

# Less syntax highlighting

Add the following to ~/.bashrc then reload config or reopen terminal.

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### Terminal Syntax Highlighting

# Setup: "apt-get install highlight"

# Pipe Highlight to less (remove --line-numbers option for better
copy&pasting)
export LESSOPEN="| $(which highlight) %s --out-format xterm256 --line-
numbers --quiet --force --style freya"
export LESS=" -R"
# remove -N and --line-numbers for better copy&pasting. other options can be
defined like this:
alias less='less -m -N -g -i -J --line-numbers --underline-special'
alias more='less'

# Use "highlight" in place of "cat"
alias cat="highlight $1 --out-format xterm256 --line-numbers --quiet --force
--style freya"

# Setup JSON Syntax Highlighting
# Copy js.lang to json.lang with the following command
# cp "$(dirname $(brew list highlight | head -n
1))/share/highlight/langDefs/js.lang" "$(dirname $(brew list highlight |
head -n 1))/share/highlight/langDefs/json.lang"
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Source: <https://gist.github.com/textarcana/4611277>

On dark terminal, the following themes work well: bluegreen ekvoli freya moria solarized-light

To only allow ansi control characters of text files, add to .bashrc

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export LESS=" -R"
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