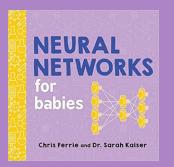


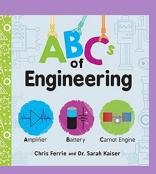
Eternal sunshine of the spotless development environment

Sarah Kaiser (she/they)
Sr. Developer Advocate @ Microsoft



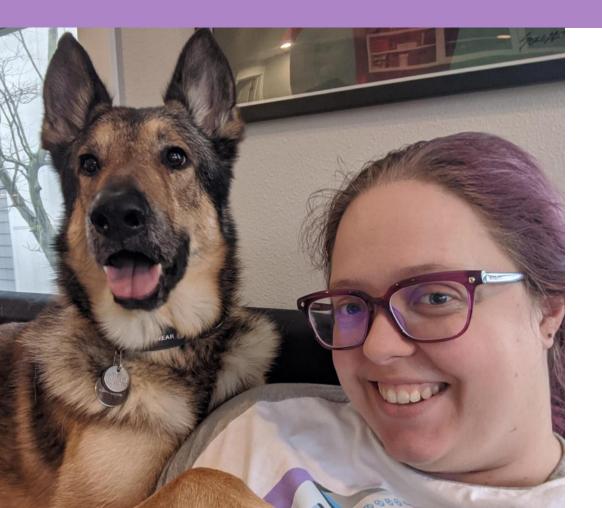
Hiya!











- Chewie kibble delivery
- Author of books for all ages
- X Plays anything Final Fantasy
- Usually floating near Seattle

Eloisa to Abelard | Alexander Pope 1717



Love letters to be remembered...

How happy is the blameless Vestal's lot! The world forgetting, by the world forgot:

Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind!

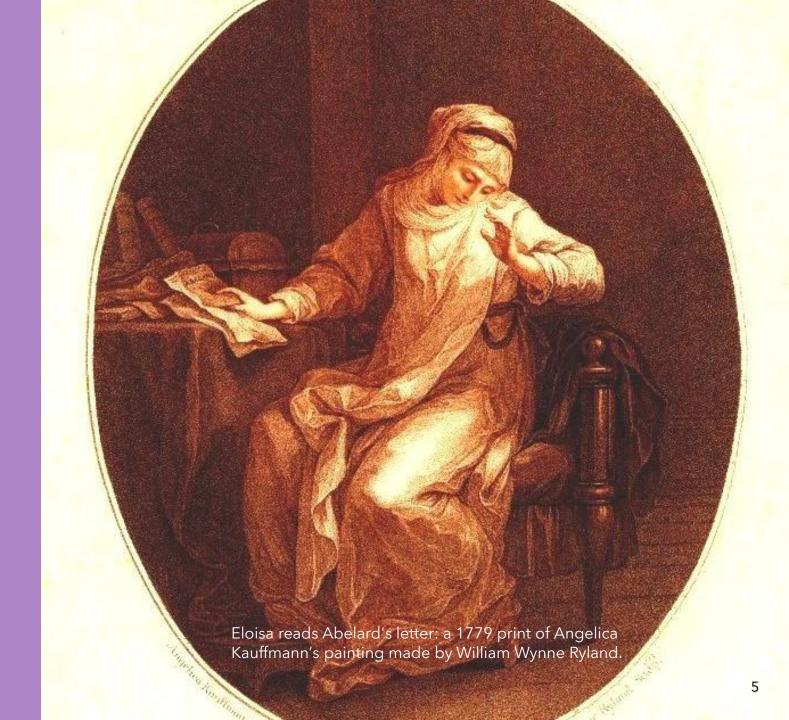
Each prayer accepted, and each wish resign'd; Labour and rest, that equal periods keep; 'Obedient slumbers that can wake and weep;' Desires composed, affections ever even; Tears that delight, and sighs that waft to heaven.

What do you least love to hear when coding?

please comment/shout some out!



"It doesn't work on my machine"



Plan



What are Dev Containers?



Dev Containers for collaboration + OSS contribution



Teaching with Dev Containers



Wrap-up

Questions are great! • Come find me after to chat more!

Desires composed, affections ever even

Dev Containers?





- Separate code from how it gets run
- Host containers wherever you need
- Easier to scale projects

tl;dr containers for code

Dev **Containers:**

Specify an environment for your code and how you work with it

containers.dev

Development Containers

Overview Reference Specification Supporting Tools Guides Available Features Available Templates Collections

Development Containers

An open specification for enriching containers with development specific content and settings.

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What are Development Containers?

A Development Container (or Dev Container for short) allows you to use a container as a full-featured development environment. It can be used to run an application, to separate tools, libraries, or runtimes needed for working with a codebase, and to aid in continuous integration and testing. Dev containers can be run locally or remotely, in a private or public cloud.

The Development Containers Specification seeks to find ways to enrich existing formats with common development specific settings, tools, and configuration while still providing a simplified, un-orchestrated single container option - so that they can be used as coding environments or for continuous integration and testing. Beyond the specification's core metadata, the spec also enables developers to quickly share and reuse container setup steps through Dev Container Features and Templates.

```
// Update the VARIANT arg to pick a version of Go: 1, 1.18, 1.17
               // Append -bullseve or -buster to pin to an OS version.
                "VARIANT": "1-bullseve".
                "NODE_VERSION": "lts/"
"runders": [ "--can-add-SVS PTRACE", "--security-net", "seccompunconfined" ]
               // Add the IDs of extensions you want installed when the container is create
                      "golang.Go"
```

Use or create dev container definitions for a multitude of tech stacks and tools.



More information about the Development Containers Specification.



Check out the latest reference implementation and

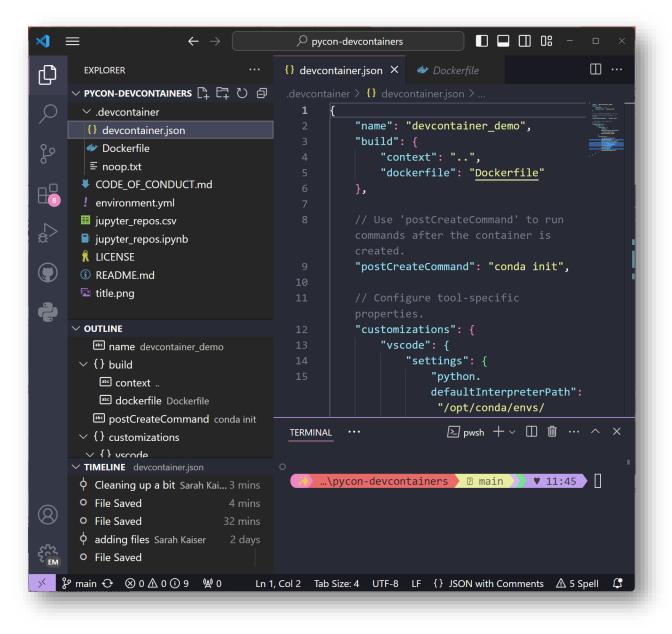


Supporting Tools

A variety of tools and services support this standard.

Layouts, settings, themes, oh my!





Theme: Dracula Official | Font: Cascadia Code



Local editors with Docker



Codespaces





Cloud hosting services

Start with a simple devcontainer.json

```
"name": "Python 3",
"image": "python:3.13-rc-bookworm"
}
```

Parts of a devcontainer.json

Image

- Default/template
- Dockerfile
- Docker Compose

Features

- Alternative to writing custom Dockerfiles
- Large catalogue of tools/programs you can add to container with one line
- Can slow launch times

Customization

- Describe the editor/platform specific settings
- Configure extensions, themes, shortcuts, etc.
- Editor options can vary

Full reference: containers.dev/implementors/json_reference/

Add features and customizations

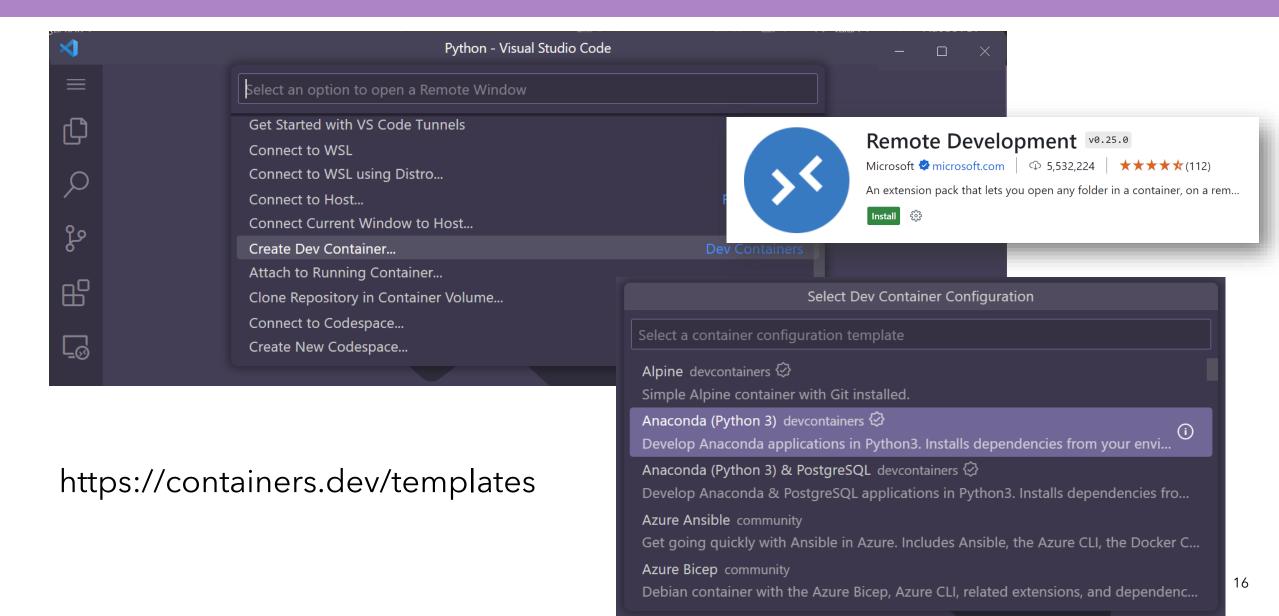
```
"name": "devcontainer_demo",
"build": {
    "context": "...",
    "dockerfile": "Dockerfile"
},
"features": {
    "ghcr.io/azure/azure-dev/azd:0": {}
},
"customizations": {
    "vscode": {
        "settings": {
            "python.defaultInterpreterPath": "/opt/conda/envs/devcontainer_demo"
        "extensions": [
            "ms-python.python"
```

Add a Dockerfile

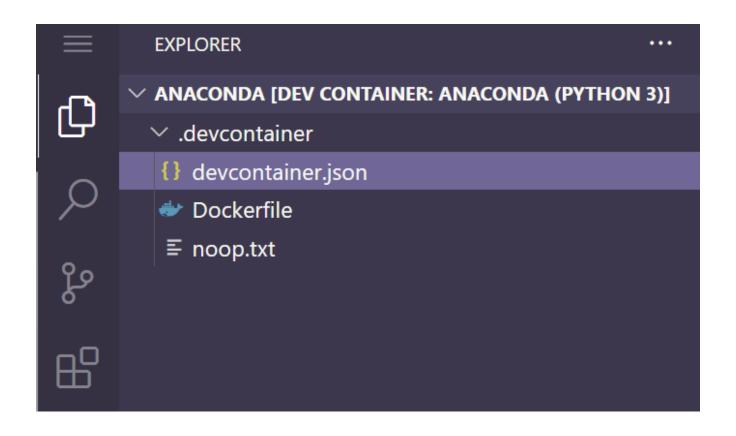
(or Docker Compose)

...or just pick a template 📛





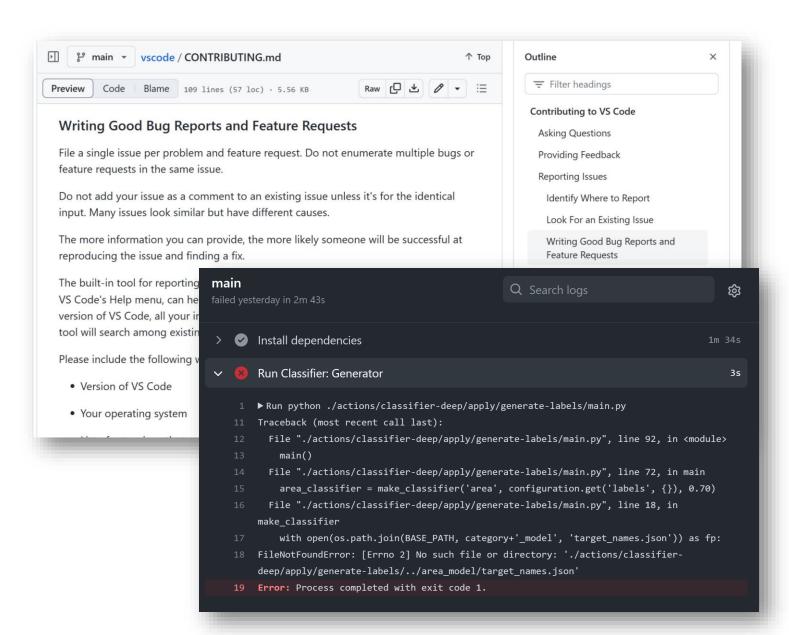
Now you have setup a Dev Container!



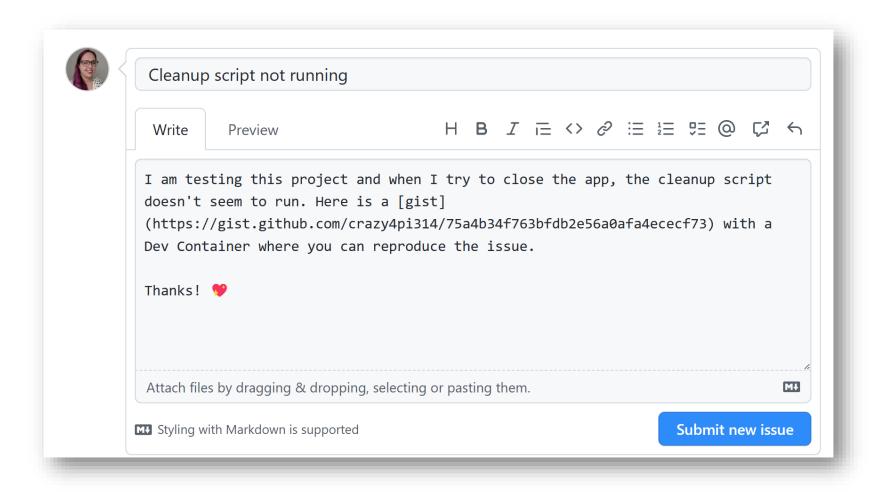
Each PR accepted, and each issue closed

Example 1: Collaboration

Managing + making OSS contributions can be challenging...

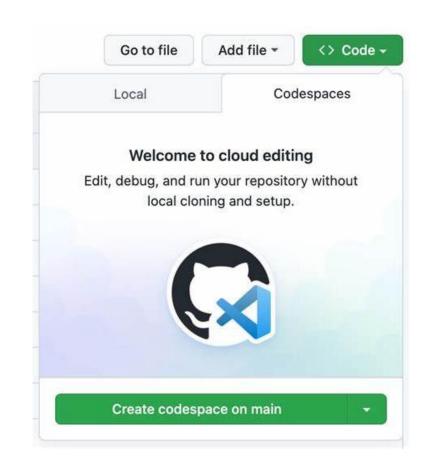


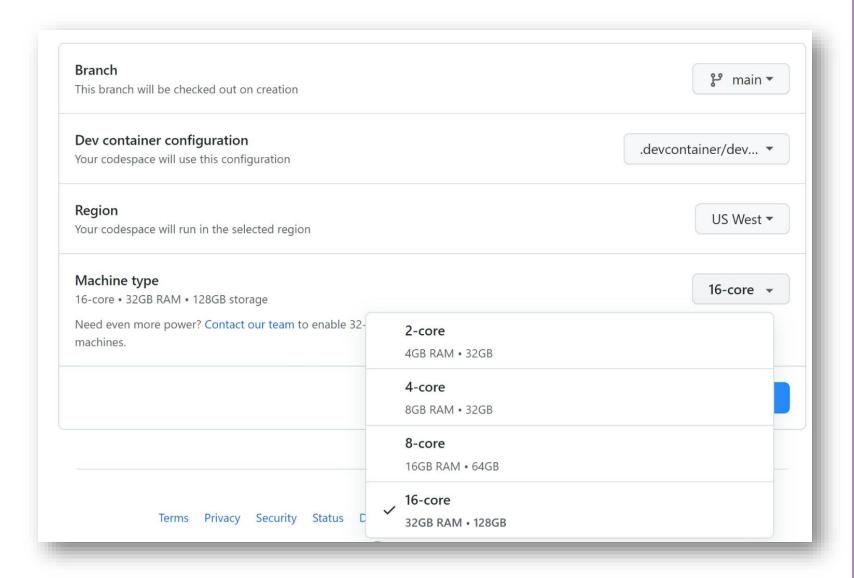
Try this Dev Container repro:



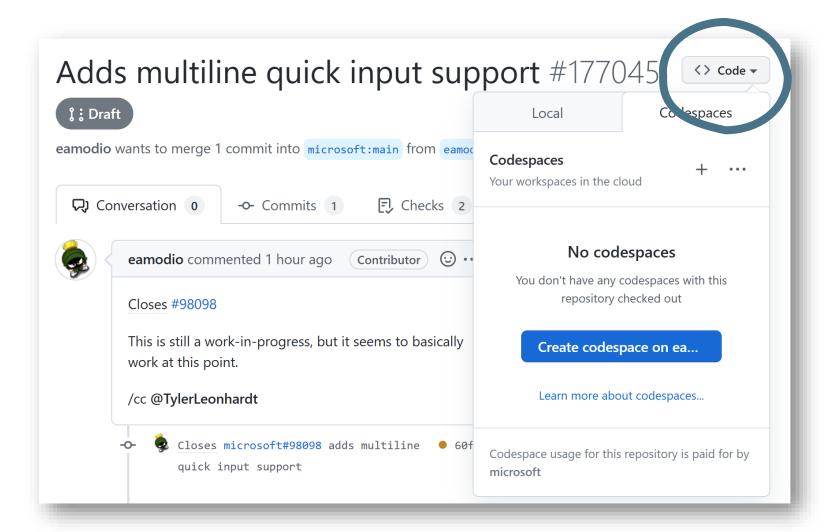
Host Dev Containers on GitHub Codespaces

- Cloud Dev Container hosting with up to 60 hours a month free.
- Supports different editors/interfaces locally and in the browser
- Work from anywhere with whatever compute power you need.





Choose the right machine for the job

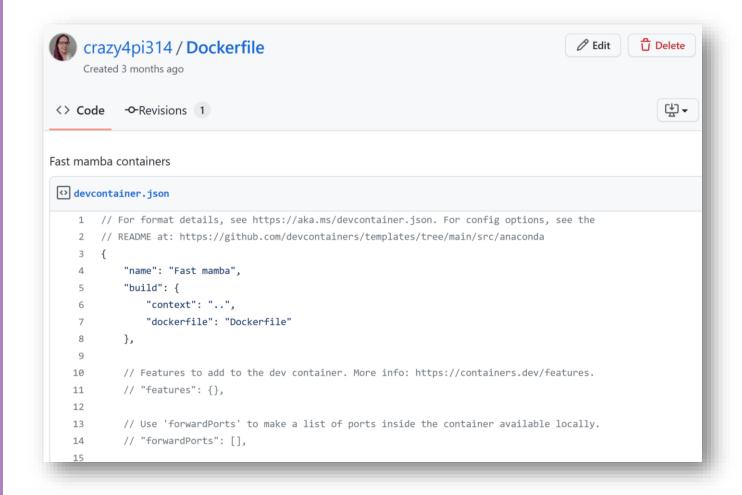


Jump right in to review PRs

Codespaces + Dev Containers

"I'll send you a link to my Dev Container!"

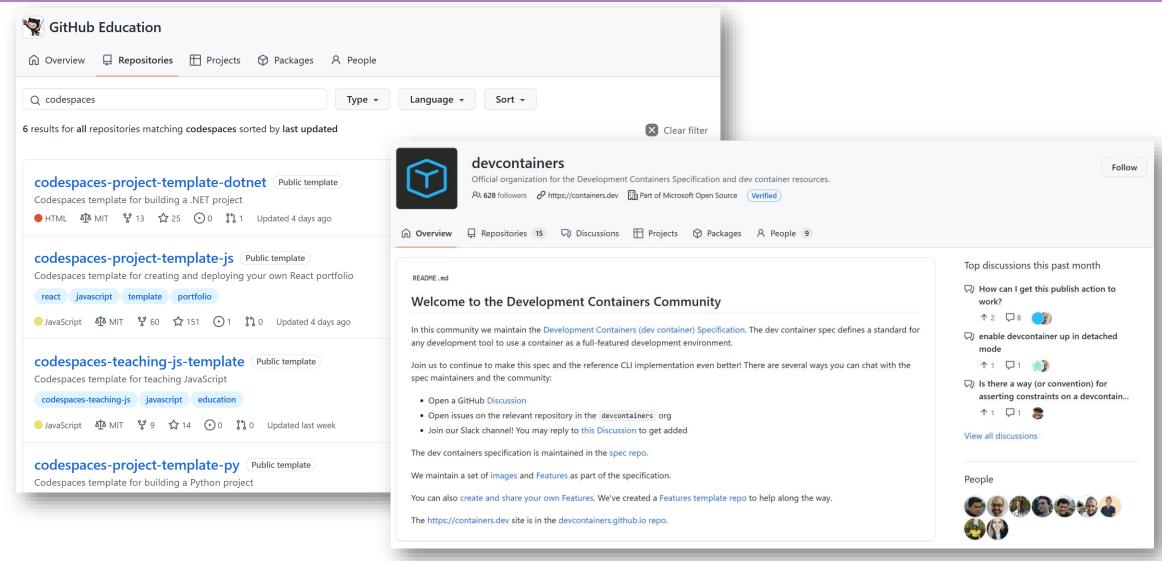




Unequal task! a passion to resign

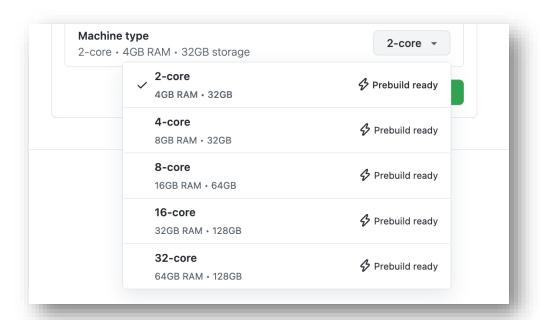
Example 2: Teaching

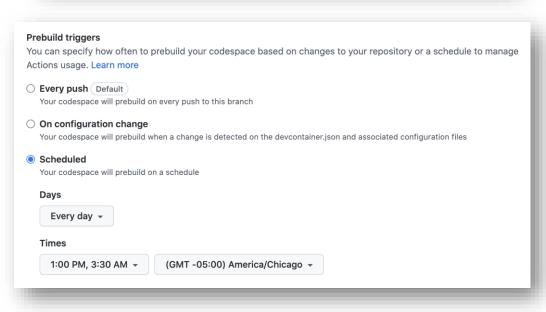
Easy setup for instructors

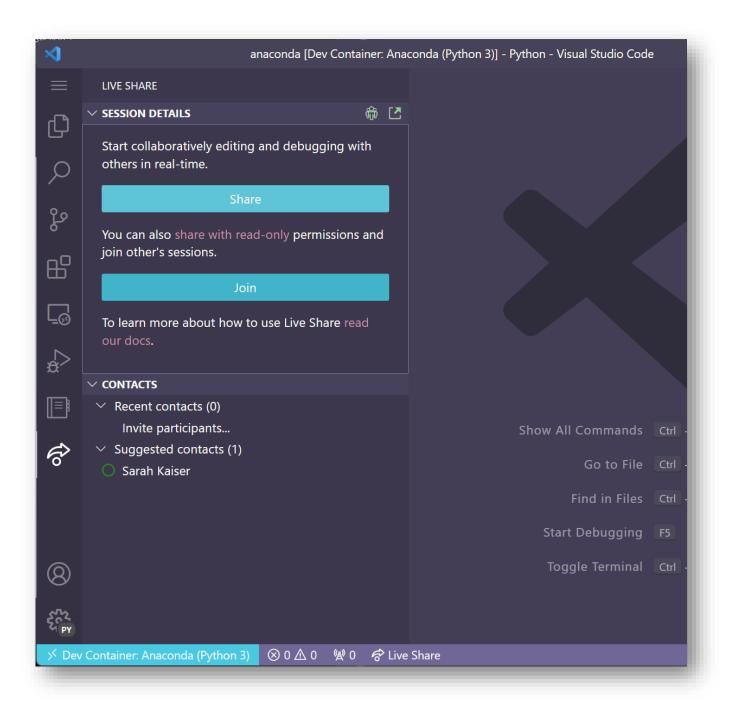


Use Pre-builds to speed up launch

*Can add some cost depending on frequency

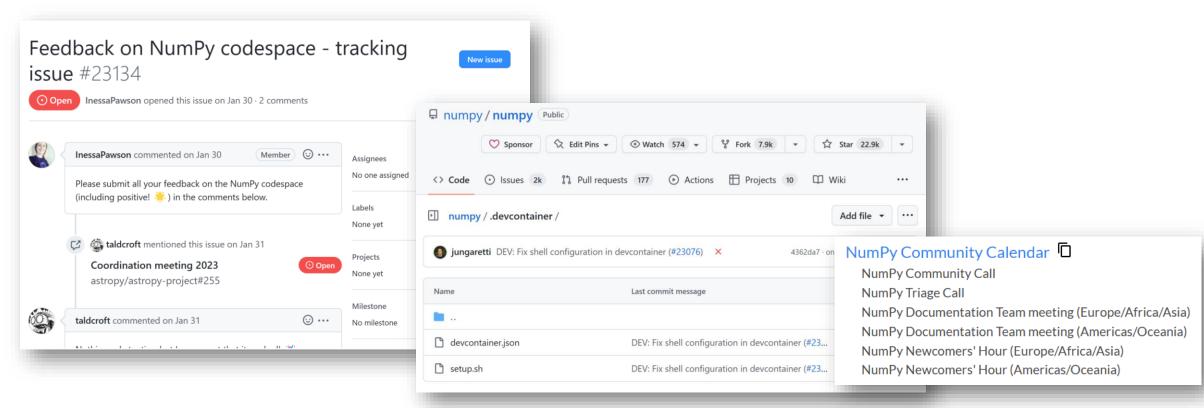






Debug things live

Liveshare + Dev Containers



scientific-python.org/calendars

Case Study: NumPy

Dev containers + Codespaces make it easy to organize sprints and develop tutorials



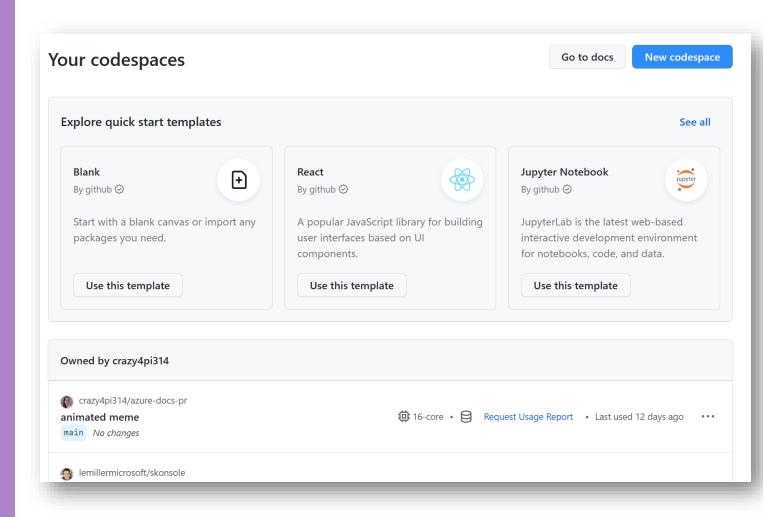
aka.ms/pycon_devcontainers

Demo!



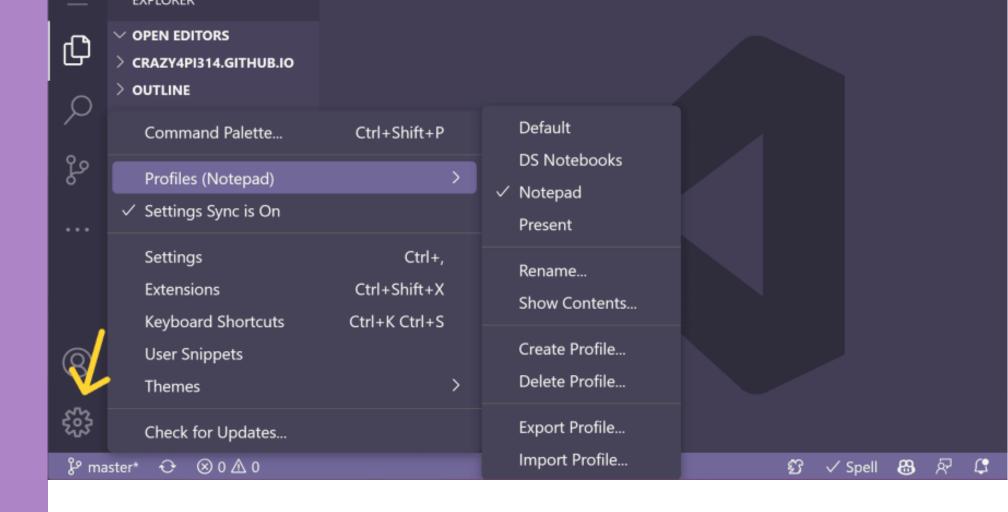
Start a new Dev Container project directly from GitHub





BONUS TIP: VS Code Profiles

Lightweight option for editor customization



Do you us VS Code on different types of projects, but only need to customize the editor? Try Profiles! aka.ms/custom-vscode-profiles

Labour and rest, that equal periods keep

Wrap-up



Specify a full development environment, code and editor included



Speed up collaboration with reproducible + shareable workspaces



Make teaching easier by reducing setup complexity and hardware constraints

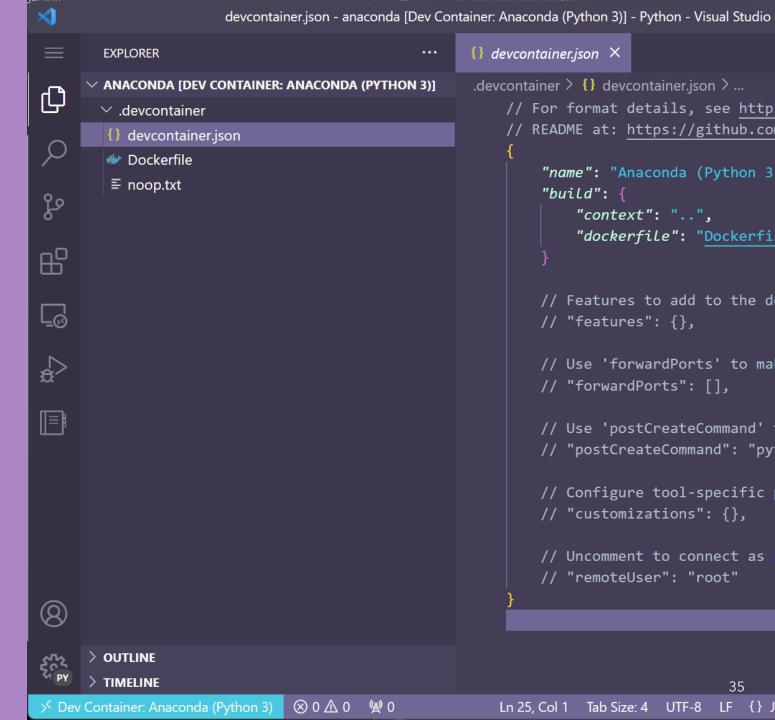


Presentation title 20XX

"Pray develop easy now, my environs every ready"



aka "Let's try my Dev Container"





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Thank you!

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