



Tune VS Code like a BOSS

14 Kick-Ass Extensions You Don't Wanna Miss!





They say that with Visual Studio Code, Microsoft redeemed themselves amongst the developer community.

Many old time programmers carried a grudge against the Redmond tech giant given their outspoken anti open source stance.

Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer even infamously called the open source operating system Linux "<u>a cancer</u>."

Today, <u>14 million</u> developers call VS Code 'home'.

Given that the number of devs worldwide — according to Statista — is around 24 million, thats an insane number!

While VS Code is 100% free, it is also a totally brilliant marketing strategy into Microsoft's <u>Azure</u>.

As an ex Google Cloud and AWS user, I'd say it's highly doubtful whether without VS Code, Azure would have gotten to be part of 'the big 3'. Now however, with GitHub and VS Code combined, they pretty much own us all.



Microsoft invests more than \$10 Billion In data centers annually and is on pace to build between <u>50 and 100 new</u> <u>data centers each year</u> for the foreseeable future.

Enough with the politics. Let's dive into the juicy parts. The following VS Code extensions are a 'must':

Bear in mind, given how lightweight VS Code is, there is really never a worry about having 'too many' extensions. So just knock yourself out!

Sourcery - Visual Studio Marketplace

Sourcery is the pair programmer who will help you improve your code anytime you're working in Python. It reviews and...

marketplace.visualstudio.com

```
magical_hunts = ['Sourcery', 'Mordor', 'Voldemort']
top_hunts = []
for hunt in magical_hunts:
    if hunt == 'Sourcery':
        top_hunts.append(hunt)
upvote(top_hunts)
```

Sourcery: Real time Python refactoring

Sourcery runs in the background and suggests real-time refactoring improvements. It's actually really fun seeing Sourcery in action #solid

Bookmarks - Visual Studio Marketplace

New Sticky Engine Adds Virtual Workspaces support Adds Workspace Trust support Full Remote Development support...

marketplace.visualstudio.com

```
EXPLORER

■ WORKING FILES

  pascal.tmLanguage syntaxes
                                    3 import * as vscode from 'vscode';
  settings.json C:\Users\alefr\AppData\Roa...
                                    4 import * as formatter from './formatter';
                                         import fs = require('fs');
                                    6 import path = require('path');
  keybindings.json C:\Users\alefr\AppData\... 7 import cp = require('child_process');
■ VSCODE-LANGUAGE-PASCAL
                                   8 var opener = require('opener');
vscode
 ▶ images
                                         import { PascalDocumentSymbolProvider } from './pascalOutline';
▶ node modules
▶ out
 snippets
 16 export function activate(context: vscode.ExtensionContext) {
                                             interface EngineParams {
    pascalOutline.ts
                                                 engine: string;
```

Bookmarks: Mark and Jump

Bookmarks helps you to navigate your code, and moves between important positions easily and quickly. It also supports a set of selection commands, which allows you to easily select bookmarked lines and regions.

```
Thunder Client - Visual Studio Marketplace
```

Extension for Visual Studio Code - Lightweight Rest API Client for VS Code

marketplace.visualstudio.com

Get unlimited access

Q Search



Eli Ostreicher
31 Followers

I'm a NYC serial entrepreneur who recently fell in love with dev. Passionate about all things Python, Al, data science and machine learning. Praying for UA



More from Medium

Farhan Tanvir

10 useful VS code extensions to make life easier ...



5 JetBrains Plugins To Boost Your Productivity!



Jamie Thomson

are making our...



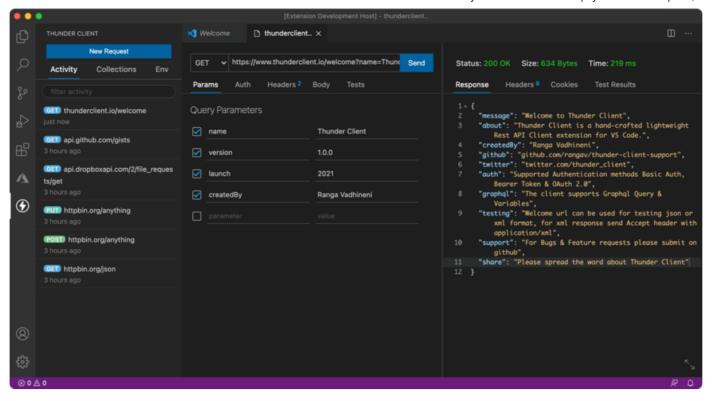






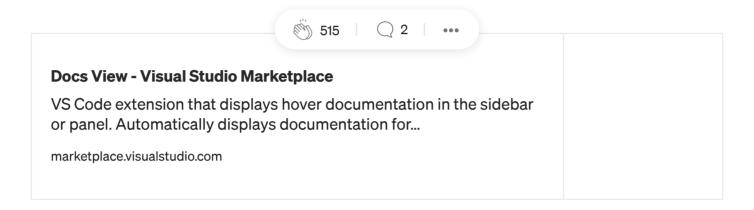


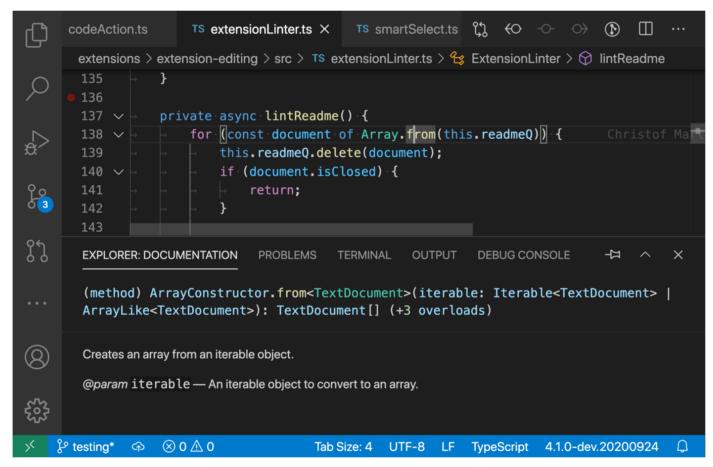




Thunder Client: an API client done right

Thunder Client is a lightweight Rest API Client with a simple and clean design; you'll never need Postman again. Super fast too!





 $\underline{\textbf{Docs View:}} \ \textbf{Display documentation in the sidebar}$

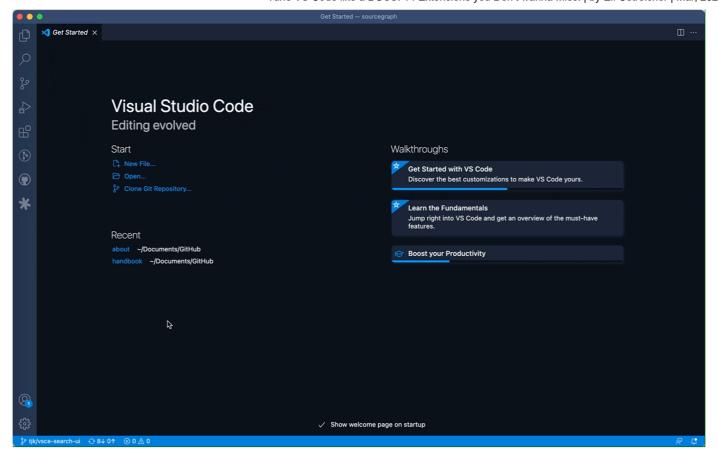
- Automatically displays documentation for the function at the cursor position.
- The "Documentation" view shows in the panel by default, move it any panel by just dragging.
- Supports syntax highlighting and markdown rendering in the docs view.

For imported functions that have lots of args, this one is a lifesaver.

Sourcegraph - Visual Studio Marketplace Sourcegraph's code search allows you to find & fix things fast across all your code. marketplace.visualstudio.com

Help Status Writers Blog Careers Privacy Terms About Knowable





Sourcegraph: Search millions of repositories

Sourcegraph allows you to search millions of open source repositories right from VS Code.

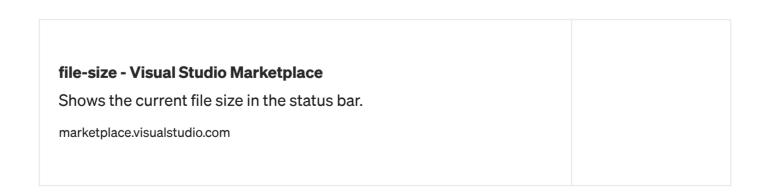
```
Al Doc Writer for Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, C, C++, PHP, and Java - Visual Studio Marketplace

marketplace.visualstudio.com
```

Mintlify: Al Doc Writer

Writing documentation is no fun, this AI takes care of it. Just highlight the code and hit $\mathbb{H} + .$

The makers of this one are actually on top of their game and constantly keep perfecting. Kudos!





file-size: a simple/great extension

I know this sounds 'basic' but it really is super helpful.

Krinql - Visual Studio Marketplace

Krinql allows you to write good code, super fast.

marketplace.visualstudio.com

```
# Here's what the selected code is doing:
# 1.It's using the requests library to make a GET request to the dictionaryapi.dev API.
# 2. It's using the .json() method to convert the response into a Python dictionary.
response = requests.get("https://api.dictionaryapi.dev/api/v2/entries/en/clown").json()
```

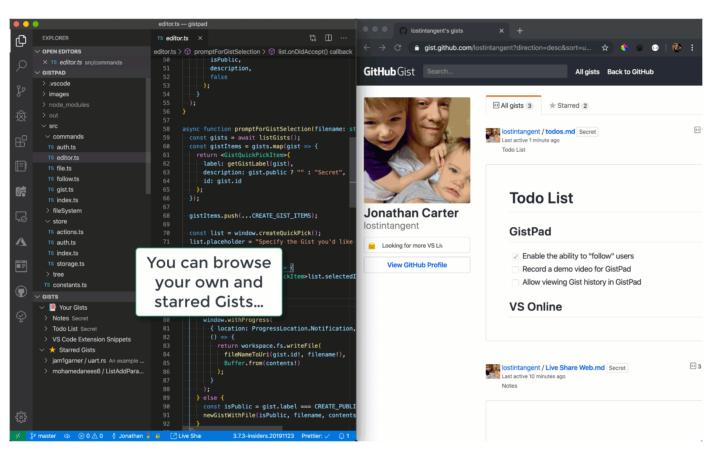
Krinql: Code explainer

Based on OpenAI's powerful GPT-3, Krinql explains the highlighted code in plain English, plus some other Codex features.

GistPad - Visual Studio Marketplace

GistPad is a Visual Studio Code extension that allows you to edit GitHub Gists and repositories from the comfort of...

marketplace.visualstudio.com



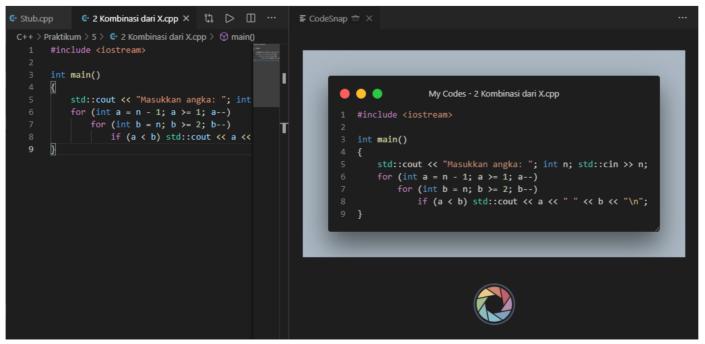
GistPad: Browse & edit Gists without leaving VS Code

Bonus: Comes with a really useful scratchpad (for note taking etc.)

CodeSnap - Visual Studio Marketplace

Take beautiful screenshots of your code in VS Code! Quickly save screenshots of your code Copy screenshots to your...

marketplace.visualstudio.com



CodeSnap: Take beautiful screenshots of your code

Just right click a code selection and click codesnap, basically a built-in 'Carbon'.

```
Visual Studio IntelliCode Completions - Visual Studio Marketplace

Extension for Visual Studio Code - IntelliCode Completions: Al-driven code auto-completion

marketplace.visualstudio.com
```

IntelliCode Completions: Al-driven code auto-completion

From our friends at Microsoft, this experimental extension predicts up to a whole line of code based on your current context. Predictions appear as grey-text to the right of your cursor.

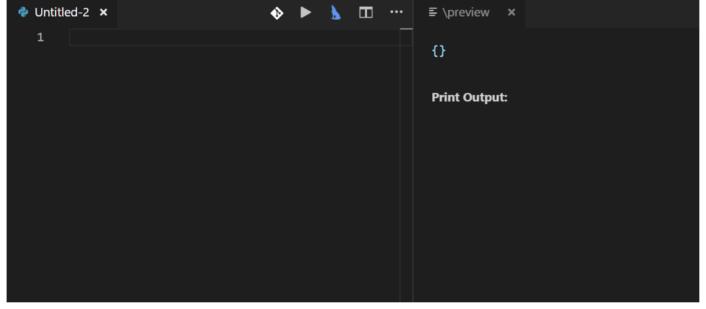
I've head a great experience using it so far (couple months now)! Mostly I love how conservative it is vs making silly guesses. If it doesn't know, it says nothing.

```
AREPL for python - Visual Studio Marketplace

AREPL automatically evaluates python code in real-time as you type.

AREPL is availible for free on the vscode...

marketplace.visualstudio.com
```



AREPL: automatically evaluates python code in real-time as you type.

Similar to AREPL, Wolf uncovers variables and objects inline:

 $\underline{\textbf{Wolf:}} \ \textbf{outputs variables inline}$

While the above are both too cluttering for everyday, they do have their perfect use cases (i.e. a complex code block etc.).

Gather - Visual Studio Marketplace

A Visual Studio Code extension that adds the experimental Gather feature to the Jupyter extension on Python code. With...

marketplace.visualstudio.com

```
[-] > Wt
       import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import numpy as np
       t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
       s = 1 + np.sin(2 * np.pi * t)
       fig, ax = plt.subplots()
       ax.plot(t, s)
       ax.set(xlabel='time (s)', ylabel='voltage (mV)',
              title='It\'ll be nice to get the code that makes this graph')
        ax.grid()
```

Gather: Jupyter notebook dependencies

Again from the awesome peeps at Microsoft, when called from within a notebook cell, Gather magically figures out its dependencies. A game changer for Dataframers & Plotters.



Make sure to give this post a ton claps if you enjoyed the article 💍

