

Setting Up Sublime Text

Downloading Sublime Text

Sublime Text is a great code editor for Mac, PC, and Linux. You can use it as a free trial for as long as you want (it reminds you to buy it every once in a while when you save), but if you like it, you can buy a license for \$70.

Visit sublimetext.com to download the trial or buy a copy. Be sure to download Sublime Text 3, even if it's still the beta version. Some of the following packages (add-ons) require version 3.

We recommend installing several free packages (add-ons) that add some great functionality. To make installing packages easier, you should first add **Package Control**.

Installing Package Control

1. Visit packagecontrol.io/installation
2. They have instructions on the webpage, but the first step is to copy their long command for your version of Sublime Text.
3. Launch Sublime Text and open the console (**View** menu > **Show Console**).
4. Paste the command into the empty entry line that appears at the bottom of the window and hit **Return** (Mac) or **Enter** (Windows).
5. Once installed, restart Sublime Text.

Installing the Emmet Package

Emmet will give you shortcuts that make coding faster and easier. (Emmet used to be called Zen Coding.) Here's how to install it:

1. After Package Control is installed, launch it as follows:
 - Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences** > **Package Control**.
 - Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Package Control**.
2. Choose **Install Package**.
3. In the list that appears, start typing **emme** and **Emmet** should appear. Choose it.
4. A message in the bottom status bar will tell you when it's successfully installed.

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Installing the SideBarEnhancements Package

The **SideBarEnhancements** package will allow you to do a bunch of useful things to Sublime Text's sidebar. Here's how to install it (these instructions are a bit long due to a dispute between the creator of SideBarEnhancements and Sublime Text):

1. Go to github.com/titoBouzout/SideBarEnhancements
2. Click the green button that says **Clone or download**.
3. Choose **Download ZIP**.
4. Follow the appropriate Mac or Windows instructions below:

Mac:

- In the **Downloads** folder, locate the **SideBarEnhancements-st3** folder (you may need to double-click **SideBarEnhancements-st3.zip** first).
- Open another **Finder** window alongside the Downloads window.
- Still in Finder, hold the **Option** key, and go into the **Go** menu > **Library**.
- Open the **Application Support** folder.
- Open the **Sublime Text 3** folder.
- See the **Packages** folder? From the Downloads folder, drag the **SideBarEnhancements-st3** folder INTO the **Packages** folder.

Windows:

- In the **Downloads** folder, double-click **SideBarEnhancements.zip**.
- **Right-click** on the **SideBarEnhancements-st3** folder and choose **Copy**.
- In Sublime Text, go to **Preferences > Browse Packages**.
- In the **Packages** folder that opened, **Right-click** in any empty area and choose **Paste**.

5. Restart Sublime Text.
6. To confirm that it worked, go into **Tools > Command Palette** and type in **List Packages**.
7. Select **Package Control: List Packages**, and it should show a list of installed packages, including SideBarEnhancements!

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Setting Up F12 as a Shortcut for Preview in Browser

The SideBarEnhancements package, in addition to other things, lets you use F12 as a keyboard shortcut for testing a webpage in a browser. To take advantage of this, you will need to add a little code to your Sublime Text preferences.

1. Go to nobledesktop.com/sublimetext-shortcuts

2. Copy the following code:

```
[
  { "keys": ["f12"], "command": "side_bar_open_in_browser" , "args":{"paths":
  []}, "type":"testing", "browser":""}}
]
```

3. In Sublime Text, open your personal key binding preferences as follows:

- Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Key Bindings - User**.
- Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Key Bindings - User**.

4. Select and delete any code that's there.

5. Paste the code you just copied.

6. We recommend previewing using Chrome because we like Chrome's Developer Tools. Add the following code highlighted in bold:

```
[
  { "keys": ["f12"], "command": "side_bar_open_in_browser" , "args":{"paths":
  []}, "type":"testing", "browser":"Chrome"}
]
```

7. Save and close the file.

Installing the AutoFileName Package

By default Sublime Text does not suggest path and filenames. Manually typing these is tedious and it's easy to make typos. The [AutoFileName](#) package adds much needed code hints as you're typing.

1. Open Package Control as follows:

- Mac: Go into the **Sublime Text** menu > **Preferences > Package Control**.
- Windows: Go into the **Preferences** menu > **Package Control**.

2. Choose **Install Package**.

3. In the list that appears, start typing **AutoFileName** and choose it when it appears.

4. A message in the bottom status bar will tell you when it's successfully installed.

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Restart Sublime Text

Some of the packages require a restart, so go ahead and restart Sublime Text and you're all set!
