Python Development

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Raspberry Pi 3

Install Ubuntu Server 18.04 and set it up to use over SSH as explained here.

Desktop

- 1. Install Visual Studio Code Insiders
- 2. Install the "Remote SSH (Nightly)" extension and reload the window if necessary.
- 3. Hit Ctrl+Shift+P, type "Remote-SSH: Connect to Host..." and confirm with enter.
- 4. Choose your Raspberry Pi 3 SSH configuration and hit enter again.
- 5. The VS Code Server will now be installed to the Pi, this will take a moment.
- 6. Once it's finished, open a terminal in VS Code. This is a terminal on the Pi.
- 7. Create a workspace folder using mkdir, and open it in VS Code.
- 8. Open the extensions panel using Ctrl+Shift+X, search for the Python extension by Microsoft, and install it.
- 9. Clear the extension search field, and in the "Local Installed" tab, click "Install on SSH: RPi3" next to the Python extension (green button).
- 10. When it's done installing, it'll say "Reload Required" (blue button). Click it to reload the window with the extension enabled.
- 11. In the bottom left corner, click "Select Python Interpreter" and select the Python version to use on the Pi.
- 12. Create a new Python file, add print('Hello, world!'), and save it.
- 13. Use Ctrl+Shift+P, type "Python: Run Python File in Terminal" and hit enter to run the file. This should print "Hello, world!" in the terminal.
- 14. That's it, you can now write Python code in VS Code as usual, even though the files are saved and executed on the Pi.