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Turn off autoindent when you paste code

To toggle this in VI on the fly to switch off auto-indent

:set paste

and to switch it back on

:set nopaste

In .vimrc this can be set:

set copyindent

Another alternative via .vimrc is:

set clipboard=unnamed

That makes the default paste buffer map to X's clipboard. When a bit of text is highlighted in a terminal, it can be pasted into vim by simply press p to paste. Similarly, one can yank things in vim (e.g. YY to yank the current line into the buffer) and middle click in any window to paste it.

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