

# Import/export Chrome Developer Tools' Snippets

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Chrome offered a excellent feature: Snippets Chrome DevTools Snippets  
(<https://developers.google.com/web/tools/chrome-devtools/snippets>)

People made lots for useful snippets:

- DevTools Snippets by Brian Grinstead (<https://bgrins.github.io/devtools-snippets/>)

But Chrome doesn't provide a sync/export/import function to backup and sync those snippets, fortunately, people hacked it up:

1. devtools-snippets/import-export/chrome at master · bgrins/devtools-snippets  
(<https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets/tree/master/import-export/chrome>)
2. Export/Import chrome devtools snippets (<https://gist.github.com/DJTB/9c177156340e3d4be8580574ecf31c06>)

I prefer the 2nd option as it's simple and error-prone, let me show you how to play with it.

## Step 1. Open a DevTools of the DevTools

1. Press `Ctrl + Shift + i` to open a DevTools pane.
2. Open the menu on the upper-right of the pane, then click **Dock side:** undock into separate window
3. On the opened DevTools pane, press `Ctrl + Shift + i` again, now will open a DevTools of the DevTools.

## Step 2. Export (backup existing snippets)

Paste and run this code in Console

```
let exportSnippets
InspectorFrontendHost.getPreferences(_ => { exportSnippets = JSON.parse(_.scriptSnippets) })
```

Now you can run this code in Console, it will copy ALL the snippets into OS' clip board in JSON format.

```
copy(exportSnippets)
```

## Step 3. Import (from a JSON format code)

```
let importSnippets = [ /* paste snippets here */ ];
InspectorFrontendHost.setPreference("scriptSnippets", JSON.stringify(importSnippets));
```

Copy

Here is mine, pls feel free take it if you need.

Now you have a bunch of powerfull snippets. Happy coding!

```

let importSnippets = [
  {
    "id": "1",
    "name": "consoleSaveJSON",
    "content": "(function(console){\n\n    console.save = function(data, filename){\n\n        if(!data) {\n\n            console.error\n        },\n    },\n  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"2\",
    \"name\": \"cssPrettifier\",
    \"content\": \"// cssprettifier.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Unminify and prettify a CSS file.\n\n/*\n *
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"3\",
    \"name\": \"dataURL\",
    \"content\": \"// dataurl.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Print out data URLs for all images / canvases on i
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"4\",
    \"name\": \"formControls\",
    \"content\": \"// formcontrols.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Print out forms and their controls\n\n(function
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"5\",
    \"name\": \"insertCSS\",
    \"content\": \"// insert-css.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Injects a snippet of CSS into the current page
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"6\",
    \"name\": \"log\",
    \"content\": \"// log.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Adds a `log` function to window object.\n\n// http://www
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"7\",
    \"name\": \"log-globals\",
    \"content\": \"/*\n\t\tlog-globals\n\t\tby Sindre Sorhus\n\t\thttps://github.com/sindresorhus/log-globals\n\t\tMIT License\n\t*/\n\n(function
  },\n  {\n    \"id\": \"8\",

```

```

    "name": "plainForms",
    "content": "/// plainforms.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Remove HTML5 form features (validations and sp
  },
  {
    "id": "9",
    "name": "queryStringValues",
    "content": "/// querystringvalues.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Print out key/value pairs from querystr
  },
  {
    "id": "10",
    "name": "showHeaders",
    "content": "/// showheaders.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Print out response headers for current URL.\n
  },
  {
    "id": "11",
    "name": "viewCookies",
    "content": "/// viewcookies.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Shows all cookies stored in document.cookies
  },
  {
    "id": "13",
    "name": "allColors",
    "content": "/// allcolors.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Print out CSS colors used in elements on the pag
  },
  {
    "id": "14",
    "name": "jQueryify",
    "content": "/// jqueryify.js\n// https://github.com/bgrins/devtools-snippets\n// Add jQuery to any page that does not have it alr
  },
  {
    "id": "15",
    "name": "stopBefore",
    "content": ""
  },
  {
    "id": "17",
    "name": "Ramdafy",
    "content": "(function () {\n  if (typeof window.R === 'undefined') {\n    var s = document.createElement('script');\n    s.setA
  }

```

```
]
InspectorFrontendHost.setPreference("scriptSnippets", JSON.stringify(importSnippets));
```



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