

Installing a few packages from `master`

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You probably want to install from `unstable` instead of `master`, and you probably want to do it differently than described here (eg. importing from URL or specifying it as a Flake). This documentation is kept here for posterity, as it is still helpful to understand how to import a *local* copy of a nixpkgs into your configuration.

1. `git clone https://github.com/NixOS/nixpkgs.git /etc/nixos/nixpkgs-master`
2. Edit your `/etc/nixos/configuration.nix` like this:

```
{ config, pkgs, ... }:  
  
let  
  nixpkgsMaster = import ./nixpkgs-master {  
  
  stablePackages = with pkgs; [  
    # This is where your packages from stable nixpkgs go  
  ];  
  
  masterPackages = with nixpkgsMaster; [  
    # This is where your packages from `master` go  
    nodejs-6_x  
  ];  
in {  
  # This is where your normal config goes, we've just added a `let` block  
  
  environment = {  
    # ...  
  
    systemPackages = stablePackages ++ masterPackages;  
  };  
  
  # ...  
}
```

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