

Quick Note: Setting up VS Code + Copilot Agent

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1. Install VS Code

- Go to <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Download for your OS (Windows, macOS, Linux).
- Install with default settings.

2. Install GitHub Copilot Extension

- Open VS Code.
- Click the **Extensions** tab (left sidebar, square icon).
- Search for **GitHub Copilot** and install it.
- Also install **GitHub Copilot Chat** for chatbot-style interaction.

3. Sign In with GitHub

- After installing, a pop-up will ask you to sign in with your GitHub account.
- Use your school email to verify student status through the GitHub Education Pack.
- Once verified, you'll have **free Copilot Pro**, which includes the new Copilot Agent.

4. Enable Copilot Agent

- In VS Code, open the **Copilot Chat** panel.
- You can now:
 - Chat with Copilot like a chatbot.
 - Ask it to generate or edit code across your repository.
 - Accept or reject changes via diffs.

5. Test It Out

- Create a new folder and add a `main.py` file.
- In the chat, type: *“Write a Python program that prints Hello World.”*
- Copilot will generate and insert the code.
- Try a bigger request: *“Make this a simple web calculator with a UI.”*

Tips for Students

- Free for students through the GitHub Education Pack.
- Works on any project you open in VS Code.
- Best way to learn: start with a small repo, let Copilot edit files, and review the changes.