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README



Vim Live Server

Preview your web development in your browser in real time.

A dead-simple live server for Vim/NeoVim

Supporting [live-server](#) and [browser-sync](#).

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Dependency

- nodejs
- npm

Install either the `live-server` or the `browser-sync`

package globally using npm:

```
sudo npm install -g live-server
sudo npm install -g browser-sync
```



Installation

Use your favorite Vim plugin manager to install [vim-live-server](#).

Using Vim [packages](#)

(needs Vim 8+)

```
git clone https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-:
```



Using [vim-plug](#)

Add the following line to your plugin configuration in your `.vimrc` file:

```
Plug 'https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-server'
```



With vimplug you can use one of these alternative commands that uses a post-installation hook to download the `live-server` or the `browser-sync` package from npm automatically:

```
Plug 'https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-server'
Plug 'https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-server'
```



Using [Vundle](#)

```
Plugin 'https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-server'
```



Using [Pathogen](#)

Clone the `vim-live-server` repository into your Vim bundle directory:

```
cd ~/.vim/bundle
git clone https://github.com/wolandark/vim-live-:
```



Usage

Open your `index.html` file in vim and issue the following in ex-mode. `live-server` will start and bind itself to

`localhost:8080` and `browser-sync` will bind to

`localhost:3000` .

Notice that all of the commands use pascal case

```
StartLiveServer
```



or

```
StartBrowserSync
```

Vim Live Server opens your default browser automatically.

To start serving on a specific port, use:

```
StartLiveServerOnPort N
StartLiveServerOnPort 2222
```



```
StartBrowserSyncOnPort N
StartBrowserSyncOnPort 3001
```

To kill the server on the default port 3000 use this:

```
KillLiveServer
```



```
KillBrowserSync
```

Use this command to kill the server on a certain port:

```
KillLiveServerOnPort N
KillLiveServerOnPort 2222
```



```
KillBrowserSyncOnPort N
KillBrowserSyncOnPort 3001
```

Note: vim-live-server will kill all running instances of live-server

and browser-sync on [VimLeave](#).

Optional keybindings

```
nmap <F2> :StartLiveServer <CR>
nmap <F3> :KillLiveServer <CR>
```



```
nmap <F2> :StartBrowserSync <CR>
nmap <F3> :KillBrowserSync <CR>
```

Thats it! Enjoy!

Demo

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Note on Two Backends

Vim Live Server offers flexibility by supporting two backend options: `live-server` and `browser-sync` . However, users need to install and use only one of them, depending on their preferences and requirements.

The inclusion of `live-server` is motivated by its straightforward and efficient approach, and a 'no-nonsense' nature. Notably, it avoids resetting the scroll position on reload, providing a seamless experience during development.

Choose the backend that best aligns with your workflow and and enjoy using you favorite editor for development.

Contribution Guide

Please follow contribution conventions when submitting pull requests. See [Conventional Commits](#) for more information.

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