





Ditching Vim for Kakoune



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POV: You opened Vim for the first time



turniphat · 6 days ago

I first struggled with exiting vim 26 years ago.

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Keep trying. I'm sure you'll find your way out one day

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Kakoune!

- ▶ Vim-inspired modal text editor
- ▶ Multi-selection
- ▶ Noun → verb: first select, then execute
- ▶ Sane defaults
- ▶ Discoverability
- ▶ Server-client architecture
- ▶ Integrate with external tools via piping, inlining output
- ▶ Highly extensible
- ▶ And much more...



Fight!

Action	Kakoune	Vim
Go to bottom	<code>gj</code>	<code>G</code>
Go to top	<code>gk</code>	<code>gg</code>
Go to last buffer change	<code>g.</code>	<code>'.</code>
Delete str in next paragraph	<code>]p</code> + <code>s</code> + <code>foo</code> + <code>d</code>	<code>v}</code> + <code>:<,'>s/foo//</code>
Base64 str in next paragraph	<code>]p</code> + <code>s</code> + <code>foo</code> + <code> </code> + <code>base64</code>	<code>???</code>
Delete 5 words	<code>5Wd</code>	<code>5dw</code>

- ▶ Demo time! <https://kakoune.org/why-kakoune/why-kakoune.html>

LSP plugin

```
lsp
a: show code actions for current position
c: show language server capabilities
d: go to definition
e: list project errors, info, hints and warnings
f: format buffer
h: show info for current position
H: show info for current position in a scratch buffer
i: go to implementation
j: list outgoing call for function at cursor
k: list incoming call for function at cursor
l: apply a code lens from the current selection
o: search project symbols
n: find next error
p: find previous error
q: exit session
r: list symbol references
R: rename symbol
s: jump to document symbol
S: list document symbols
v: select inner/outer nodes
V: select inner/outer nodes (re-use previous call)
y: go to type definition
[: show hover for previous symbol
]: show hover for next symbol
{: goto previous symbol
}: goto next symbol
9: show hover for previous function
0: show hover for next function
(: goto previous function
): goto next function
&: lsp-highlight-references
=: format selections

csi_plugin.go 1:1 enter key - client0@[685389]
```

LSP plugin

```
2 +     return nil, fmt.Errorf("highest supported version reported by driver is %v, must be v1.x", highestSupportedVersion)
1 + }~
896 + waitForAPIServerForever~
1 + wait Module func(client clientset.Interface, nodeName types.NodeName) error
2 }~ wait.Timer Interface
3 + waitForAPIServerForever Function ---
4 // waitgroup Module
5 // fapi.ContainerStateWaiting Struct waitForAPIServerForever waits forever to get a CSINode instance as a proxy
6 func storage.VolumeBindingWaitForFirstConsumer Constant for a healthy APIServer
7 + var lastErr error~
8 + err := wait.PollImmediateInfinite(time.Second, func() (bool, error) {~
```

Git plugin

```
8205f815 2020-03-27 18:27:57 David Zhu 21 ~ })~  
8bdbd4d6 2020-03-27 18:29:34 Jan Safranek 22 ~ if err != nil {~  
8205f815 2020-03-27 18:27:57 David Zhu 23 ~ ~ // In theory this is unreachable, but just in case:~  
8205f815 2020-03-27 18:27:57 David Zhu 24 ~ ~ return fmt.Errorf("%v: %v", err, lastErr)~  
8205f815 2020-03-27 18:27:57 David Zhu 25 ~ ~}  
8205f815 2020-03-27 18:27:57 David Zhu 26 ~ ~}
```

Git plugin

```
9 commit bb878608686a6276cefec3f51bee5d79b0c8c393 -
8 Merge: 039ae1edf5a d6168bb6587 -
7 Author: Kubernetes Prow Robot <k8s-ci-robot@users.noreply.github.com> -
6 Date: Sat Jun 3 05:30:41 2023 -0700 -
5 -
4 --- Merge pull request #118356 from ritazh/ec-admission-
3 ---
2 --- Add ephemeralcontainer to imagepolicy securityaccount admission plu
1 git -
10 commit 039ae1edf5a71f48ced7c0258e13d769109933a0 -
1 Merge: bd0ac4cba33 45c9e066164 -
2 Author: Kubernetes Prow Robot <k8s-ci-robot@users.noreply.github.com> -
3 |git|
4 git [<arguments>]: git wrapping helper
5 All the optional arguments are forwarded to the git utility
6 Available commands:
7   add
8   rm
9   blame
10  commit
11  checkout
12  diff
13  hide-blame
14  hide-diff
15  init
16  log
17  next-hunk
18  previous-hunk
19  show
20  show-branch
21  show-diff
22  status
23  update-diff
24
:git checkout | *git* 10:47 [scratch] prompt - client0@[685389]
```


Conclusion

- ▶ <https://kakoune.org/>
- ▶ <https://github.com/mawww/kakoune>
- ▶ Available in package repositories in all major distros!
- ▶ Hope you try it out!