic_id_checkers'| is set, filters are applied before error messages
      are labeled with the names of the checkers that created them.
      There are also checker-specific variants of this option, providing finer
      control. They are named |'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_quiet_messages'|.
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done).

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a checker-specific filter are present, they are both applied (to the list of
      errors produced by the said checker). In case of conflicting values for the
      same keys, the values of the checker-specific filters take precedence.
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                                                                   *filter-overrides*
      Since filter elements with values [] or '' are ignored, you can disable global
      filters for particular checkers, by setting the values of the corresponding
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      elements in |'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_quiet_messages'| to [] or ''. For
      example, the following setting will silence all warnings, except for the
      ones produced by "pylint": >
          let g:syntastic_quiet_messages = { "level": "warnings" }
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          let g:syntastic_python_pylint_quiet_messages = { "level" : [] }
                                                             *'syntastic_stl_format'*
578
      Default: [Syntax: line:%F (%t)]
      Use this option to control what the syntastic statusline text contains. Several
579
      magic flags are available to insert information:
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         %e - number of errors
          %w - number of warnings
          %t - total number of warnings and errors
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          %ne - filename of file containing first error
          %nw - filename of file containing first warning
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          \ensuremath{\mathrm{NN}} - filename of file containing first warning or error
587
          %pe - filename with path of file containing first error
          %pw - filename with path of file containing first warning
          %P - filename with path of file containing first warning or error
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          %fe - line number of first error
          %fw - line number of first warning
          %F - line number of first warning or error
      These flags accept width and alignment controls similar to the ones used by
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      |'statusline'| flags:
          %-0{minwid}.{maxwid}{flag}
      All fields except {flag} are optional. A single percent sign can be given as
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      Several additional flags are available to hide text under certain conditions:
         %E{...} - hide the text in the brackets unless there are errors
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          W\{...\} - hide the text in the brackets unless there are warnings
          {}^{\prime\prime}{}B\{\ldots\} - hide the text in the brackets unless there are both warnings AND
                    errors
     These flags can't be nested.
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          let g:syntastic_stl_format = '[%E{Err: %fe #%e}%B{, }%W{Warn: %fw #%w}]'
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     If this format is used and the current buffer has 5 errors and 1 warning
      starting on lines 20 and 10 respectively then this would appear on the
      statusline: >
          [Err: 20 #5, Warn: 10 #1]
     If the buffer had 2 warnings, starting on line 5 then this would appear: >
          [Warn: 5 #2]
618
                                                          *'b:syntastic_skip_checks'*
620
     Default: unset
      Only the local form |'b:syntastic skip checks'| is used. When set to a true
      value, no checks are run against the corresponding buffer. Example: >
         let b:syntastic_skip_checks = 1
                                                           *'syntastic_full_redraws'*
     Default: 0 in GUI Vim and MacVim, 1 otherwise
      Controls whether syntastic calls |:redraw| or |:redraw!| for screen redraws.
      Changing it can in principle make screen redraws smoother, but it can also
      cause screen to flicker, or cause ghost characters. Leaving it to the default
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      should be safe.
                                                            *'syntastic exit checks'*
     Default: 0 when running under "cmd.exe" on Windows, 1 otherwise
      Syntastic attempts to catch abnormal termination conditions from checkers by
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For a particular checker, if both a |'syntastic_quiet_messages'| filter and

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meaningless, by returning 1 to Vim when the checkers exit with non-zero codes.
     The above variable can be used to disable exit code checks in syntastic.
                                                              *'syntastic shell'*
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     Default: Vim's 'shell'
     This is the (full path to) the shell syntastic will use to run the checkers.
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     On UNIX and Mac OS-X this shell must accept Bourne-compatible syntax for
     file "stdout" and "stderr" redirections ">file" and "2>file". Examples of
     compatible shells are "zsh", "bash", "ksh", and of course the original Bourne
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     This shell is independent of Vim's 'shell', and it isn't used for interactive
     operations. It must take care to initialize all environment variables needed
     by the checkers you're using. Example: >
         let g:syntastic_shell = "/bin/sh"
                                                *'syntastic_nested_autocommands'*
     Default: 0
     Controls whether syntastic's autocommands |BufReadPost| and |BufWritePost|
654
     are called from other |BufReadPost| and |BufWritePost| autocommands (see
     |autocmd-nested|). This is known to trigger interoperability problems with
     other plugins, so only enable it if you actually need that functionality.
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                                                              *'syntastic debug'*
     Default: 0
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     Set this to the sum of one or more of the following flags to enable
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          1 - trace general workflow
          2 - dump location lists
          4 - trace notifiers
          8 - trace autocommands
         16 - dump options
         32 - trace running of specific checkers
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     Example: >
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        let g:syntastic_debug = 1
     Syntastic will then add debugging messages to Vim's |message-history|. You can
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     examine these messages with |:mes|.
                                                         *'syntastic debug file'*
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     Default: unset
     When set, debugging messages are written to the file named by its value, in
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     addition to being added to Vim's |message-history|: >
         let g:syntastic_debug_file = '~/syntastic.log'
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                                                    *'syntastic extra filetypes'*
     Default: []
684
     List of filetypes handled by checkers external to syntastic. If you have a Vim
     plugin that adds a checker for syntastic, and if the said checker deals with a
687
     filetype that is unknown to syntastic, you might consider adding that filetype
     to this list: >
         let g:syntastic_extra_filetypes = [ "make", "gitcommit" ]
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     This will allow |:SyntasticInfo| to do proper tab completion for the new
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     5. Checker Options
                                                      *syntastic-checker-options*
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     5.1 Choosing which checkers to use
                                                    *syntastic-filetype-checkers*
                                              *'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers'*
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     You can tell syntastic which checkers to run for a given filetype by setting a
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     variable 'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers' to a list of checkers, e.g. >
         let g:syntastic_php_checkers = ["php", "phpcs", "phpmd"]
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                                                         *'b:syntastic_checkers'*
     There is also a per-buffer version of this setting, 'b:syntastic_checkers'.
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looking at their exit codes. The "cmd.exe" shell on Windows make these checks

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     When set, it takes precedence over | 'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers'|. You can
     use this in an autocmd to configure specific checkers for particular paths: >
         autocmd FileType python if stridx(expand("%:p"), "/some/path/") == 0 |
             \ let b:syntastic_checkers = ["pylint"] | endif
     If neither |'g:syntastic_<filetype>_checkers'| nor |'b:syntastic_checkers'|
     is set, a default list of checker is used. Beware however that this list
     deliberately kept minimal, for performance reasons.
     Take a look at the wiki to find out what checkers and filetypes are supported
     by syntastic:
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         https://github.com/scrooloose/syntastic/wiki/Syntax-Checkers
     Use |:SyntasticInfo| to see which checkers are available for a given filetype.
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     5.2 Choosing the executable
                                                          *syntastic-config-exec*
                                           *'syntastic <filetype> <checker> exec'*
     The executable run by a checker is normally defined automatically, when the
728
     checker is registered. You can however override it, by setting the variable
     'g:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_exec': >
         let g:syntastic_ruby_mri_exec = '~/bin/ruby2'
     This variable has a local version, 'b:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_exec',
     which takes precedence over the global one in the corresponding buffer.
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                                                    *'b:syntastic_<checker>_exec'*
     And there is also a local variable named 'b:syntastic <checker> exec', which
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     takes precedence over both 'b:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_exec' and
     'g:syntastic <filetype> <checker> exec' in the buffers where it is defined.
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                                                       *syntastic-config-makeprg*
     5.3 Configuring specific checkers
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     Most checkers use the 'makeprgBuild()' function and provide many options by
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     default - in fact you can customise every part of the command that gets called.
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                                       *'syntastic <filetype> <checker> <option>'*
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747
     Checkers that use 'makeprgBuild()' construct a 'makeprg' like this: >
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         let makeprg = self.makeprgBuild({
749
                     \ "exe": self.getExec(),
                     \ "args": "-a -b -c",
                     \ "post_args": "--more --args",
                     \ "tail": "2>/dev/null" })
754
     The result is a 'makeprg' of the form: >
         <exe> <args> <fname> <post_args> <tail>
     All arguments above are optional, and can be overridden by setting global
     variables 'g:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker-name>_<option-name>' - even
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     parameters not specified in the call to makeprgBuild(). These variables also
     have local versions 'b:syntastic <filetype> <checker-name> <option-name>',
     which take precedence over the global ones in the corresponding buffers.
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     If one of these variables has a non-empty default and you want it to be empty,
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     you can set it to an empty string, e.g.: >
        let g:syntastic_javascript_jslint_args = ""
                                            *'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_exe'*
767
     The 'exe' is normally the same as the 'exec' attribute described above, in
     which case it may be omitted. However, you can use it to add environment
     variables, or to change the way the checker is run. For example this setup
     allows you to run PC-Lint under Wine emulation on Linux: >
         let g:syntastic_c_pc_lint_exec = "wine"
         let g:syntastic_c_pc_lint_exe = "wine c:/path/to/lint-nt.exe"
774
     To override the args and the tail: >
         let g:syntastic c pc lint args = "-w5 -Iz:/usr/include/linux"
         let g:syntastic_c_pc_lint_tail = "2>/dev/null"
778
     The general form of the override options is: >
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     For checkers that do not use the 'makeprgBuild()' function you will have to
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     look at the source code of the checker in question. If there are specific
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     options that can be set, these are usually documented in the wiki:
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         https://github.com/scrooloose/syntastic/wiki/Syntax-Checkers
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                               *'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_quiet_messages'*
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     In the same vein, 'g:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker-name>_quiet_messages' can
     be used to restrict message filters to messages produced by specific checkers.
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         let g:syntastic_python_pylama_quiet_messages = {
            \ "type": "style",
            \ "regex": '\m\[C03\d\d\]' }
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     See |syntastic_quiet_messages| for the syntax.
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     5.4 Sorting errors
                                                      *syntastic-config-sort*
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                                        *'syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_sort'*
     Syntastic may decide to group the errors produced by some checkers by file,
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     then sort them by line number, then by type, then by column number. If you'd
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     prefer to see the errors in the order in which they are output by the external
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     checker you can set the variable |'g:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_sort'| to 0.
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     Alternatively, if syntastic doesn't reorder the errors produced by a checker
     but you'd like it to sort them, you can set the same variable to 1.
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     There is also a local version |'b:syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_sort'| of
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     this variable, that takes precedence over it in the buffers where it is
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     defined.
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     For aggregated lists (see |syntastic-aggregating-errors|) these variables are
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     ignored if |'syntastic_sort_aggregated_errors'| is set (which is the default).
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     6. Notes
                                                            *svntastic-notes*
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     6.1. Handling of composite filetypes
                                                        *syntastic-composite*
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     Some Vim plugins use composite filetypes, such as "django.python" or
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     "handlebars.html". Normally, syntastic deals with this situation by splitting
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     the filetype in its simple components, and calling all checkers that apply.
     If this behaviour is not desirable, you can disable it by mapping the
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     composite filetypes to simple ones using |'syntastic_filetype_map'|, e.g.: >
        let g:syntastic_filetype_map = { "handlebars.html": "handlebars" }
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     6.2 Editing files over network
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     The standard plugin |netrw| allows Vim to transparently edit files over
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     network and inside archives. Currently syntastic doesn't support this mode
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     of operation. It can only check files that can be accessed directly by local
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     checkers, without any translation or conversion.
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     6.3 The 'shellslash' option
                                                        *svntastic-shellslash*
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     The 'shellslash' option is relevant only on Windows systems. This option
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     determines (among other things) the rules for quoting command lines, and there
     is no easy way for syntastic to make sure its state is appropriate for your
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844
     shell. It should be turned off if your 'shell' (or |'syntastic shell'|) is
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     "cmd.exe", and on for shells that expect an UNIX-like syntax, such as Cygwin's
     "sh". Most checkers will stop working if 'shellslash' is set to the wrong
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847
     value.
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     6.4 Saving Vim sessions
                                                          *syntastic-sessions*
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     If you use |:mksession| to save Vim sessions you should probably make sure to
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syntastic_<filetype>_<checker>_<option-name>

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remove option "blank" from 'sessionoptions': >
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854
         set sessionoptions-=blank
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     This will prevent |:mksession| from saving |syntastic-error-window| as empty
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     quickfix windows.
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                                                   *syntastic-compatibility*
     7. Compatibility with other software
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     7.1 The csh and tcsh shells
                                                             *svntastic-csh*
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     The "csh" and "tcsh" shells are mostly compatible with syntastic. However,
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     some checkers assume Bourne shell syntax for redirecting "stderr". For this
     reason, you should point |'syntastic_shell'| to a Bourne-compatible shell,
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     such as "zsh", "bash", "ksh", or even the original Bourne "sh": >
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        let g:syntastic_shell = "/bin/sh"
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     7.2. Eclim
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                                                           *syntastic-eclim*
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     Syntastic can be used together with "Eclim" (see http://eclim.org/). However,
     by default Eclim disables syntastic's checks for the filetypes it supports, in
     order to run its own validation. If you'd prefer to use Eclim but still run
876
     syntastic's checks, set |g:EclimFileTypeValidate| to 0: >
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878
        let g:EclimFileTypeValidate = 0
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     It is also possible to re-enable syntastic checks only for some filetypes, and
     run Eclim's validation for others. Please consult Eclim's documentation for
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     7.3 The fish shell
     At the time of this writing the "fish" shell (see http://fishshell.com/)
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     doesn't support the standard UNIX syntax for file redirections, and thus it
     can't be used together with syntastic. You can however set |'syntastic shell'|
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     to a more traditional shell, such as "zsh", "bash", "ksh", or even the
     original Bourne "sh": >
        let g:syntastic shell = "/bin/sh"
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     7.4. The fizsh shell
                                                           *syntastic-fizsh*
     Using syntastic with the "fizsh" shell (see https://github.com/zsh-users/fizsh)
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     is possible, but potentially problematic. In order to do it you'll need to set
898
     'shellredir' like this: >
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900
        set shellredir=>%s\ 2>&1
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     Please keep in mind however that Vim can't take advantage of any of the
     interactive features of "fizsh". Using a more traditional shell such as "zsh",
903
     "bash", "ksh", or the original Bourne "sh" might be a better choice: >
905
      let g:syntastic_shell = "/bin/sh"
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     7.5 flagship
909
     The "flagship" Vim plugin (https://github.com/tpope/vim-flagship) has its
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     own mechanism of showing flags on the | 'statusline'|. To allow "flagship"
     to manage syntastic's statusline flag add the following |autocommand| to
     your vimrc, rather than explicitly adding the flag to your |'statusline'| as
913
     described in the |syntastic-statusline-flag| section above: >
        autocmd User Flags call Hoist("window", "SyntasticStatuslineFlag")
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    7.6. powerline
                                                       *syntastic-powerline*
919
     The "powerline" Vim plugin (https://github.com/powerline/powerline) comes
     packaged with a syntastic segment. To customize this segment create a file
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     ~/.config/powerline/themes/vim/default.json, with a content like this: >
            "segment_data" : {
925
                "powerline.segments.vim.plugin.syntastic.syntastic" : {
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"args" : {
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                       "err_format" : "Err: {first_line} #{num} ",
                       "warn_format" : "Warn: {first_line} #{num}
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               }
            }
        }
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     7.7. The PowerShell shell
                                                       *svntastic-powershell*
     At the time of this writing, syntastic is not compatible with using "Windows
937
     PowerShell" (http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb978526.aspx) as Vim's
     'shell'. You may still run Vim from 'PowerShell', but you do have to point
     Vim's 'shell' to a more traditional program, such as "cmd.exe": >
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        set shell=cmd.exe
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     7.8 python-mode
                                                          *svntastic-pvmode*
     Syntastic can be used along with the "python-mode" Vim plugin (see
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947
     https://github.com/klen/python-mode). However, they both run syntax checks by
     default when you save buffers to disk, and this is probably not what you want.
     To avoid both plugins opening error windows, you can either set passive mode
950
     for python in syntastic (see |'syntastic_mode_map'|), or disable lint checks in
     "python-mode", by setting |pymode_lint_on_write| to 0. E.g.: >
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        let g:pymode_lint_on_write = 0
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     7.9. vim-auto-save
                                                     *svntastic-vim-auto-save*
956
     Syntastic can be used together with the "vim-auto-save" Vim plugin (see
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958
     https://github.com/907th/vim-auto-save). However, syntastic checks in active
     mode only work with "vim-auto-save" version 0.1.7 or later.
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     Syntastic can be used along with the "vim-go" Vim plugin (see
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     https://github.com/fatih/vim-go). However, both "vim-go" and syntastic run
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     syntax checks by default when you save buffers to disk. To avoid conflicts,
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967
     you have to either set passive mode in syntastic for the go filetype (see
     |syntastic_mode_map|), or prevent "vim-go" from showing a quickfix window when
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     | \texttt{g:go\_fmt\_command}| \text{ fails, by setting } | \texttt{g:go\_fmt\_fail\_silently}| \text{ to 1. } \texttt{E.g.:} >
        let g:go_fmt_fail_silently = 1
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     7.11. vim-virtualenv
                                                   *svntastic-vim-virtualenv*
     At the time of this writing, syntastic can't run checkers installed
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     in Python virtual environments activated by "vim-virtualenv" (see
976
     https://github.com/jmcantrell/vim-virtualenv). This is a limitation of
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978
     "vim-virtualenv".
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     7.12 YouCompleteMe
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     Syntastic can be used together with the "YouCompleteMe" Vim plugin (see
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     http://valloric.github.io/YouCompleteMe/). However, by default "YouCompleteMe"
     disables syntastic's checkers for the "c", "cpp", "objc", and "objcpp"
     filetypes, in order to allow its own checkers to run. If you want to use YCM's
987
     identifier completer but still run syntastic's checkers for those filetypes you
     have to set |g:ycm_show_diagnostics_ui| to 0. E.g.: >
       let g:ycm_show_diagnostics_ui = 0
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     7.13 The zsh shell and MacVim
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    If you're running MacVim together with the "zsh" shell (http://www.zsh.org/)
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     you need to be aware that MacVim does not source your .zshrc file, but will
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     source a .zshenv file. Consequently you have to move any setup steps relevant
     to the checkers you're using from .zshrc to .zshenv, otherwise your checkers
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998	will misbehave when run by syntastic. This is	particularly important for
999	programs such as "rvm" (https://rvm.io/) or "rb	env" (http://rbenv.org/), that
1000	rely on setting environment variables.	
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1003	8. About	*syntastic-about*
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1005	The core maintainers of syntastic are:	
1006	Martin Grenfell (GitHub: scrooloose)	
1007	Gregor Uhlenheuer (GitHub: kongo2002)	
1008	LCD 047 (GitHub: lcd047)	
1009		
1010	Find the latest version of syntastic at:	
1011		
1012	http://github.com/scrooloose/syntastic	
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1015	9. License	*syntastic-license*
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1017	Syntastic is released under the WTFPL.	
1018	See http://sam.zoy.org/wtfpl/COPYING.	
1019		
1020	<pre>vim:tw=78:sw=4:ft=help:norl:</pre>	

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