Day 4: Built-in Features You Didn't Know Existed

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★ Why This Matters

Many developers install multiple extensions for features that **VS Code already has built-in**. Knowing these hidden gems can save time, reduce dependency on third-party tools, and improve performance.

▼ Hidden Built-in Features Every Developer Should Try

1. Zen Mode

Ctrl + K Z / Cmd + K Z \rightarrow Focus entirely on code by hiding sidebars, tabs, and UI clutter.

2. Integrated Terminal

 $Ctrl + `` / Cmd + `` \rightarrow Run commands without leaving VS Code.$

3. Markdown Preview

 $Ctrl + Shift + V / Cmd + Shift + V \rightarrow View rendered Markdown directly in the editor.$

4. Split Editor & Group Layouts

Easily compare files side-by-side or stack them vertically/horizontally.

5. Peek Definition

Alt + F12 / Option + F12 \rightarrow See function/class definitions inline without switching files.

6. Go to Symbol in File

Ctrl + Shift + O / Cmd + Shift + O \rightarrow Jump directly to a function, variable, or class in your file.

7. Command Palette

Ctrl + Shift + P / Cmd + Shift + P \rightarrow Access every command in VS Code without menus.

8. Outline View

Displays a structural view of the current file in the sidebar.

9. Source Control Integration

Full Git support without needing GitLens for basic version control tasks.

10. Auto Rename Paired HTML Tags (Now native!)

Edit one tag and its pair updates automatically — no extension needed.

Pro Tips:

- Check View -> Command Palette and explore "Developer: Show All Commands" to discover more.
- Learn the default keybindings before adding extensions you may already have what you need.
- Combine Zen Mode + Integrated Terminal for distraction-free development.

Full Series:

github.com/Ghinaiya-Deep/Skill-Stack-by-DeepLogic-Labs

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