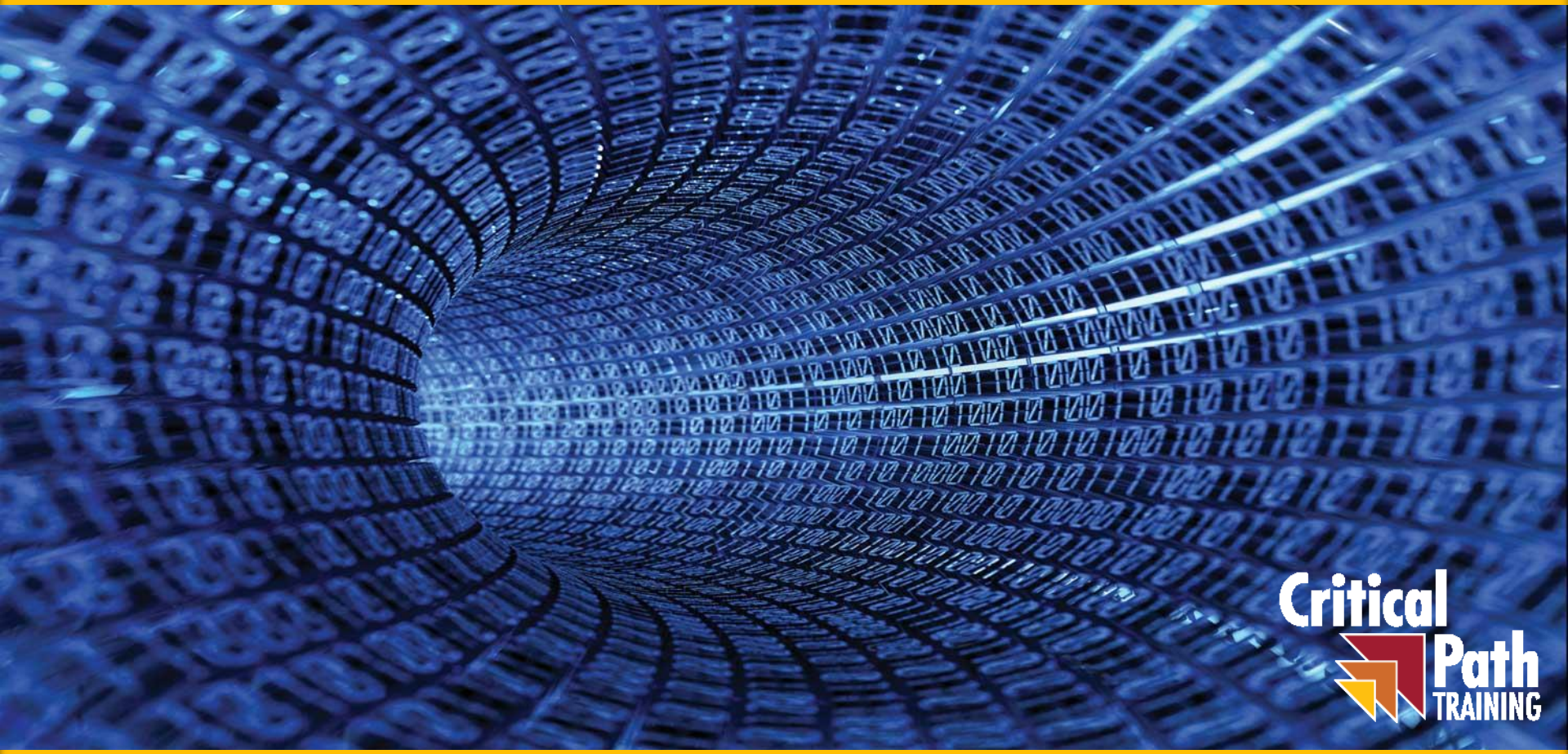
Getting Started with the Power BI Developer Tools



Agenda

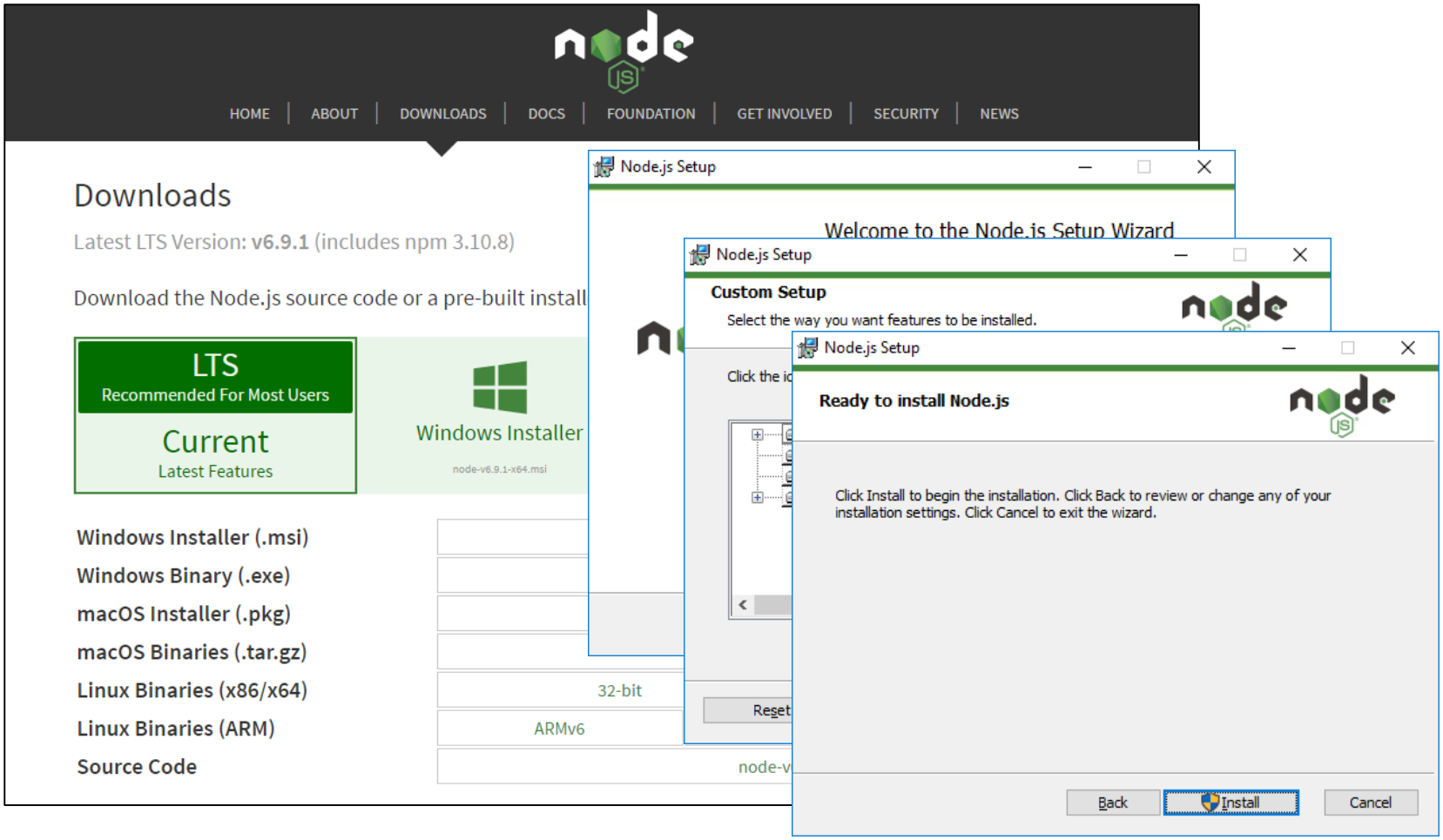
- Custom Visuals in Power BI
- Node.JS and the Cross-platform Toolchain
- Creating Projects with the PBIVIZ CLI
- Custom Visual Project Structure
- Adding Typed Definition Files
- Testing and Debugging a Custom Visual

Install the Power BI Developer Toolchain

- Install Node.JS
  - Installs Node Package Manage (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)

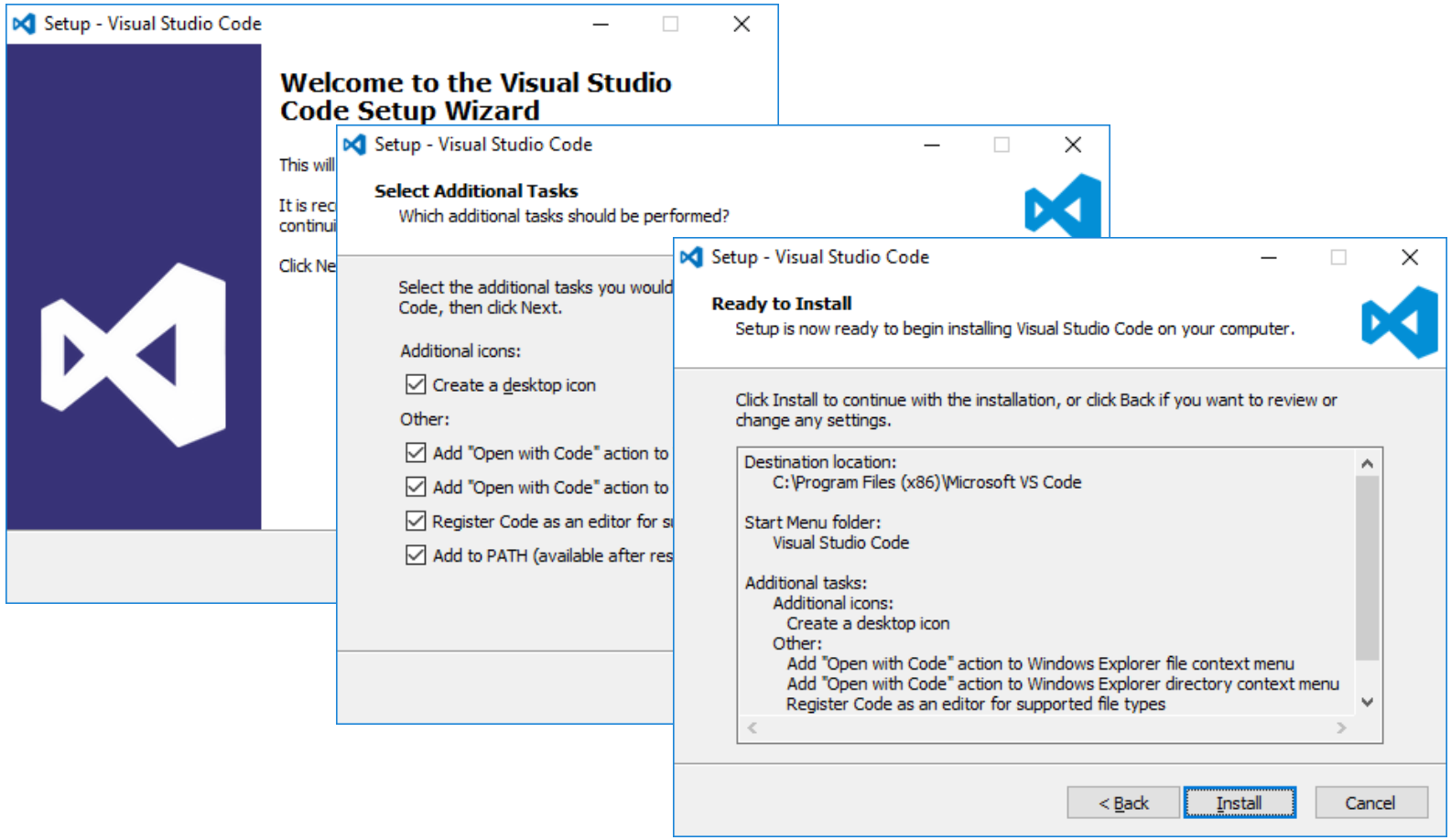
Installing node.js

- 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
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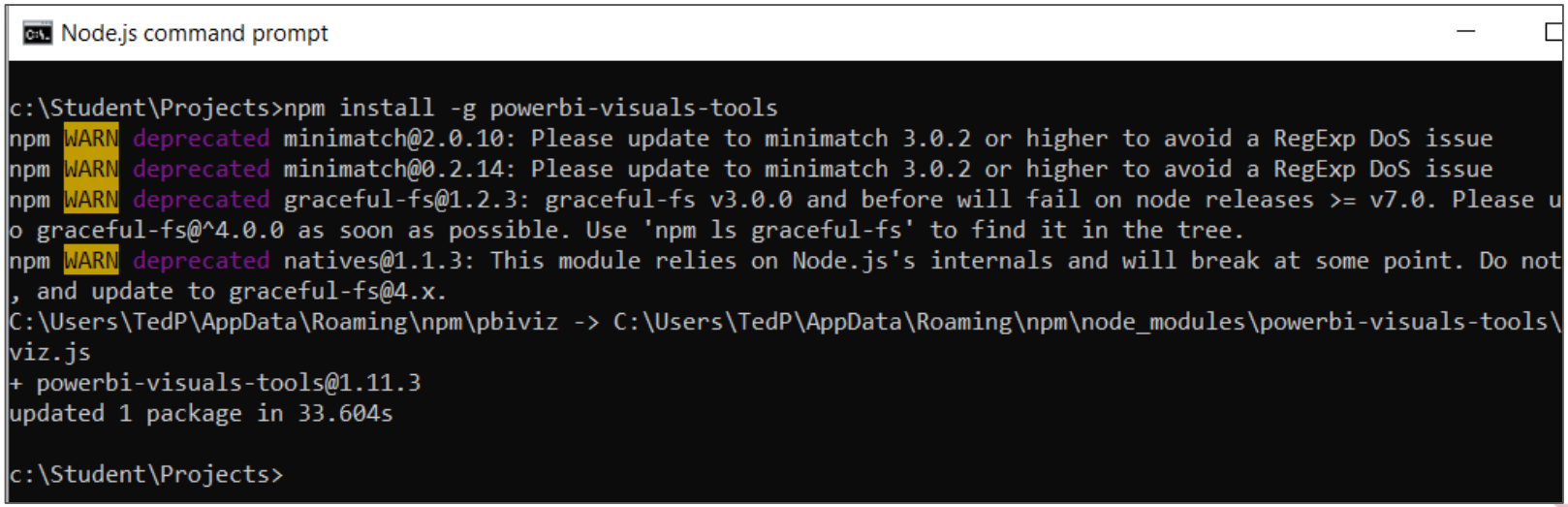
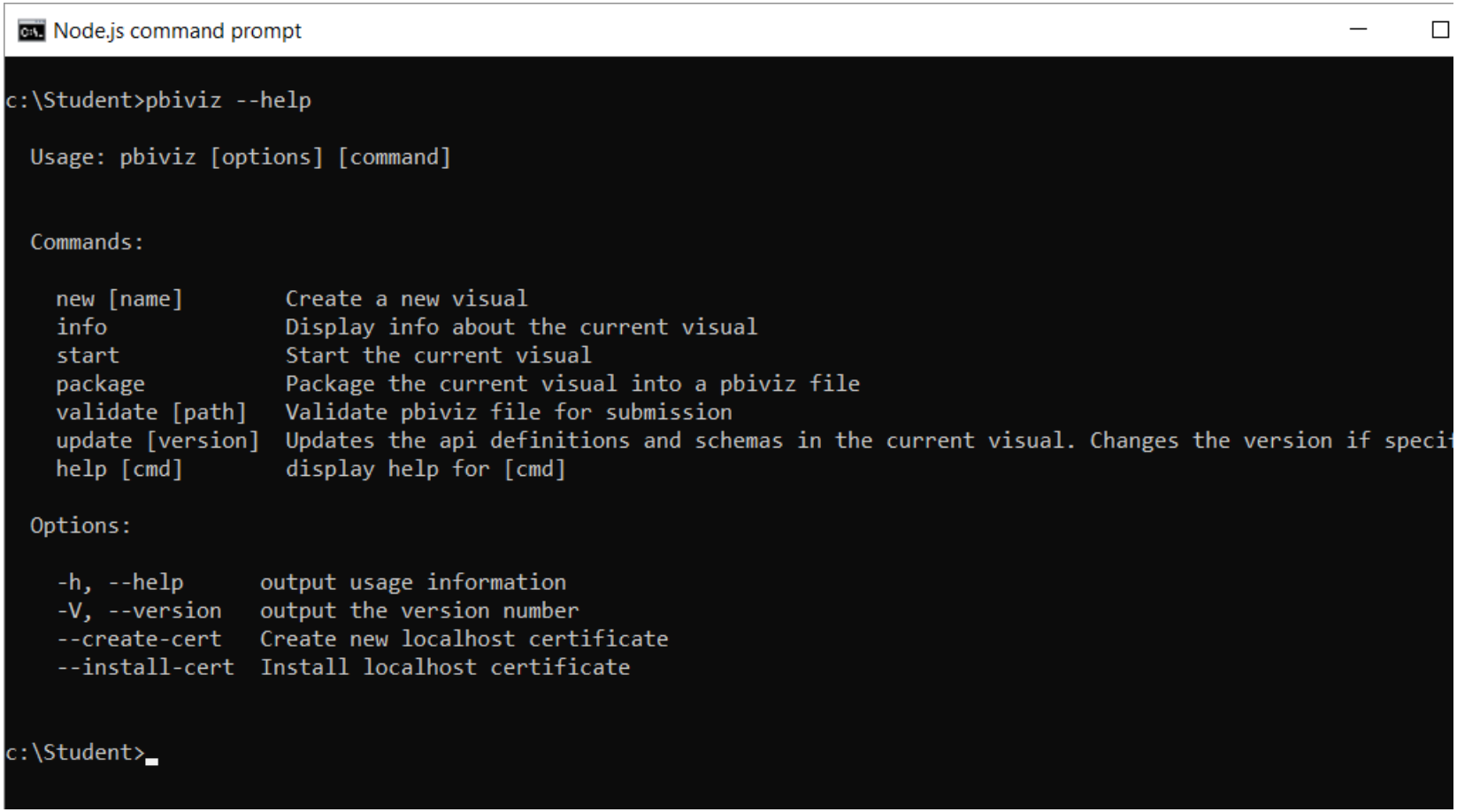
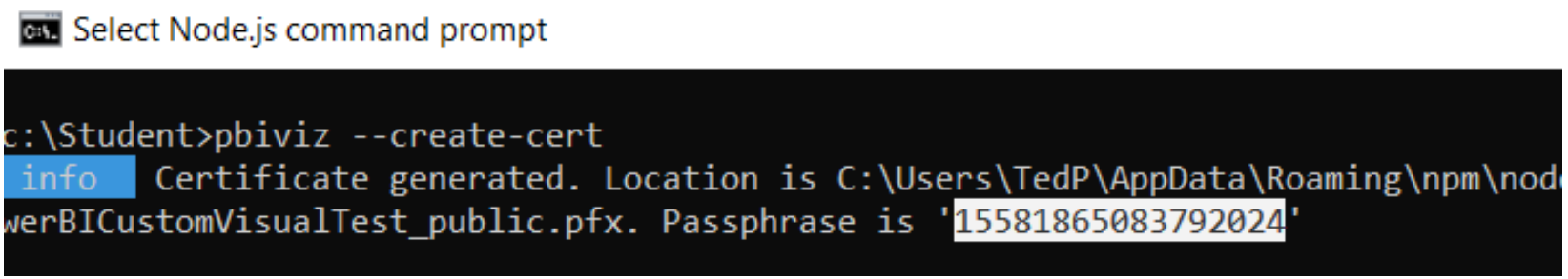
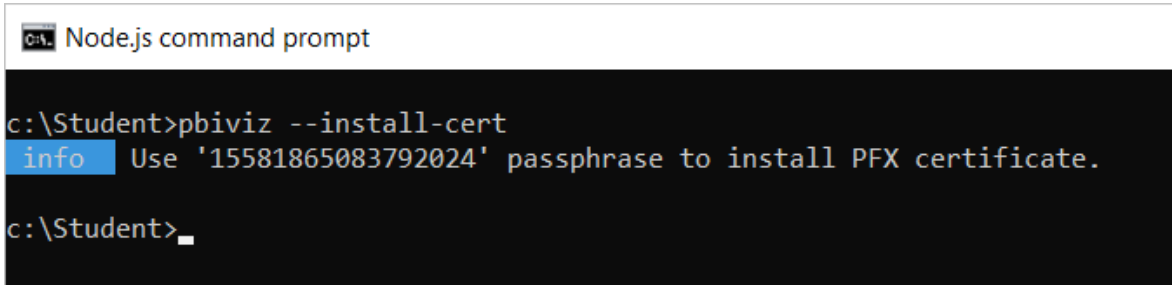


Getting Started with PBIVIZ

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

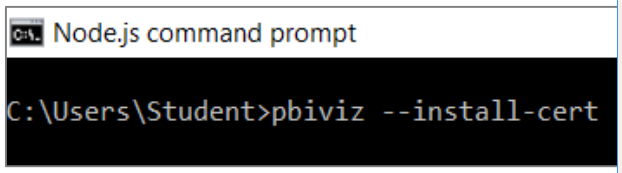


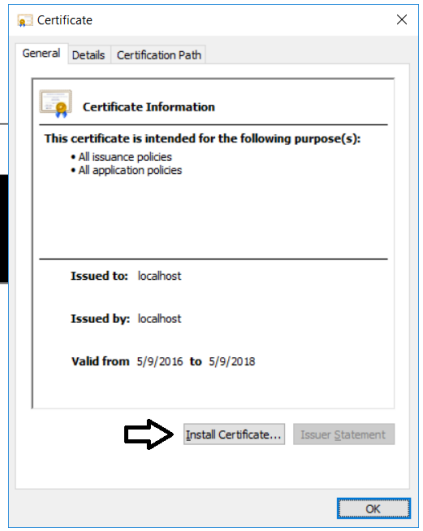

Select Node.js command prompt
c:\Student>pbiviz --create-cert
info Certificate generated. Location is C:\Users\TedP\AppData\Roaming\npm\nod
werBICustomVisualTest_public.pfx. Passphrase is '15581865083792024'

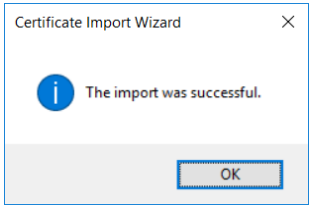

Node.js command prompt
c:\Student>pbiviz --install-cert
info Use '15581865083792024' passphrase to install PFX certificate.
c:\Student>

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







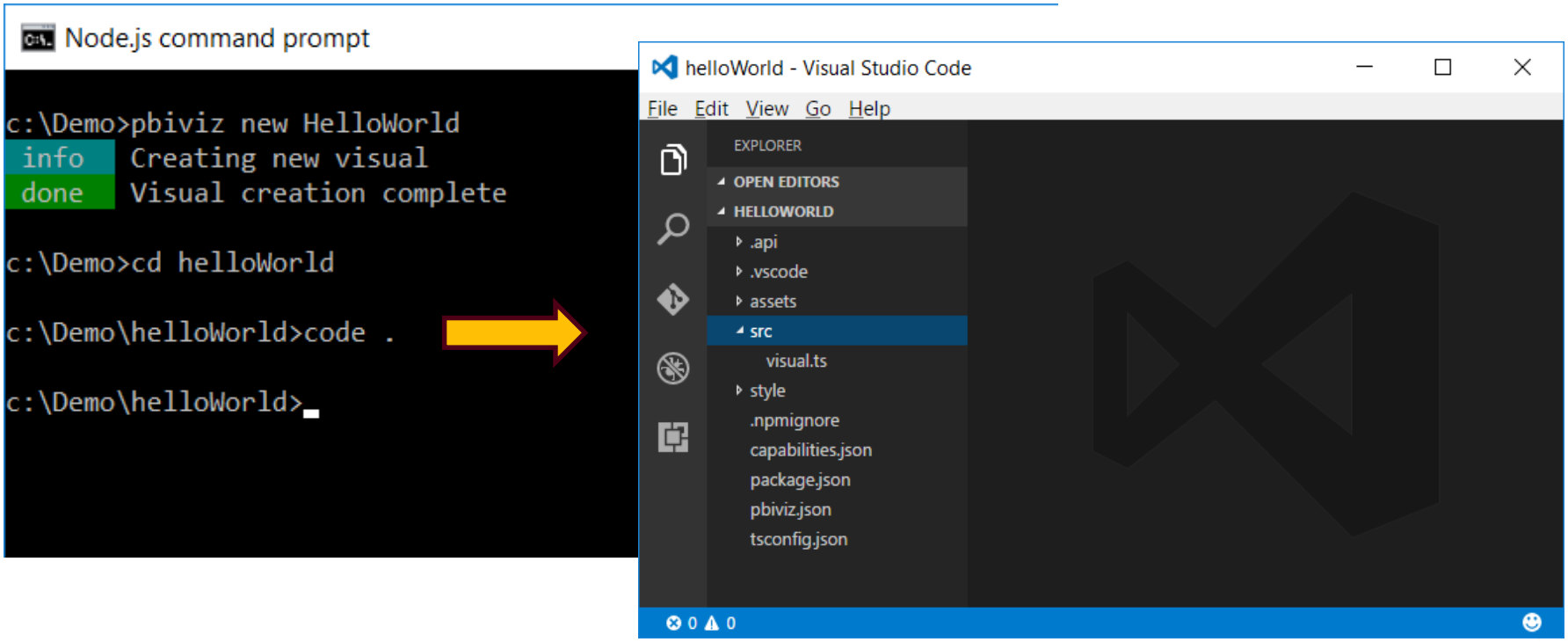
Creating a New Custom Visual Project

- Creating a new project

  ```
  pbiviz new <ProjectName>
  ```

- Open the Project with Visual Studio Code

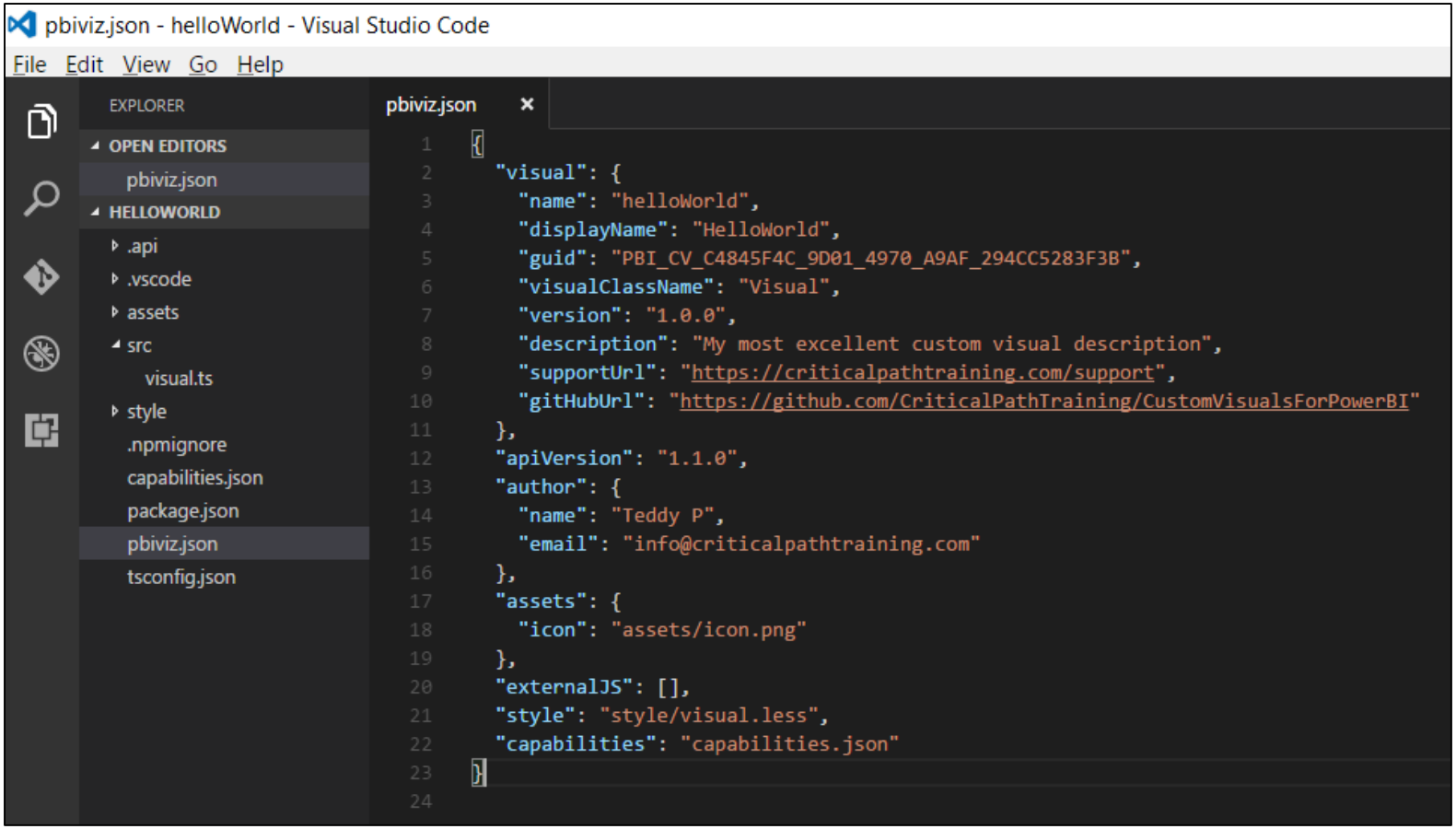
  ```
  code .
  ```



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
- pbiviz.json
  - Main configuration file for your visual
- tsconfig.json
  - Typescript compiler settings learn more about tsconfig

The pbiviz.json File



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

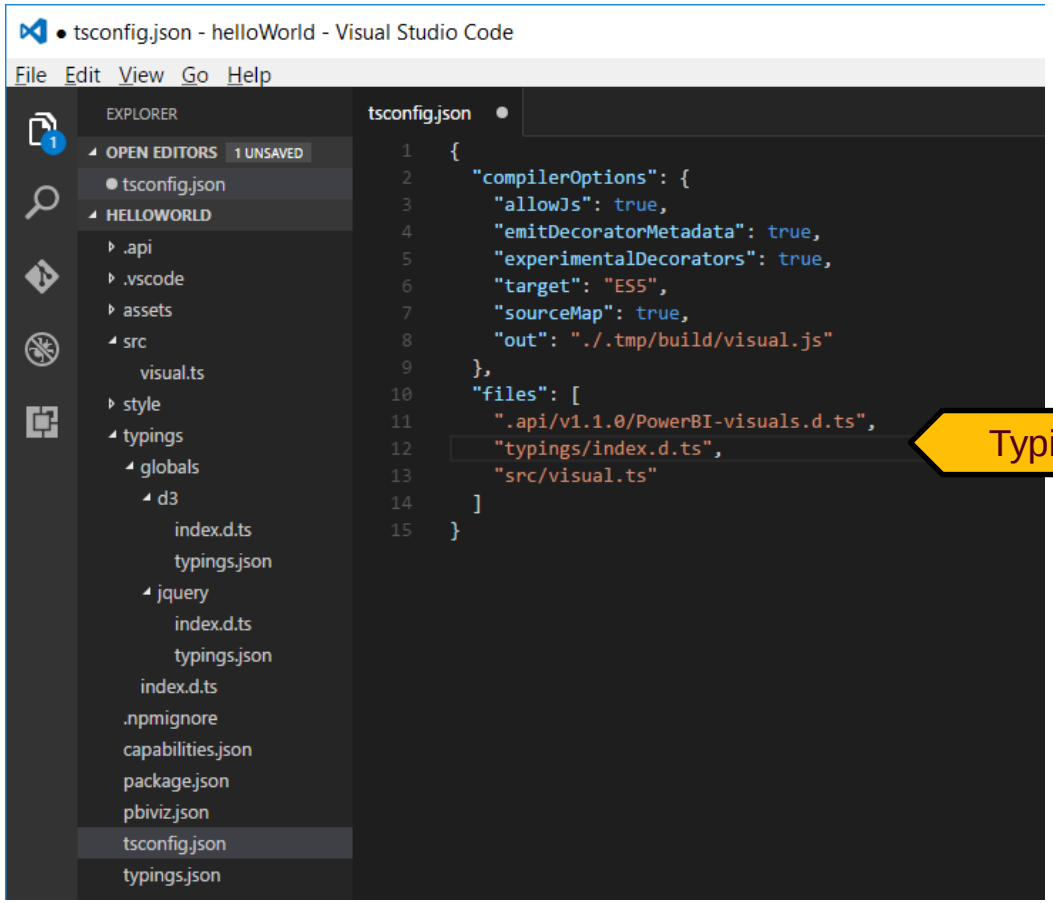
  typings install --save --global dt~d3#0.0.0+20160907005744

- 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



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 {

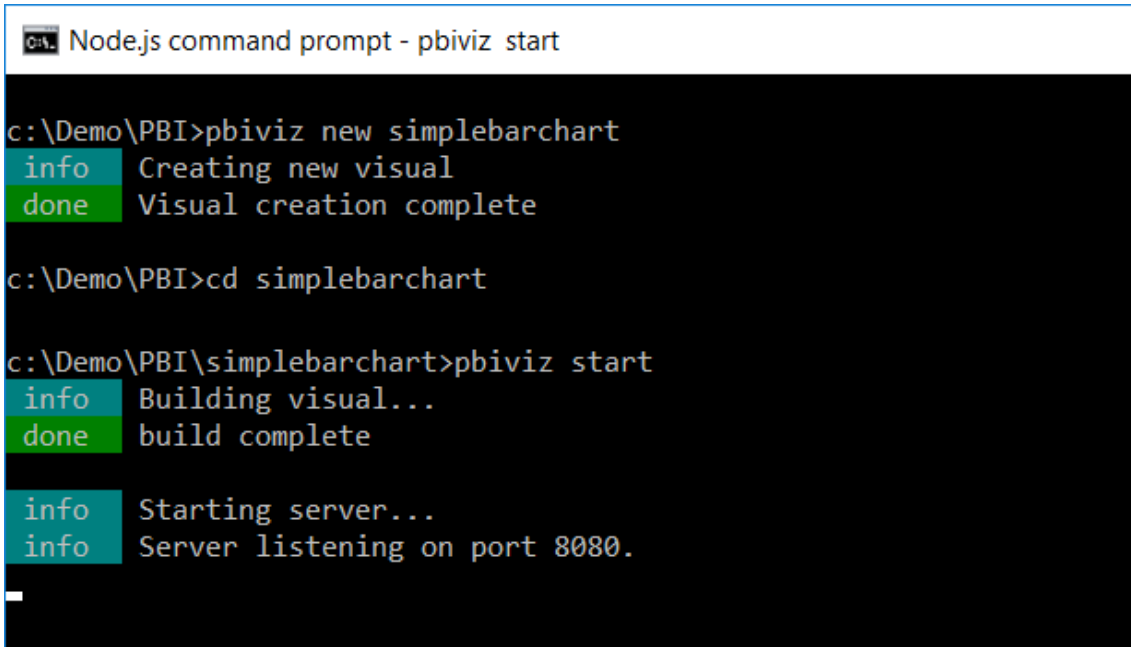
    export class Visual implements IVisual {

        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



Address In Use Error

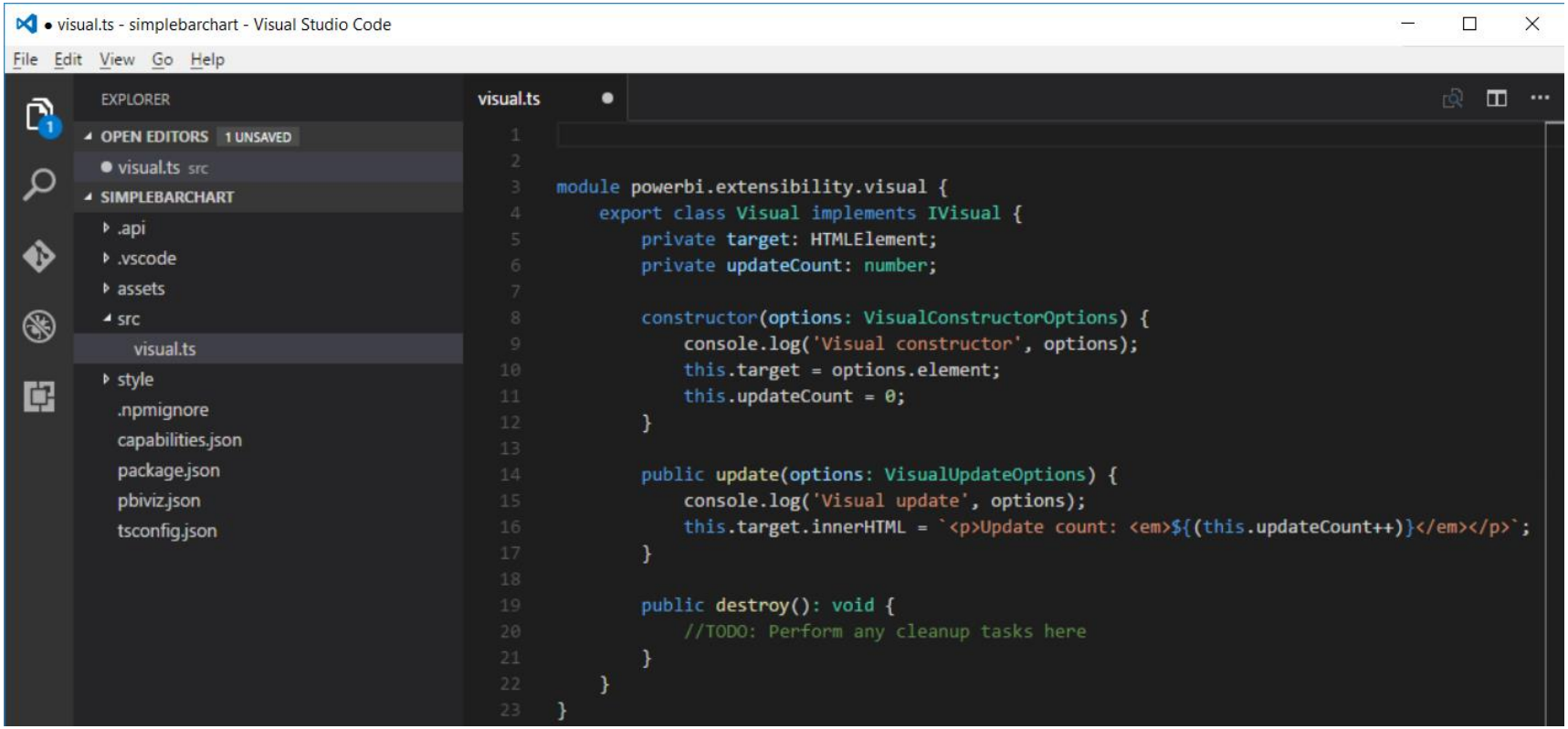
- You can only start one session of PBIVIZ at a time
  - Session takes exclusive control of https://localhost:8080
  - Attempts to create secondary sessions will fail

```
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



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