**Installation of VS Code:**

**Steps to Download and Install Visual Studio Code on Windows 11:**

1. **Download the Installer:**
   * Visit the [Visual Studio Code download page](https://code.visualstudio.com/Download).
   * Click on the download link for Windows to get the VS Code installer.
2. **Run the Installer:**
   * Locate the downloaded installer file (VSCodeUserSetup-x64-<version>.exe) and double-click to run it.
   * Follow the installation wizard:
     + Accept the license agreement.
     + Choose the destination folder for installation.
     + Select additional tasks (e.g., create a desktop icon, add to PATH).
3. **Complete Installation:**
   * Click Install to begin the installation process.
   * Once the installation is complete, click Finish to launch Visual Studio Code.

**Prerequisites:**

* Ensure your Windows 11 system is up to date.
* No additional prerequisites are required for installing VS Code itself. However, depending on your development needs, you might need to install specific programming languages or tools (e.g., Node.js, Python).

**First-time Setup:**

**Initial Configurations and Settings:**

1. **Theme and Appearance:**
   * Go to File > Preferences > Color Theme.
   * Choose a theme that suits your preference (e.g., Dark+, Light+).
2. **Extensions:**
   * Install essential extensions by clicking the Extensions icon on the Activity Bar.
   * Recommended extensions:
     + Python
     + ESLint
     + Prettier - Code formatter
     + GitLens
3. **Settings Sync:**
   * Enable Settings Sync to sync your settings across devices.
   * Go to File > Preferences > Settings Sync.
4. **Workspace Settings:**
   * Open File > Preferences > Settings.
   * Adjust settings such as font size, tab size, and auto-save.

**User Interface Overview:**

**Main Components of the VS Code User Interface:**

1. **Activity Bar:**
   * Located on the far left.
   * Provides quick access to different views like Explorer, Search, Source Control, Run and Debug, and Extensions.
2. **Side Bar:**
   * Displays the contents of the selected view in the Activity Bar.
   * Example: The Explorer view shows the directory structure and files.
3. **Editor Group:**
   * The main area where you open and edit files.
   * Supports multiple tabs and split views.
4. **Status Bar:**
   * Located at the bottom of the window.
   * Displays information about the current file, such as line and column number, language mode, and Git branch.

**Command Palette:**

* Access it by pressing Ctrl+Shift+P (or F1).

**Examples of Common Tasks:**

* Open a file: Ctrl+P
* Change language mode: Change Language Mode
* Run a build task: Run Build Task
* Install extensions: Extensions: Install Extensions

### Extensions in VS Code:

**Role of Extensions:**

* Extensions enhance the functionality of VS Code by adding support for languages, debuggers, tools, and other features.

**Finding, Installing, and Managing Extensions:**

* Click the Extensions icon on the Activity Bar.
* Search for extensions in the marketplace.
* Click Install to add an extension.
* Manage installed extensions from the Extensions view.

**Essential Extensions for Web Development:**

* Live Server
* HTML Snippets
* CSS IntelliSense
* JavaScript (ES6) code snippets

### Integrated Terminal:

**Opening and Using the Integrated Terminal:**

* Open the integrated terminal with Ctrl+ `
* Use the terminal for running commands, scripts, and tools without leaving the editor.

**Advantages:**

* Consistent development environment.
* Integrated with the VS Code workspace.
* Easily switch between code and terminal.

### File and Folder Management:

**Creating, Opening, and Managing Files and Folders:**

* **Create a new file:** Right-click in the Explorer view and select New File.
* **Open a file:** Use Ctrl+O to open an existing file.
* **Create a new folder:** Right-click in the Explorer view and select New Folder.

**Navigating Between Files and Directories:**

* Use the Explorer view to navigate the project structure.
* Use Ctrl+P to quickly open files by name.

### Settings and Preferences:

**Finding and Customizing Settings:**

* Go to File > Preferences > Settings.
* Use the search bar to find specific settings.

**Examples:**

* **Change Theme:** File > Preferences > Color Theme.
* **Change Font Size:** Search for Editor: Font Size in settings.
* **Change Keybindings:** File > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts.

### Debugging in VS Code:

**Setting Up and Starting Debugging:**

1. Open the file you want to debug.
2. Set breakpoints by clicking in the gutter next to the line numbers.
3. Open the Run and Debug view from the Activity Bar.
4. Click Run and Debug and choose the appropriate configuration or create a new one.

**Key Debugging Features:**

* Breakpoints
* Watch variables
* Call stack
* Debug console

### Using Source Control:

**Integrating Git with VS Code:**

1. **Initialize a Repository:**
   * Open a terminal and navigate to your project directory.
   * Run git init to initialize a Git repository.
2. **Making Commits:**
   * Stage changes using the Source Control view or git add in the terminal.
   * Commit changes with a message using the Source Control view or git commit -m "message".
3. **Pushing Changes to GitHub:**
   * Create a new repository on GitHub.
   * Add the remote repository URL to your local repo:

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git remote add origin https://github.com/YourUsername/YourRepository.git

* + Push changes:

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git push -u origin main