

Setting up R, vimtex and Ultisnips in vim on a Mac

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1 Introduction

Start by installing vim (neovim), [R](#) [tex](#) [vimtex](#) [ultisnips](#)

See post “Setting up a minimal neovim...” for details on installing plugins with Neovim.

2 Sections

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2. ALE, lsp, completion, lintr, fix
 - R
 - julia
 - python
2. ftplugins
3. ultisnips
 - dynamic
4. vimtex
 - completion



3 Install and configure plugins (source file ~/.vimplugins)

```
call plug#begin()
Plug 'jpalardy/vim-slime'
Plug 'klafyvel/vim-slime-cells'
let g:slime_target = "vimterminal"
let g:slime_no_mappings = 1
let g:slime_vimterminal_config = { "vertical": 1 }
let g:slime_vimterminal_cmd = "R"
" match either ### (R) or ``` (rmd, quarto) to delimit cells
let g:slime_cell_delimiter = "~\\s*\\(###\\|`\\`\\`\\)"
nmap <C-c>v <Plug>SlimeConfig
nmap <localleader>l <Plug>SlimeCellsSendAndGoToNext
nmap <localleader>j <Plug>SlimeCellsNext
nmap <localleader>k <Plug>SlimeCellsPrev
Plug 'lervag/vimtex'
let g:vimtex_complete_close_braces=1
let g:vimtex_quickfix_mode=0
Plug 'sirver/ultisnips'
let g:UltiSnipsJumpForwardTrigger="<tab>"
let g:UltiSnipsJumpBackwardTrigger="<S-tab>"
nnoremap <leader>U <Cmd>call UltiSnips#RefreshSnippets()<CR>
nnoremap <leader>u :UltiSnipsEdit<cr>
Plug 'dense-analysis/ale'
let g:ale_completion_enabled = 1
let g:ale_virtualtext_cursor = 'disabled'
let g:ale_set_balloons = 1
highlight clear ALEErrorSign
highlight clear ALEWarningSign
let g:ale_sign_error = ' '
let g:ale_sign_warning = '.'
let g:ale_linters = {'python': ['pylsp']}
" Set this variable to 1 to fix files when you save them.
let g:ale_fix_on_save = 1
let g:ale_fixers = {
\   '*': ['remove_trailing_lines', 'trim_whitespace'],
\   'r': ['styler'],
\   'rmd': ['styler'],
```

```

\   'python': ['black','isort'],
\   'javascript': ['eslint'],
\}
nnoremap <leader>n :ALENext<CR>
Plug 'junegunn/fzf', { 'do': { -> fzf#install() } }
Plug 'junegunn/fzf.vim'
nnoremap <leader>f :Files<CR>
nnoremap <Leader>' :Marks<CR>
nnoremap <Leader>/ :BLines<CR>
nnoremap <Leader>b :Buffers<CR>
nnoremap <Leader>r :Rg<CR>
nnoremap <Leader>s :Snippets<CR>
Plug 'junegunn/vim-peekaboo'
Plug 'tpope/vim-unimpaired'
Plug 'tpope/vim-obsession'
Plug 'tpope/vim-repeat'
Plug 'tpope/vim-commentary'
Plug 'tpope/vim-surround'
Plug 'justinmk/vim-sneak'
let g:sneak#s_next = 1
let g:sneak#use_ic_scs = 1
Plug 'machakann/vim-highlightedyank'
Plug 'vim-airline/vim-airline'
let g:airline#extensions#ale#enabled = 1
let g:airline#extensions#tabline#enabled = 1
let g:airline#extensions#fzf#enabled = 1
call plug#end()

```

4 .vimrc

```

syntax enable
filetype plugin indent on
let mapleader = ","
let maplocalleader = " "
source ~/.vimplugins
if $COLORTERM == 'truecolor'
    set termguicolors
endif

```

```

colorscheme lightning
set completeopt=menu,menuone,popup,noinsert,noselect
set complete+=k
set dictionary=/usr/share/dict/words
highlight Pmenu guifg=Black guibg=cyan gui=bold
highlight PmenuSel gui=bold guifg=White guibg=blue
set gfn=Monaco:h14
set encoding=utf-8
set lazyredraw
set autochdir
set number relativenumber
set clipboard=unnamed
set textwidth=80
set colorcolumn=80
set cursorline
set hlsearch
set showmatch
set hidden
set noswapfile
set ignorecase
set smartcase
set gdefault

nnoremap <leader>1 <C-w>:b1<CR>
nnoremap <leader><leader> <C-w>w
nnoremap <leader>a ggVG
nnoremap <leader>m vipgq
nnoremap <leader>t :tab split<cr>
nnoremap <leader>v :edit ~/.vimrc<cr>
nnoremap <localleader><leader> <C-u>
nnoremap <localleader><localleader> <C-d>
nnoremap Q @@
noremap - $
noremap : ;
noremap ; :

inoremap <F10> <C-x><C-k>
inoremap <F12> <C-x><C-o>
inoremap <expr> <TAB>pumvisible() ? "\<C-n>" : "\<TAB>"
inoremap <silent> <Esc> <Esc>`^

```

```

tnoremap <F1> <C-\><C-n>
tnoremap <leader>1 <C-w>:b1<CR>
tnoremap <leader><leader> <C-w>w
tnoremap <leader>b <C-w>:Buffers<cr>
tnoremap ZD quarto::quarto_render(output_format = "pdf")<CR>
tnoremap ZO source("<C-W>\"#")
tnoremap ZQ q('no')<C-\><C-n>:q!<CR>
tnoremap ZR render("<C-W>\"#")
tnoremap ZS style_dir()<CR>
tnoremap ZX exit<CR>
tnoremap ZZ q('no')<C-\><C-n>:q!<CR>

```

5 Practical application

- 1) set analysis goal: Logistic regression of Palmer Penguins data set predicting gender.

Start with a barebones system. i.e. only vim, R and latex installed.

Step one: add the minimum to vim to allow rmarkdown development. Simplest approach: open vim with empty analysis file. p.Rmd

```

> cd ~/prj/qblog/posts/setup_R_vimtex_ultisnips/penguins
> vim -u .myvimrc p.Rmd
# first line for analysis is to load the penguin data
# enter insert mode and type first R command
inside_vim_normal_mode> i
inside_vim_insert_mode> library(palmerpenguins)
# exit insert mode
inside_vim_insert_mode> C-c
# yank (copy) line into register (unnamed register ")
inside_vim_normal_mode> yy
# open a terminal inside vim and run the R repl
inside_vim_command_mode> term
inside_vim_term> R
# paste last yank (stored in register ") from p.Rmd buffer to R repl
inside_vim_terminal_running_R> C-w ""

```

Next we want to add some plugins to `.myvimrc` to allow ultisnips snippets for `rmd` files. Install the `vim-plug` Vim plugin manager

```
sh> curl -fLo ~/.vim/autoload/plug.vim --create-dirs \
    https://raw.githubusercontent.com/junegunn/vim-plug/master/plug.vim
```

```
in vimrc> call plug#begin
```

```
in vimrc> call plug#end()
```

- 2) `mkdir ~/sbx/penguins`
- 3) `mvim peng.Rmd`
- 4) type rheader on the first line and hit TAB. This will match the snippet string in Ultisnips and insert a text template with YAML markup and latex text (for bibtex use). The snippet has X tabstops to allow customization of the text block. Enter text in the first block indicating the project name and then hit C-j to navigate to the next tab stop: the title. Repeat the process to provide the project specific information in the YAML and bibliography call. NB: don't leave insert mode when navigating between tabstops or the ultisnip process with exit.

6 Rmd template

6.1 YAML header

The RMD file contains a YAML metadata header delineated with the lines “`---`” above and below. For this example we want to generate a pdf formatted output file.

The YAML can be as simple as one line specifying the output as pdf.

```
---
output: pdf_document
---
```

Which results in a simple output file as follows:

NB. to invoke file completion in vim for the rmd (or quarto) change the vim filetype using the command:

```
:set filetype=tex
```

then enter, e.g., `\includegraphics{` or `\input{` followed by C-x C-o. and a pop-up menu with possible completions will appear.

```
---
title: "Penguins data analysis"
author: "R.G. Thomas"
date: "2024-01-24"
output:
  pdf_document:
    keep_tex: true
    includes:
header-includes:
  - \usepackage{lipsum, fancyhdr, titling, currfile}
  - \usepackage[export]{adjustbox}
  - \pagestyle{fancy}
  - \pretitle{
  - \begin{flushright} \includegraphics[width=3cm,valign=c]{sudoku.pdf}
  - \end{flushright}
  - \noindent\rule{\linewidth}{2pt}\begin{flushleft}\LARGE}
  - \posttitle{\end{flushleft}\noindent\rule{\linewidth}{2pt}}
---

::: column-margin
! [simple pdf] (penguins/peng_mid.pdf)
:::
# Introduction

Begin by loading the palmerpenguins package.
::: {.cell}

```.r .cell-code`
df1 <- palmerpenguins::penguins
```

Figure 2: simple pdf

Introduction  
Begin by loading the palmerpenguins package.  
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...

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## # Appendix

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## # Appendix

Use tab for a) ultisnip snippet navigation (move from one tabstop to the next)  
and b) for navigation forward inside popup menu

```
```sh
let g:UltiSnipsExpandTrigger=<C-tab>
let g:UltiSnipsJumpForwardTrigger=<tab>
let g:UltiSnipsJumpBackwardTrigger=<S-tab>

inoremap <expr> <tab> pumvisible() ? "\<C-n>" : "\<tab>"
inoremap <expr> <S-tab> pumvisible() ? "\<C-p>" : "\<S-tab>"
```