1. First, update the packages index and install the dependencies by typing:
2. sudo apt update
3. sudo apt install software-properties-common apt-transport-https wget
4. Next, import the Microsoft GPG key using the following [wget command](https://linuxize.com/post/wget-command-examples/):
5. wget -q https://packages.microsoft.com/keys/microsoft.asc -O- | sudo apt-key add -

And enable the Visual Studio Code repository by typing:

sudo add-apt-repository "deb [arch=amd64] https://packages.microsoft.com/repos/vscode stable main"

1. Once the [apt repository is enabled](https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-add-apt-repository-in-ubuntu/), install the latest version of Visual Studio Code with:
2. sudo apt update
3. sudo apt install code

That’s it. Visual Studio Code has been installed on your Ubuntu desktop and you can start using it.

[**Starting Visual Studio Code**](https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-install-visual-studio-code-on-ubuntu-18-04/#starting-visual-studio-code)

Now that VS Code is installed on your Ubuntu system you can launch it either from the command line by typing code or by clicking on the VS Code icon (Activities -> Visual Studio Code).