

# Getting Started with the Power BI Developer Tools



# Agenda

- Custom Visuals in Power BI
- Node.JS and the Cross-platform Toolchain
- Creating Projects with the PBIVIZ CLI
- Custom Visual Project Structure
- Adding Typed Definition Files
- Testing and Debugging a Custom Visual



# Install the Power BI Developer Toolchain

- Install Node.JS
  - Installs Node Package Manager (npm)
- Install Visual Studio Code
  - Lightweight Alternative to Visual Studio for Node.js Development
- Install Power BI visuals CLI tool (pbiviz)
  - Install using Node Package Manager (npm)
- Install Local self-signed certificate
  - Install using Power BI visuals CLI tool (pbiviz)



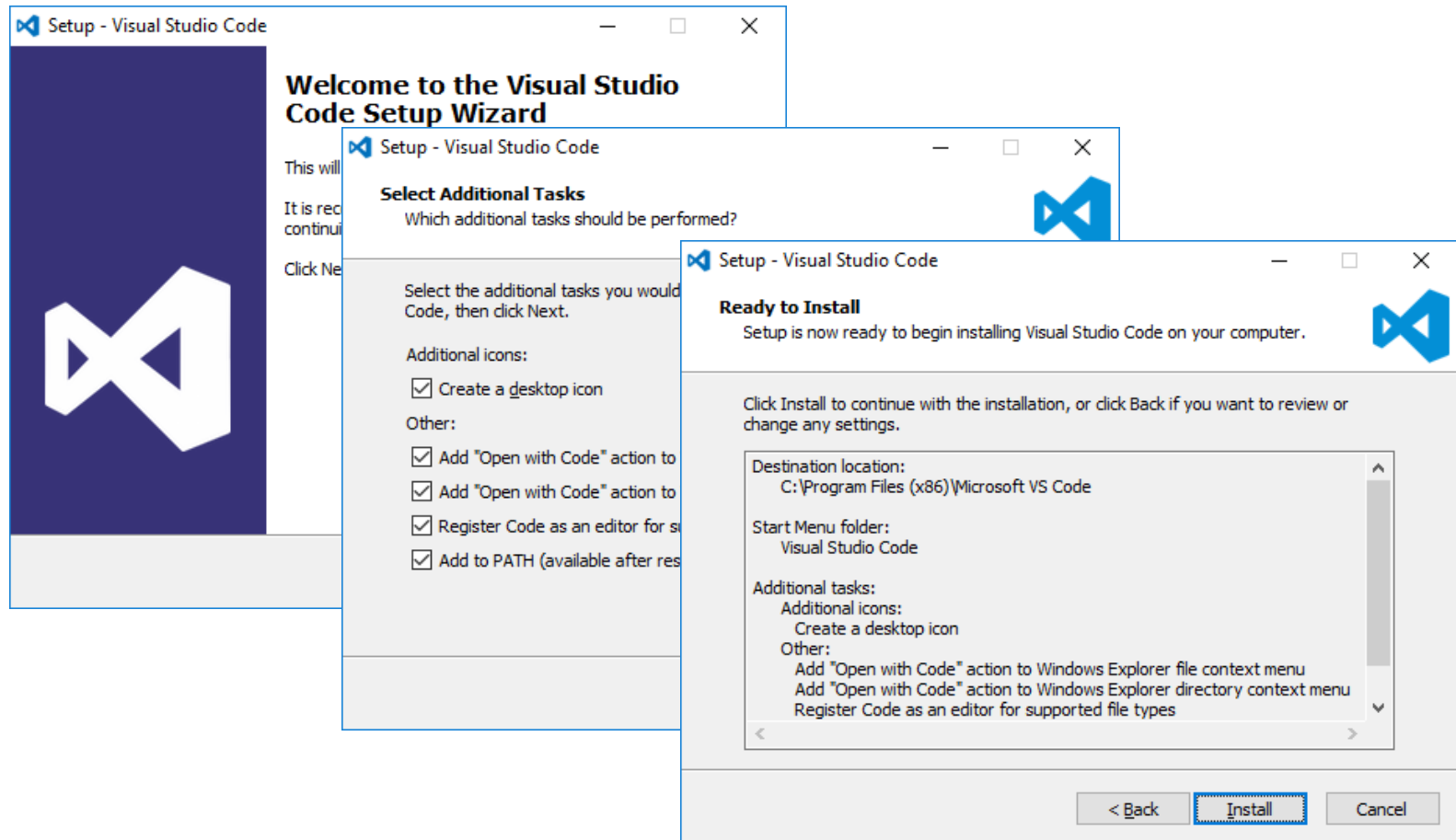
# Installing node.js

- <https://nodejs.org/en/download/>



# Install Visual Studio Code

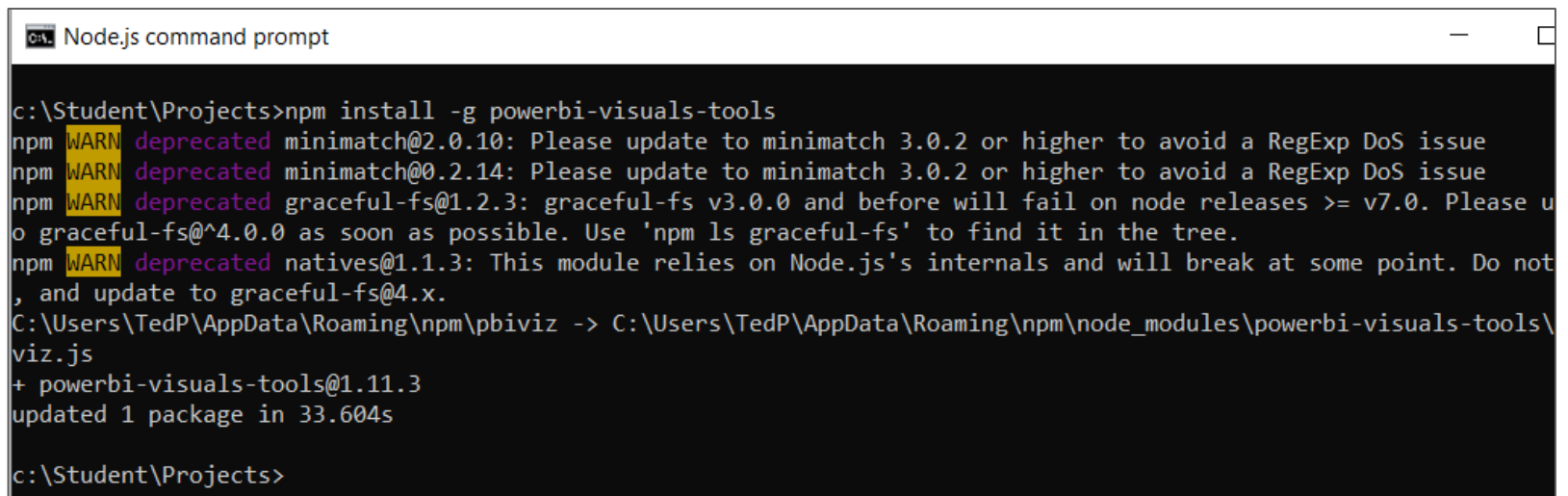
- <http://code.visualstudio.com/>





# Power BI Visual CLI Tool (PBIVIZ)

- What is the Power BI Custom Visual Tool?
  - Command-line utility for cross-platform dev
  - Use it with Visual Studio or Visual Studio Code
  - Requires that you first install node.js
  - Install by running command from node.js command prompt  
**npm install -g powerbi-visuals-tools**



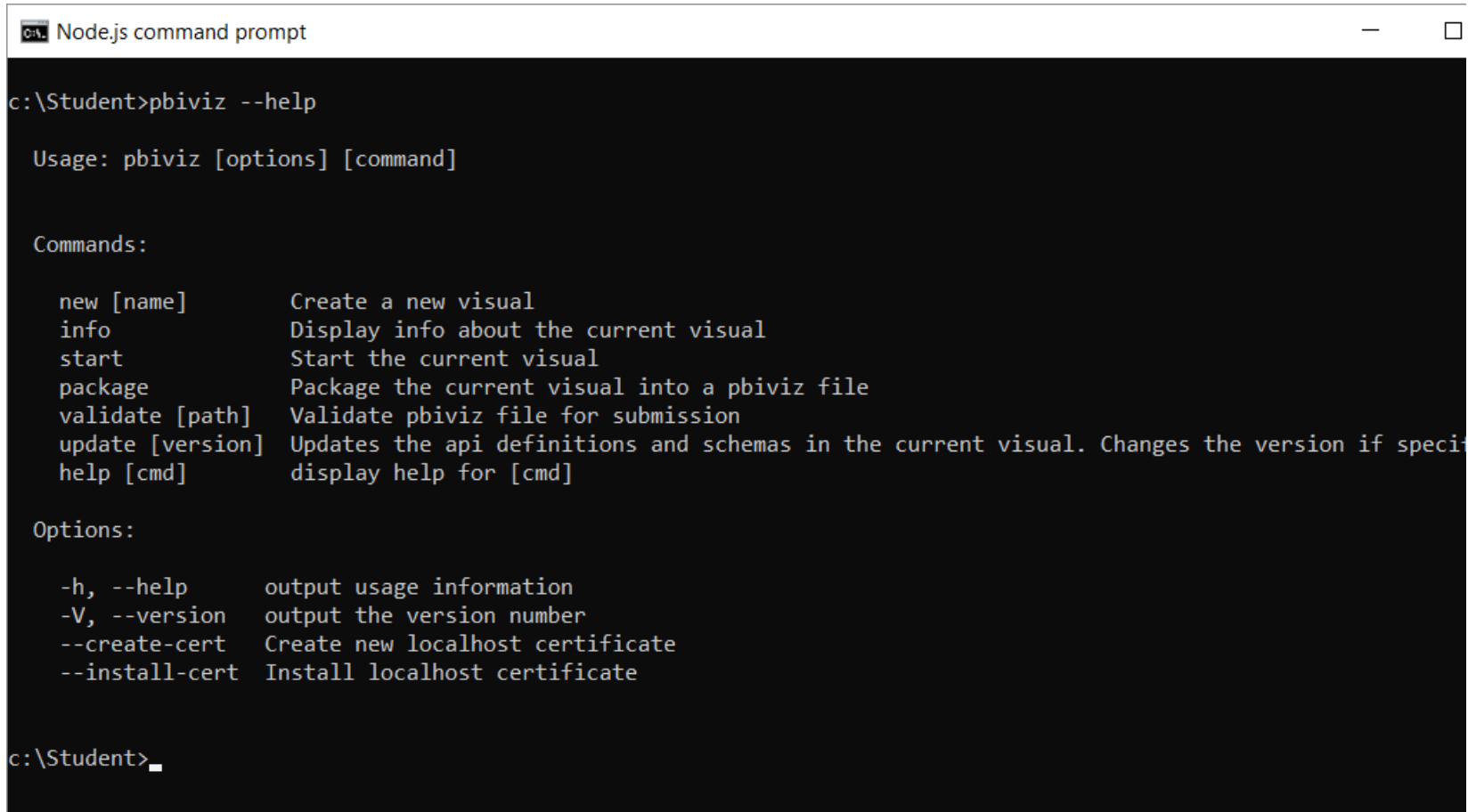
```
Node.js command prompt

c:\Student\Projects>npm install -g powerbi-visuals-tools
npm WARN deprecated minimatch@2.0.10: Please update to minimatch 3.0.2 or higher to avoid a RegExp DoS issue
npm WARN deprecated minimatch@0.2.14: Please update to minimatch 3.0.2 or higher to avoid a RegExp DoS issue
npm WARN deprecated graceful-fs@1.2.3: graceful-fs v3.0.0 and before will fail on node releases >= v7.0. Please u
o graceful-fs@^4.0.0 as soon as possible. Use 'npm ls graceful-fs' to find it in the tree.
npm WARN deprecated natives@1.1.3: This module relies on Node.js's internals and will break at some point. Do not
, and update to graceful-fs@4.x.
C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\pbiviz -> C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\powerbi-visuals-tools\
viz.js
+ powerbi-visuals-tools@1.11.3
updated 1 package in 33.604s

c:\Student\Projects>
```

# Getting Started with PBIVIZ

- PBIVIZ.EXE is a command-line utility
  - You execute PBIVIZ commands from the NODE.JS command line



```
Node.js command prompt

c:\Student>pbiviz --help

Usage: pbiviz [options] [command]


Commands:

  new [name]      Create a new visual
  info           Display info about the current visual
  start          Start the current visual
  package        Package the current visual into a pbiviz file
  validate [path] Validate pbiviz file for submission
  update [version] Updates the api definitions and schemas in the current visual. Changes the version if specified
  help [cmd]     display help for [cmd]

Options:

  -h, --help      output usage information
  -V, --version    output the version number
  --create-cert    Create new localhost certificate
  --install-cert   Install localhost certificate


c:\Student>
```

 Select Node.js command prompt

```
c:\Student>pbiviz --create-cert  
info Certificate generated. Location is C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\nod  
werBICustomVisualTest_public.pfx. Passphrase is '15581865083792024'
```





 Node.js command prompt

```
c:\Student>pbiviz --install-cert
```

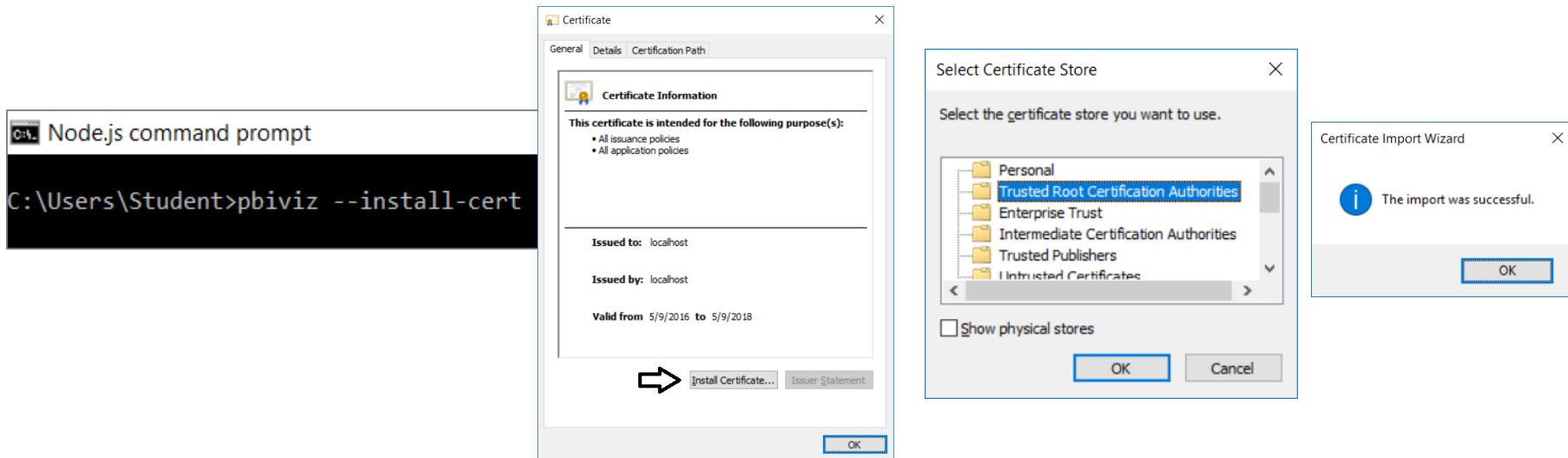
```
info Use '15581865083792024' passphrase to install PFX certificate.
```

```
c:\Student>_
```



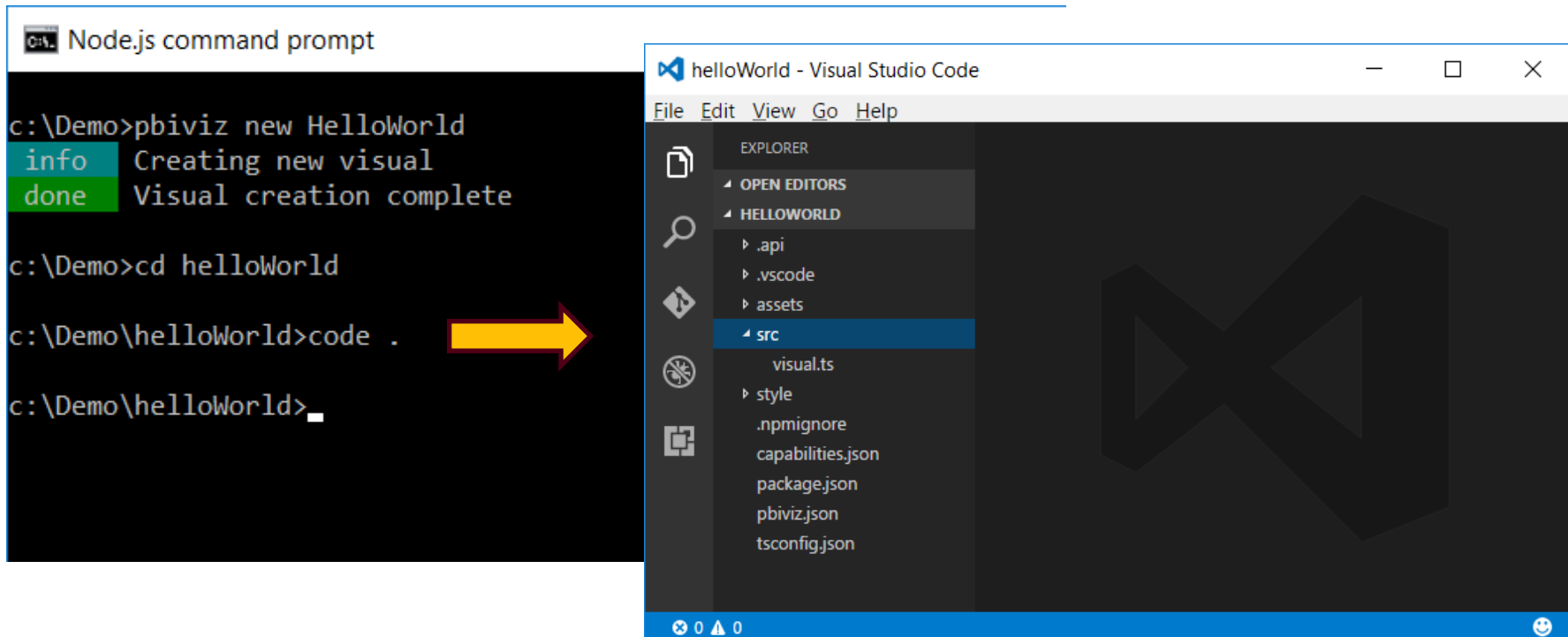
# Installing the Developer Certificate

- Debugging visuals inside PowerBI.com requires SSL
  - PBIVIZ leverages Node.js to provide debugging experience
  - Node.js acts as web service to serve project files through HTTP
  - Node.js debugging session uses <http://localhost> address
  - Installing certificate enables SSL through <https://localhost>
  - Installing certificate is a one time operation – not once per project



# Creating a New Custom Visual Project

- Creating a new project  
`pbiviz new <ProjectName>`
- Open the Project with Visual Studio Code  
`code .`

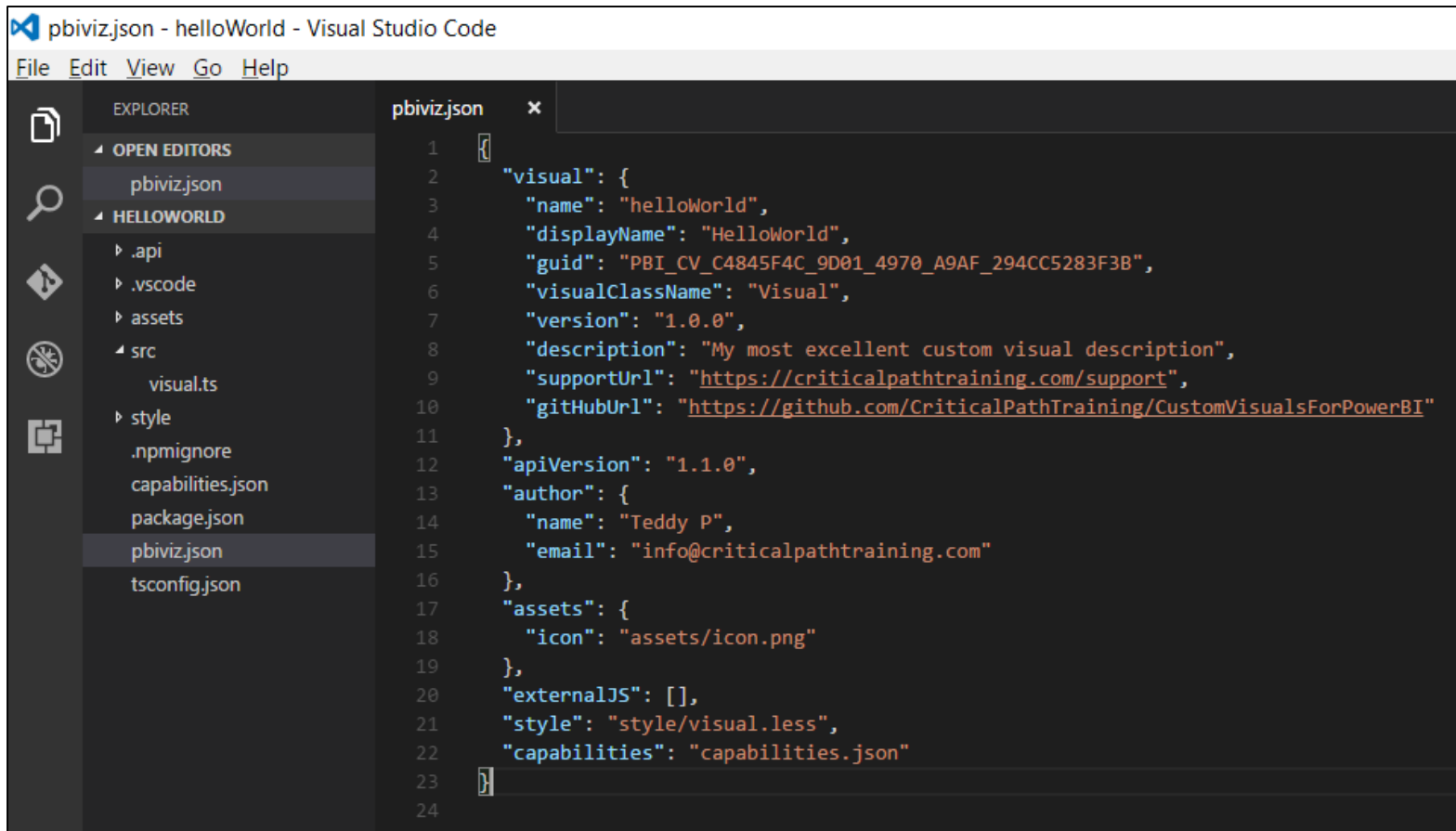


# Files in the new project

- `gitignore`
  - tells git to ignore files that shouldn't be tracked in the repository
- `capabilities.json`
  - used to define the capabilities of your visual learn more about visual capabilities
- `package.json`
  - Used by npm to manage modules learn more about npm
- `pbviz.json`
  - Main configuration file for your visual
- `tsconfig.json`
  - Typescript compiler settings learn more about tsconfig



# The pbiviz.json File



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the file `pbiviz.json` open in the Editor. The Explorer view on the left shows the project structure, including the `pbiviz.json` file. The Editor view displays the JSON content of the file, which defines a custom visual for Power BI.

```
1 {  
2   "visual": {  
3     "name": "helloWorld",  
4     "displayName": "HelloWorld",  
5     "guid": "PBI_CV_C4845F4C_9D01_4970_A9AF_294CC5283F3B",  
6     "visualClassName": "Visual",  
7     "version": "1.0.0",  
8     "description": "My most excellent custom visual description",  
9     "supportUrl": "https://criticalpathtraining.com/support",  
10    "githubUrl": "https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/CustomVisualsForPowerBI"  
11  },  
12  "apiVersion": "1.1.0",  
13  "author": {  
14    "name": "Teddy P",  
15    "email": "info@criticalpathtraining.com"  
16  },  
17  "assets": {  
18    "icon": "assets/icon.png"  
19  },  
20  "externalJS": [],  
21  "style": "style/visual.less",  
22  "capabilities": "capabilities.json"  
23 }  
24
```



# Folders in the new project

- assets/
  - Used to store visual assets (icon, screenshots, etc)
- dist/
  - when you run pbiviz package the pbiviz file will be generated here
- src/
  - Typescript code for your visual goes here
- style/
  - Less styles for your visual go here



# Installing Typed Definitions for D3

- Two choices for installing typed definitions files
  - Using the **typings** utility *(the original way)*
  - Using the **npm** utility *(the new and better way)*
- Installing typed definitions files using typings utility
  - npm install typings -g**
  - typings install --save --global dt~d3#0.0.0+20160907005744**
- Installing typed definitions files using typings utility
  - npm install @types/d3@3 --save-dev**





# The tsconfig.json File

- Used to add references to typings files
  - This is what enables Intellisense

```
tsconfig.json
1 {
2   "compilerOptions": {
3     "allowJs": true,
4     "emitDecoratorMetadata": true,
5     "experimentalDecorators": true,
6     "target": "ES5",
7     "sourceMap": true,
8     "out": "./.tmp/build/visual.js"
9   },
10  "files": [
11    ".api/v1.1.0/PowerBI-visuals.d.ts",
12    "typings/index.d.ts",
13    "src/visual.ts"
14  ]
15 }
```

Typings file reference



# Developing a Custom Visual?

- Create a class that implements IVisual
  - Class wrapped in module with namespace to APIs
  - You code can program again PBI APIs types

```
module powerbi.extensibility.visual {  
  
    export class Visual implements IVisual {  
  
        constructor(options: VisualConstructorOptions) {  
            // one-time initializaion code  
        }  
  
        public update(options: VisualUpdateOptions) {  
            // called when viewport or data changes  
        }  
  
        public destroy(): void {  
            // add cleanup code here  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Running a Custom Visual Project

```
Node.js command prompt - pbiviz start

c:\Demo\PBI>pbiviz new simplebarchart
info  Creating new visual
done  Visual creation complete

c:\Demo\PBI>cd simplebarchart

c:\Demo\PBI\simplebarchart>pbiviz start
info  Building visual...
done  build complete

info  Starting server...
info  Server listening on port 8080.
```



# Address In Use Error

- You can only start one session of PBIVIZ at a time
  - Session takes exclusive control of <https://localhost:8080>
  - Attempts to create secondary sessions will fail

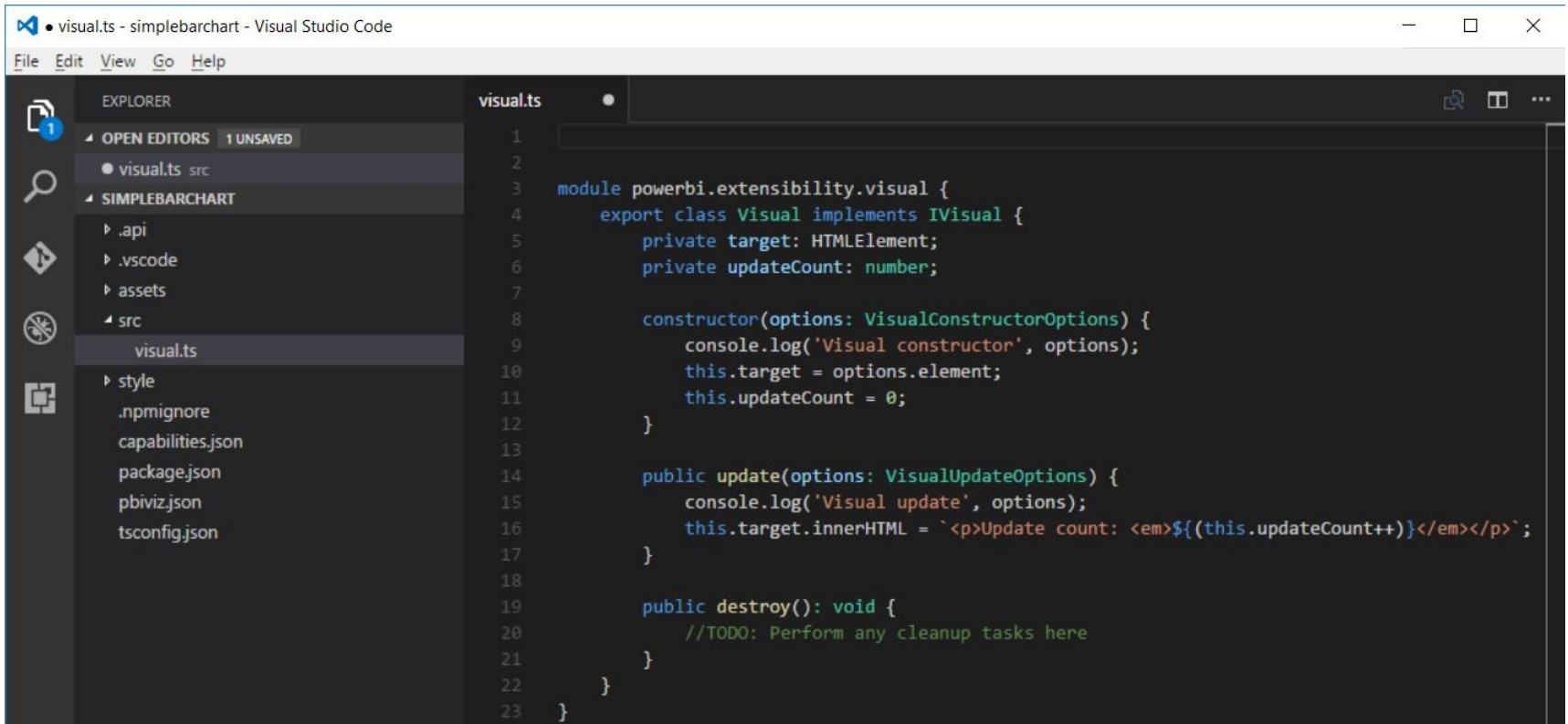
```
PS C:\Student\CustomVisuals\betsy\betsy> pbiviz start
info Building visual...
done build complete

info Starting server...
events.js:183
    throw er; // Unhandled 'error' event
    ^

Error: listen EADDRINUSE :::8080
    at Object._errnoException (util.js:1022:11)
    at _exceptionWithHostPort (util.js:1044:20)
    at Server.setupListenHandle [as _listen2] (net.js:1367:14)
    at listenInCluster (net.js:1408:12)
    at Server.listen (net.js:1492:7)
    at Promise (C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\powerbi-visuals-tools\lib\VisualServer.js:96:64)
    at new Promise (<anonymous>)
    at VisualServer.start (C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\powerbi-visuals-tools\lib\VisualServer.js:59:16)
    at builder.startWatcher.then (C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\powerbi-visuals-tools\bin\pbiviz-start.js:77:20)
    at <anonymous>
PS C:\Student\CustomVisuals\betsy\betsy> █
```



# Developing with Visual Studio Code



```
1  
2  
3 module powerbi.extensibility.visual {  
4   export class Visual implements IVisual {  
5     private target: HTMLElement;  
6     private updateCount: number;  
7  
8     constructor(options: VisualConstructorOptions) {  
9       console.log('Visual constructor', options);  
10      this.target = options.element;  
11      this.updateCount = 0;  
12    }  
13  
14    public update(options: VisualUpdateOptions) {  
15      console.log('Visual update', options);  
16      this.target.innerHTML = `

Update count: <em>${(this.updateCount++)}</em></p>`;  
17    }  
18  
19    public destroy(): void {  
20      //TODO: Perform any cleanup tasks here  
21    }  
22  }  
23 }


```



# Summary

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