Changing highlight line color in emacs

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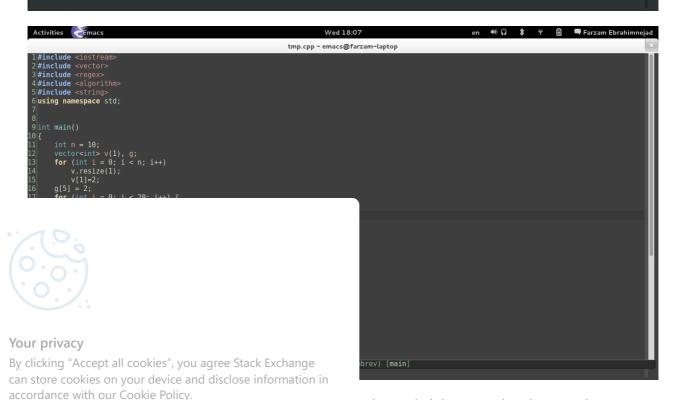
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I installed emacs 24 and also installed [prelude](#) and I wanted to change the theme from zenburn to tango-dark. But the color that the line is highlighted is yellow and I don't like that. I want it to be like the gray color in zenburn.

when I tried that I saw that the space between
or. (In zenburn theme that didn't happen). I also
hen I run vanilla emacs(sudo emacs) with tango

tmp.cpp – emacs@farzam-laptop

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 2 #include <vector>
 3 #include <regex>
 4 #include <algorithm>
 5 #include <string>
 6 using namespace std;
 7
 8
 9 int main()
10 {
11     int n = 10;
12     vector<int> v(1), g;
13     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
14         v.resize(1);
15         v[1]=2;
16     g[5] = 2;
17     for (int i = 0; i < 20; i++) {
18         for (int j = 0; j < 30; j++) {
19             for (int k = 0; k < 40; k++)(fd)
20                 if (i== j)
21                     cout << k << endl;
22         }
23     }
24     for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
25         cout << v[i] << endl;
26     }
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29
30     return 0;
```

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(~/.emacs , ~/.emacs.el , or ~/.emacs.d/init.el)

Set any color as the background face of the current line:

```
(set-face-background 'hl-line "#3e4446")
```

To keep syntax highlighting in the current line:

```
(set-face-foreground 'highlight nil)
```

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That's a no-go. I am also using tomorrow-theme (github.com/chriskempson/tomorrow-theme), so that might be influential. In any case, your described method doesn't work. – dimitarvp Dec 25, 2013 at 22:02

6   @dimitko That should work in at least Emacs 24, only if you put them in the right place - these could have been overridden by your other configurations or installed packages. – soimort Dec 26, 2013 at 4:43 ✏️

1   Yep. I wanted to point that out but wasn't clear enough. The way to solve it is, of course, to move your customizations after the loading / activating of your theme, which wasn't the case in my config . – dimitarvp Dec 26, 2013 at 10:49

I think the keep-syntax-hilighting command should be `(set-face-foreground 'hl-line nil)` . Is that a typo? – mkvoya Mar 26, 2017 at 8:16

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`M-x customize-face RET hl-line` will help you. Just pick a face you like (you can type the same command with the other theme installed, just to peek the values you like).

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Thanks, that solved the first problem but I still have the problem in the third image(yellow highlighting between ~~parentheses. How could I disable that?~~ – ~~Ferran~~ ~~Jul 17, 2013 at 14:23~~

ow-paren-style set as `expression` . Use M-x
enthesis (or disable the mode if you don't like it). But I
– juanleon Jul 17, 2013 at 14:40

ghlight a particular character. – Bozhidar Batsov Jul 17,

ow could I make it keep the syntax highlighting?(See my

then set the background color of that face, but not the
should be the background. That way the foreground
8, 2013 at 6:55