

Neovim for Frontend Developers

Boosting Productivity and Creativity




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Thank you

for inviting me!



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My Favorite Vim-jp Channels

-  vim-jp
- #hobby-gourmet
- #times-ryoppippi
- #times-yasunori
- #tech-frontend
- #neovim
- #neovim-plugins
- #vim-jp-radio
- #lang-zig
- #game-smashbros

Projects

... that I ('m working | 've worked) on

Vim/Neovim



nvim-pnpm-catalog-lens

Neovim plugin to show versions as diagnostics for Pnpm catalog: field.



vim-ray-so

Generate a beautiful code image with <https://ray.so> on your Neovim/Vim



nvim-reset

Neovim plugin to disable all default keymaps with a single command



vim-bun-lock

If you gaze long enough into a bun.lockb, the bun.lockb will gaze back into you



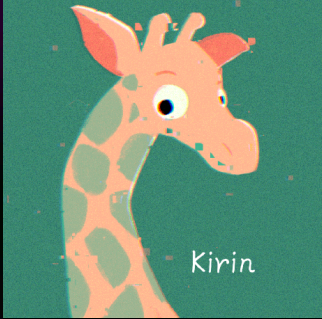
vim-svelte-inspector

Use Svelte Inspector in Vim/Neovim!



vim-bad-apple

Do you wanna watch "Bad Apple!!" on your vim/neovim?



My Editor Journey

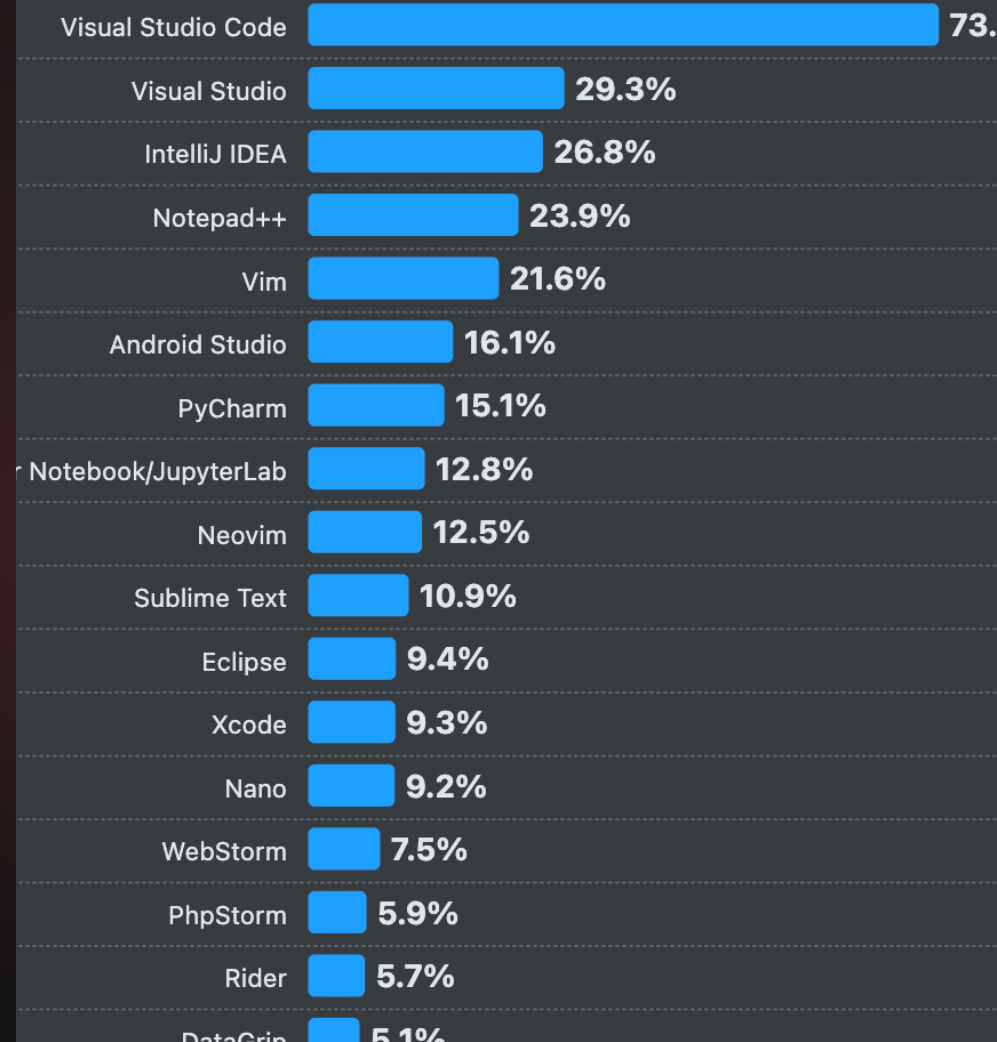
- 2015 – 2017 Atom
- 2017 – 2022 VSCode
- 2021 – VSCode + Neovim
- 2022 – Neovim



Why VSCode?



- De-facto Standard for Editor
- StackOverflow Survey 2024



Why VSCode?

*Good for
modern Web Frontend
Development*



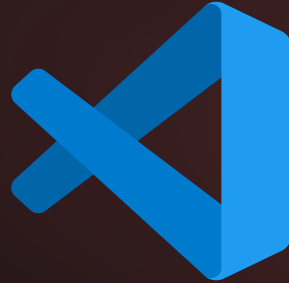
Easiest GUI

TypeScript first

*Extensions are
written in TypeScript*



Lots of Extensions

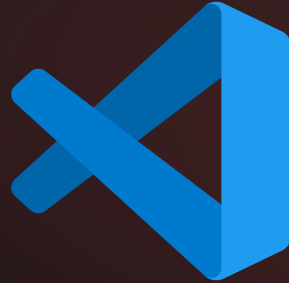


No need to pay money!!

Why not VSCode?

Non-hackable

Keyboard unfriendly



Hard to create/publish Extensions

Why the hell did I switch to Neovim

- Just looks cool
- That's it


```
<svelte:head>
  <script>
    if ( localStorage.theme === 'dark' || (!( 'theme' in localStorage) && window.matchMedia('(prefer
s-color-scheme: dark)').matches)) {
      document.documentElement.classList.add('dark')
    } else {
      document.documentElement.classList.remove('dark')
    }
  </script>
  <meta name='theme-color' content='#ffffff' media='(prefers-color-scheme: light)' />
  <meta name='theme-color' content='#121212' media='(prefers-color-scheme: dark)' />
</svelte:head>

<style>
:global{
  ::view-transition-old(root),
  ::view-transition-new(root) {
    animation: none;
    mix-blend-mode: normal;
  }
  ::view-transition-old(root) {
    z-index: 1;
  }
  ::view-transition-new(root) {
    z-index: 9999;
  }
  .dark::view-transition-old(root) {
    z-index: 9999;
  }
  .dark::view-transition-new(root) {
    z-index: 1;
  }
}
```

```
16 .github/
! 15 .svelte-kit/
! 14 .sveltekit/
! 13 .vscode/
! 12 .wrangler/
! 11 build/
! 10 dist/
! 9 node_modules/
8 src/
7 static/
! 6 .eslintcache
! 5 {} .eslintrc-components.json
4 .gitattributes
3 .gitignore
2 .npmrc
1 {} .secretlintrc.json
19 LICENSE
1 README.md
2 eslint.config.js
3 package.json
4 pnpm-lock.yaml
5 JS routes.js
6 Svelte svelte.config.js
7 TS tsconfig.json
8 TS uno.config.ts
9 TS vite.config.ts
```

```
TS uno.config.ts > theme > colors > text
27 const theme = {
28   colors: {
29     accent: {
30       100: '#FF6B6B',
31       200: '#dd4d51',
32       300: '#8f001a',
33     },
34     text: {
35       100: '#FFFFFF',
36       150: '#fafafa',
37       200: '#e0e0e0',
38       300: '#b3b3b3',
39       400: '#808080',
40       500: '#4d4d4d',
41       600: '#262626',
42       700: '#1a1a1a',
43       800: '#0f0f0f',
44     },
45     bg: {
46       base: '#0F0F0F',
47       100: '#1E1E1E',
48       200: '#2d2d2d',
49       300: '#454545',
50     },

```

```
[2]-Files - Worktrees - Subm
0 of 0
[3]-Local branches - Remotes
* main ✓
1 of 4
[4]-Commits - Reflog
φ 30212e4c re ○ chore(deps): u
φ 07bcd295 re ○ chore(deps): u
φ 0c2e251c re ○ chore(deps): u
φ a2cf41fc ry ○ chore: update
φ ed6829d7 ry ○ fix(blog): url
φ f3cf83df ry ○ chore: format
φ 3192bd28 ry ○ fix: assets
φ 3f362584 ry ○ feat(blog): ka
4 of 300
[5]-Stash
4d autostash
1 of 2
Squash: s | Fixup: f | Reword: r | Drop: d | Edit: e | Amend: A | ... Donate Ask Question 0.44.1

Author: renovate[bot]
<29139614+renovate[bot]@users.noreply.github.com>
Date: Sun Oct 20 22:58:45 2024 +0000

chore(deps): update pnpm to v9.12.2
---
package.json | 2 +-
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
diff --git a/package.json b/package.json
index c866ee9..c9e24fe 100644
--- a/package.json
+++ b/package.json
5 : 5 | "private": true,
6 : - "packageManager": "pnpm@9.12.1",
: 6 + "packageManager": "pnpm@9.12.2",

Command log
code that you always find yourself adding when debugging.
```

```
~/g/g/r/ryoppippi.com main › nix run nixpkgs#fastfetch
ryoppippi@ryoppippi
-----
OS: macOS Sequoia 15.0.1 arm64
Host: MacBook Pro (14-inch, Nov 2023, Three Thunderbolt 4 p)
Kernel: Darwin 24.0.0
Uptime: 2 days, 14 hours, 26 mins
Packages: 123 (nix-user), 43 (nix-default), 285 (brew), 73 )
Shell: fish 3.7.1
Display (LG HDR WFHD): 2560x1080 @ 75 Hz in 34" [External] *
Display (Color LCD): 3024x1964 @ 120 Hz (as 1512x982) in 14"
Display (PL2792H): 1080x1920 @ 75 Hz in 27" [External]
DE: Aqua
WM: Quartz Compositor
WM Theme: Multicolor (Dark)
Font: .AppleSystemUIFont [System], Helvetica [User]
Cursor: Fill - Black, Outline - White (32px)
Terminal: WezTerm 20240203-110809-5046fc22
Terminal Font: UDEV Gothic 35LG
CPU: Apple M3 Pro (11) @ 4.06 GHz
GPU: Apple M3 Pro (14) @ 1.38 GHz [Integrated]
Memory: 20.64 GiB / 36.00 GiB (57%)
Swap: Disabled
Disk (/): 430.63 GiB / 926.35 GiB (46%) - apfs [Read-only]
Disk (/Volumes/Samsung_T5): 480.96 GiB / 837.87 GiB (57%) -
Disk (/Volumes/WINDOWS): 33.62 GiB / 93.19 GiB (36%) - exfat
Local IP (en6): 10.69.74.203/20
Battery (bq40z651): 80% [AC connected]
Power Adapter: 85W
Locale: en_US.UTF-8
```

Why the hell did I switch to Neovim?

*Just write
Vim script or Lua &
publish it on GH
👉*

Hackable

Keyboard friendly

Easy to customise



Terminal friendly

Fast & Lightweight

Do Neovim REALLY work for
web frontend development?

Web Frontend Development is too complicated



- Config files
 - Vite / Webpack / Tailwind CSS ...
 - ESLint / Prettier ...
- Package.json / Lock file
- Assets (Images / Icons / Fonts)
- CSS
 - SCSS / SASS / CSS Modules
 - Tailwind CSS
- JavaScript / TypeScript
- Markups
 - TSX / JSX
 - Svelte / Vue / Astro

What do we want to editors for web frontend development?

- Supports syntax highlighting for various languages
- Supports auto-completion for various languages
- Supports documentation for various languages
- Supports managing lots of files
- Supports integration with other CLI tools
- Supports testing

... That's a lot!!!

Can we REALLY do them with Neovim?



A man said...

Vim can do that too

それ、vimでもできるよ




MATTN

Demo

Setup a project

Terminal integration








- [ugaterm.nvim](#) by  UGA-ROSA
- Open any type of terminal in Neovim including floating terminal

LSP (Language Server Protocol)






- a protocol to communicate between editor and language server

Tree-sitter


- a parser generator tool and an incremental parsing library
- provides syntax highlighting, code folding, and more

- Code completion
 - [nvim-cmp](#) by  HRS7TH
- Diagnostics / Information
 - [lsp_lines.nvim](#)
 - [nvim-highlight-colors](#) by  BRENOPRATA10
- LSPs
 - [nvim-vtsls](#) by  YONEKO
 - [nvim-lspconfig](#) by  NEOVIM
 - [efm-langserver](#) by  MATTN
 - [sveltejs/language-tools](#) by  SVELTEJS
 - [@tailwindcss/language-server](#) by  TAILWINDCSS



Enhance your editing files

- Make use of the builtin text-objects!
- Surround text with tags, quotes, etc.
 - mini.surround by  ECHASNOVSKI
 - nvim-insx by  HRSH7TH
- Toggle / switch numbers, symbols, text case, etc.
 - dial.nvim by  MONAQA
- Code suggestion by AI
 - copilot.lua by  ZBIRENBAUM + `nvim-cmp`
 - codecompanion.nvim by  OLIMORRIS

Testing

- neotest by  RCARRIGA
 - A framework for interacting with tests within NeoVim.
 - You can run tests and see the results in a Neovim


File Management

- oil.nvim
- made by  STEVEARC
- A plugin to manage files as buffer
- You can yank, delete, and paste files like editing text
- **You can use snippet** 🎉
 - I use vim-sonictemplate by  MATTN
- VSCODE cannot do that

File Switching

- other.nvim by RGROLI
 - You can switch related files easily (ex. sever and client files)

WebBrowser integration

- [vim-svelte-inspector](#) by  RYOPPIPI
 - You can integrate browser inspector with Neovim

Git Integration

- Git command operation

- lazygit by  JESSE DUFFIELD

- ```
vim.api.nvim_create_user_command("TG", function()
 vim.cmd.tabe()
 vim.fn.termopen("lazygit", {
 on_exit = function(_, _, _)
 vim.cmd.tabclose()
 end,
 })
 local current_buffer = vim.api.nvim_get_current_buf()
 vim.keymap.set("t", "<esc>", "<esc>", { buffer = current_buffer, remap = false })
end, { nargs = 0 })
```

- gitsigns.nvim by  LEWIS6991

- git-conflict.nvim by  AKINSHO








Conclusion

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- Neovim is a great editor for frontend developers
- Neovim has good plugins for frontend development
- If you are a VSCode user and want to try Neovim, I recommend you to try it

# Other plugins I didn't mention in this talk

- [nvim-pnpm-catalog-lens](#) by  RYOPPIPII
- [vim-bun-lock](#) by  RYOPPIPII
- [nvim-dap](#) by  MFUSSENEGGER
- [denippet.vim](#) by  UGA-ROSA
- [telescope.nvim](#) started by  TJDEVRIES

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Thank you!