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1. Download the installer:

- Go to the official VSCode download page: <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Click on the "Download for Windows" button. This will download an executable file (usually named **VSCodeSetup.exe**).

2. Run the installer:

- Double-click on the downloaded **VSCodeSetup.exe** file to start the installation process.
- Follow the on-screen instructions. You may be prompted to accept the license agreement and choose the installation location.

3. Customize (optional):

- During the installation process, you may have the option to:
 - Select additional components like Python or C++ support.
 - Add VSCode to the Start menu and desktop.
 - Set VSCode as your default text editor.

4. Finish the installation:

- Click "Finish" to complete the installation.

5. Launch VSCode:

- You can now find VSCode in your Start menu or on your desktop. Double-click on the icon to launch the application.

Additional tips:

- **Extensions:** VSCode's power comes from its vast ecosystem of extensions. To install extensions, click on the Extensions icon in the left sidebar (or press Ctrl+Shift+X). Search for the desired extension and click "Install."
- **Themes:** Customize the appearance of VSCode with different themes. To change the theme, go to File > Preferences > Color Theme.
- **Keyboard shortcuts:** Learn and use keyboard shortcuts to improve your productivity. You can find a list of default shortcuts in the Keyboard Shortcuts menu (Ctrl+Shift+P).