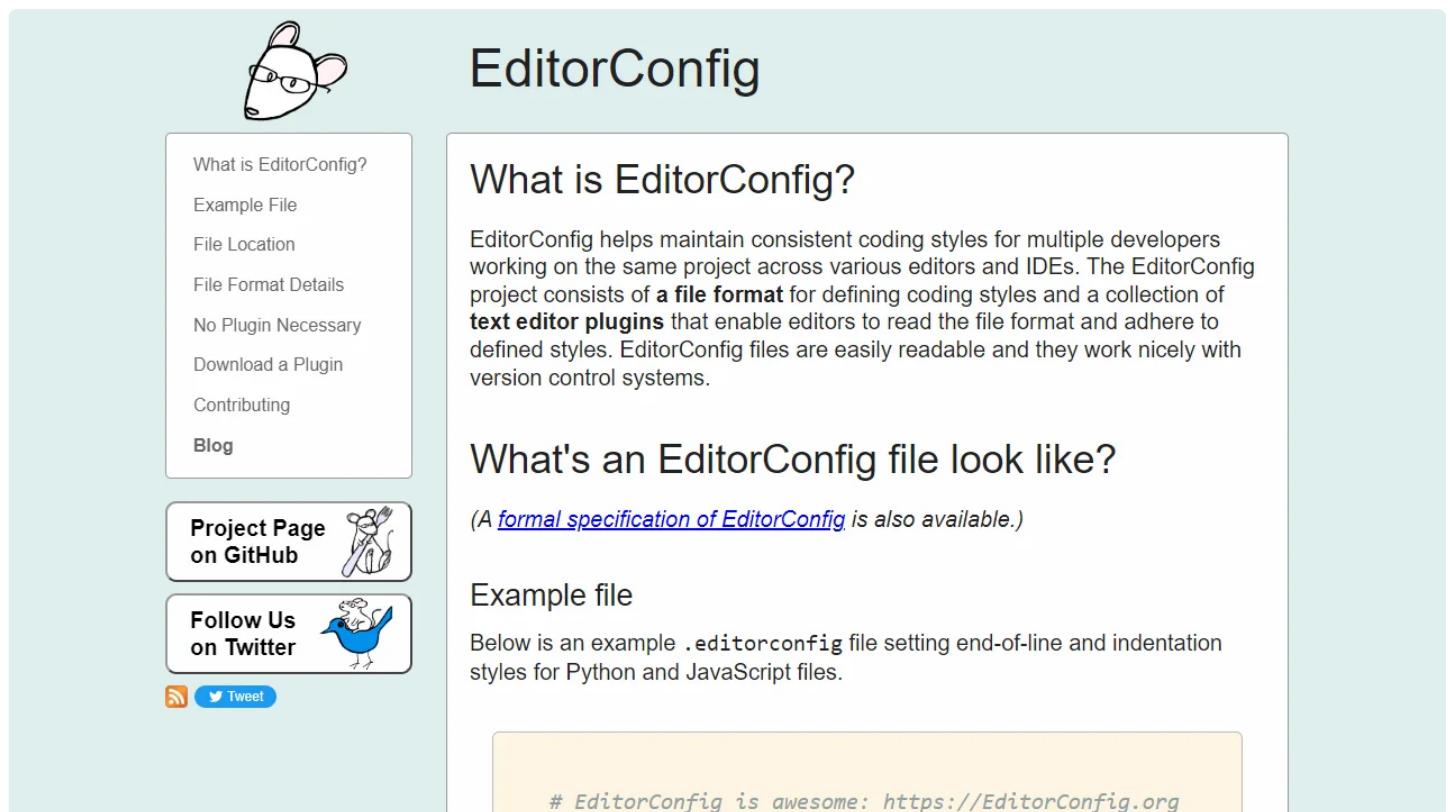


Using EditorConfig to improve coding style consistency

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The screenshot shows the EditorConfig website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with the following items: "What is EditorConfig?", "Example File", "File Location", "File Format Details", "No Plugin Necessary", "Download a Plugin", "Contributing", and "Blog". Below the menu are two social media links: "Project Page on GitHub" and "Follow Us on Twitter". There is also a "Tweet" button. The main content area has a header "EditorConfig" and a sub-header "What is EditorConfig?". The text explains that EditorConfig helps maintain consistent coding styles for multiple developers working on the same project across various editors and IDEs. It mentions that the project consists of a **file format** for defining coding styles and a collection of **text editor plugins** that enable editors to read the file format and adhere to defined styles. Below this, there is a section titled "What's an EditorConfig file look like?" with a note that a formal specification is also available. An "Example file" section shows a snippet of a `.editorconfig` file setting end-of-line and indentation styles for Python and JavaScript files. The example code is:

```
# EditorConfig is awesome: https://EditorConfig.org
```

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EditorConfig has been around for almost a decade at this point. It is widely supported by many editors natively and many more with plugins. You can find more information about their support editors on [EditorConfig's site](#). My current configuration looks something like this.

```
1 root = true
2
3 [*]
4 charset = utf-8
5 indent_style = space
6 indent_size = 2
7 end_of_line = lf
8 insert_final_newline = true
9 trim_trailing_whitespace = true
10
11 [*.py]
12 indent_size = 4
13
14 [*.md]
15 trim_trailing_whitespace = false
16 indent_size = 4
```

I currently use a standard `.editorconfig` on all of my projects and the only exceptions are Python and Markdown since I prefer an indent size of 2 but Python's community has standardized around 4 spaces. Markdown also has an odd way of adding line breaks by adding a space at the end of a line so I have to avoid stripping that extra whitespace.
