

fzf - command-line fuzzy finder

Make your workflow matchier

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Playing Along

Examples are at <https://github.com/oalders/fzf-demo>. See the README for examples on how to build and use the Docker container.

Problem: It can be hard to find a thing

fzf helps you find things, like files

but it matches on other things as well.

- `kill` integration
- `ssh` integration
- `vim` integration
- `VSCode` integration
- `unset` environment variables
- `history` search via `ctrl-r`
- `source`

Installation

- `git`
- Package managers
- `homebrew`
- As a `vim` plugin

Wait, install via `vim` ?

```
Plug 'junegunn/fzf', { 'dir': '~/.fzf', 'do': './install --all' }  
Plug 'junegunn/fzf.vim'
```

Now, `fzf` will be installed for you via `:PlugInstall` and will add the necessary `source` to your shell config.

Can I do this without a vim session?

Install via command line:

```
vim +'PlugInstall --sync' +qa
```

Add the above command to your dot files in order to automate your `fzf` installation.

Basic Usage

- `fzf`
- `fzf | xargs ls -l`

Navigating Output

- `command **<tab>`
- Use `<tab>` to select multiple lines
- fuzzy matching enabled by default
- Prefix a word with `'` to get an exact (case-insensitive) match

```
kill -9 **<tab>  
> `macdown
```

The above will select all processes running `MacDown`

- Prefix a word with `!` to exclude a match
- `<return>` to exit and pass selections to your command

More Advanced Matching

- `.json$`
- `^lab`
- `^lab | ^bin`

Handy Shortcuts

Emulate **tig**

```
git log --oneline | fzf --multi --preview 'git show {+1}'
```

Browse your **git reflog**

```
git reflog | fzf --preview 'git show {+1}'
```

Narrow down apt-cache search results

```
sudo apt-cache search tig | fzf
```

vim

- `:Files ~`
- `:GFiles (git ls-files)`
- `:GFiles? (git status)`
- `:Buffers`
- `:Colors`
- `:Lines`
- `:History`
- `:History:`
- `:Commits` (requires Fugitive.vim)
- `:Commands`
- `:Filetypes`
- `:Rg`

vim fullscreen

- Add a trailing `!` to your command: `:GFiles!`

vim preview windows

- Toggle preview window via `ctrl-/'`

Grep Repository (via ripgrep)

```
:Rg some text
```

Customizing fzf

```
export FZF_DEFAULT_COMMAND='fd --type f --hidden --follow --exclude .git'  
export FZF_DEFAULT_OPTS='--multi --pointer ">>"'
```


Wrapping fzf

```
f () {  
    fzf --bind='ctrl-/:toggle-preview' --preview "bat --style=numbers --color=always --line-range :500 {}" "$@"  
}
```

Starting at an arbitrary directory

```
find shared/ -type f|fzf
```

Custom choosers

Simple: `shared/bash/simple-chooser.sh`

More flexible: `shared/bash/commands.sh`

Wrappers

Wrapping 3rd party tools: `shared/bash/tmux.sh`

Add completion to existing tools:

```
prove wrapper: shared/bash/prove-wrapper.sh
```

Custom vim commands

```
" Example without a preview window:
command! GShow
  \ call fzf#run({'source': 'git diff-tree --no-commit-id --name-only HEAD~1', 'sink': 'e'})

command! -bang GShowP
  \ call fzf#run(
  \   fzf#vim#with_preview(
  \     fzf#wrap({'source': 'git diff-tree --no-commit-id --name-only HEAD~1' }, <bang>0)
  \   )
  \ )
```