

PowerShell in Visual Studio Code Jump Start

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Overview



Understand Visual Studio Code

Set up VSCode for PowerShell development

VSCode PowerShell Tips and Tricks

PowerShell debugging in VSCode

Session Materials



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Understand Visual Studio Code

What is Visual Studio Code?

Cross-platform
source code
editor

FOSS (proprietary
installer)

Syntax
highlighting and
code completion

Embedded Git
source code
control

Rich debugger

Eminently
customizable

VS Code Architecture

Electron

Node.js back-end

Chromium front-end

Cross-platform GUI application

Monaco (VSTS code editor)

PowerShell Editor Services
(via PowerShell extension)

PowerShell-aware code editor

But What About PowerShell ISE?



Ben

So is 6.0 core or will PowerShell 6.0 be both? this article still doesn't explain.



Joey Aiello [MSFT]

Sorry I wasn't more clear, but no, there are no plans for a



Fleet Command

For me, the issue is, speaking proverbially, in whose basket should I put my eggs? The most immediate question is: Must I abandon any and all development efforts inside PowerShell ISE and migrate to Visual Studio Code, in order to break my ISE habits and be better ready when PowerShell 6.0 goes RTW?



Joey Aiello [MSFT]

Given that VS Code has reached feature parity with the PowerShell ISE (and in my opinion, moved far beyond the ISE), I'd say that's a great idea!

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Set Up VSCode for PowerShell Development

VSC Setup - CliffsNotes Version

Install Git

Install VS Code

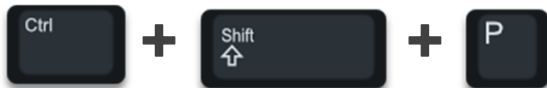
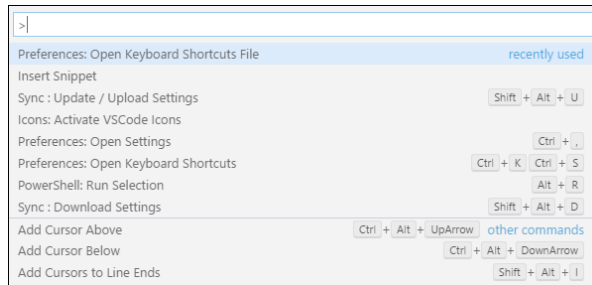
Install VS Code icons

Install PowerShell extension

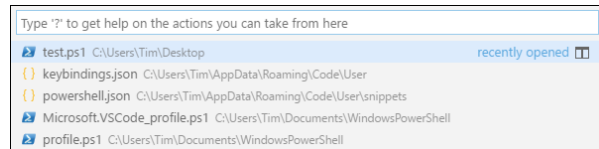
Customize settings

VSC Navigation

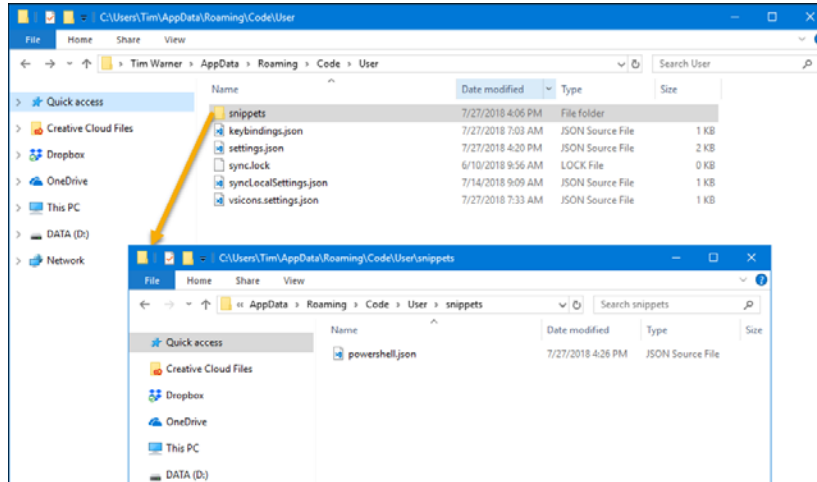
Command Palette



Quick Open



VSC Settings Files



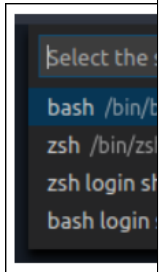
`C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Roaming\Code\User`

Target a PowerShell Version

```
"powershell.powerShellExePath": "C:/Program Files/PowerShell/  
                                <version>/pwsh.exe"
```


```
"terminal.integrated.shell.windows": "C:/Program Files/PowerShell/  
                                       <version>/pwsh.exe"
```

Shell Launcher Extension



select the
bash /bin/t
zsh /bin/zs
zsh login sh
bash login

```
1 "shellLauncher.shells.windows": [  
2   {  
3     "shell": "C:\\Windows\\system32\\cmd.exe",  
4     "label": "cmd"  
5   },  
6   {  
7     "shell": "C:\\Windows\\system32\\WindowsPowerShell\\v1.0\\powershell.exe",  
8     "label": "PowerShell 5.1"  
9   },  
10  {  
11    "shell": "C:\\Program Files\\PowerShell\\6.0.1\\pwsh.exe",  
12    "label": "PowerShell 6.0"  
13  },  
14  {  
15    "shell": "C:\\Program Files\\Git\\bin\\bash.exe",  
16    "label": "Git bash"  
17  },  
18 ],  
19 ]
```



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“With Visual Studio Code, expect change. Often.”

The World According to Tim

Submit issues and feature requests at github.com/Microsoft/vscode

VSCode for PowerShell Tips and Tricks

Key Bindings – Run Selection

```
// Overwrite keybindings by placing them into your keybindings file.
[
  {
    "key": "escape-escape",
    "command": "workbench.action.exitZenMode",
    "when": "inZenMode"
  },
  {
    "key": "shift+escape",
    "command": "closeReferenceSearchEditor",
    "when": ""
  }
]

[
  {
    "key": "alt+r",
    "command": "PowerShell.RunSelection",
    "when": "editorTextFocus && editorLangId == 'powershell'"
  },
  {
    "key": "alt+c",
    "command": "workbench.action.showCommands"
  },
  {
    "key": "alt+o",
    "command": "workbench.action.quickOpen"
  }
]
```

CODE SETTINGS SYNC UPLOAD SUMMARY
Version: 3.0.0
GitHub Token:
GitHub Gist: a
GitHub Gist Ty
Restarting Visual Studio Code may be required to apply color and file icon theme.

Ln 15, Col 8

Snippets

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying 'Keith Hill's Blog' with a sidebar containing a 'PowerShell Snippets' article. The main content area shows a code editor with a file named 'Untitled-1.ps1'. The editor has a line number column on the left (1-13) and a list of snippets on the right. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of snippets with 'foreach' selected. The snippet text is visible in the editor area.

1 (points to the snippet list)

2 (points to the 'foreach' snippet in the dropdown)

3 (points to the 'foreach' snippet text in the editor)

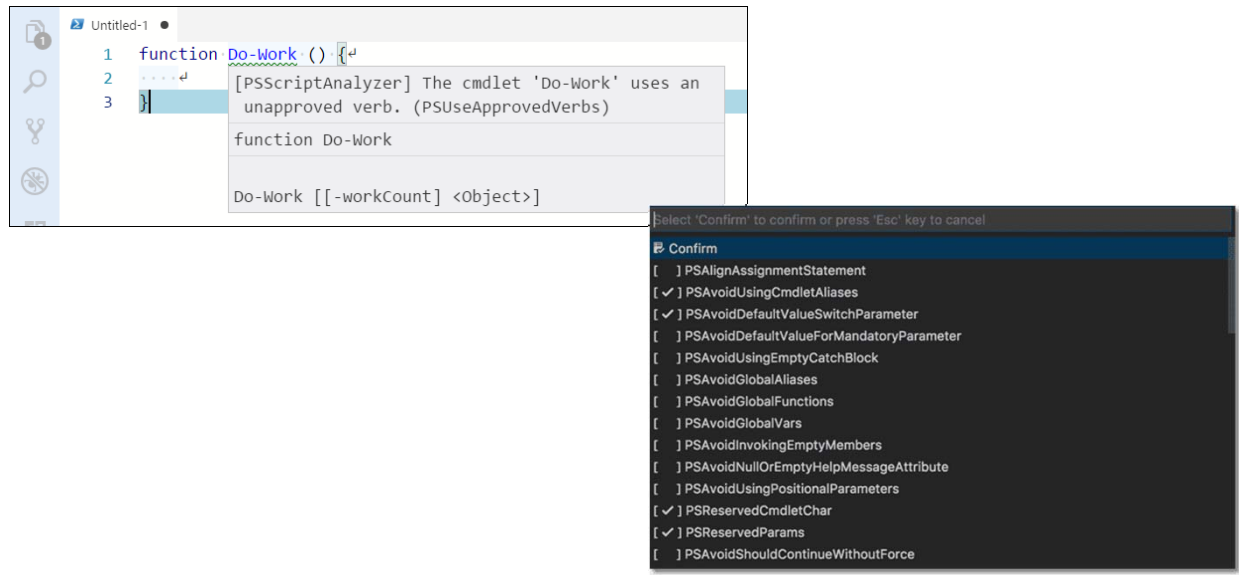
Snippet list:

- else
- Else statement
- elseif
- Elseif statement
- enum
- Enum
- for
- For loop
- foreach
- Foreach statement
- func
- Function

Snippet text in editor:

```
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11 foreach ($item in ${collection}) {  
12  
13 }
```

PS Script Analyzer



Git Source Control

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio Code interface with the 'Code.ps1' file open. The 'SOURCE CONTROL: GIT' sidebar is visible on the left, showing 'STAGED CHANGES' and 'CHANGES'. The terminal window shows the output of a 'git log' command, indicating an initial commit. A context menu is open over the 'SOURCE CONTROL: GIT' sidebar, listing various Git actions such as 'Pull', 'Push', 'Commit All', and 'Stash'.

Visual Studio Code - Code.ps1

File Edit Selection View Go Debug Tasks Help

SOURCE CONTROL: GIT ✓ ↻ ⋮ Code.ps1 x

Message (press Ctrl+Enter to)

STAGED CHANGES

Code.ps1

CHANGES

PROBLEMS TERMINAL ... 1: PowerShell Integrate + - ⌵ □

```
PS D:\psproject> git log
commit 2aa41a25d7b0866c428dafb05844fe921948e5a7 (HEAD -> master)
Author: Tim Warner <timothywarner316@gmail.com>
Date: Fri Aug 3 08:13:02 2018 -0500

    Initial commit
PS D:\psproject>
```

1: PowerShell Integrate + - ⌵ □

pull

pull (Rebase)

pull from...

push

push to...

sync

Publish Branch

Commit All

Commit All (Amend)

Commit All (Signed Off)

Commit Staged

Commit Staged (Amend)

Commit Staged (Signed Off)

Undo Last Commit

Discard All Changes

Stage All Changes

Unstage All Changes

Pop Latest Stash

Pop Stash...

Stash

Stash (Include Untracked)

Show Git Output

master+ 0 0 Ln 2, Col 11 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF PowerShell 10.5.1

PowerShell Debugging in VSCode

Thank You!



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