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VS Code's new AI agent mode is an absolute game changer



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```

<template>
  <div class="todo-app">
    <main>
      <div class="todo-container">
        <div class="list-footer" v-if="tasks.length">
          </div>
        </div>
      </main>
    </div>
  </template>

  <style>
    :root {
      --primary-color: #6366f1;
      --secondary-color: #018cf8;
      --primary-color: #4f46e5; /* Darker primary color for better contrast */
      --completed-text: #666666; /* Darker gray for better contrast */
      --counter-text: #666666; /* Darker gray for counter text */
      --bg-color: #f9fafb;
      --card-bg: #ffffff;
      --text-color: #1f2937;
      --light-gray: #f3f4f6;
      --border-color: #e5e7eb;
      --success-color: #10b981;
      --danger-color: #ef4444;
      --shadow-sm: 0 1px 2px 0 rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.05);
      --shadow-md: 0 4px 6px -1px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1), 0 2px 4px -1px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.06);
    }
  </style>

```

Based on the accessibility check results, there are a few remaining issues that need to be fixed:

- The "Clear completed" button has insufficient color contrast (2.99:1 when it should be at least 4.5:1). Let's fix this:

Ran playwright_evaluate

Based on the accessibility check results, there appears to be only one remaining issue:

The "Clear completed" button has insufficient color contrast of 3.73:1 when it needs to be at least 4.5:1. Let's fix this by using a darker red color:

Ran playwright_evaluate

Working...

2 files changed

index.html

App.vue src

Add Context... App.vue Current file

Edit files in your workspace in agent mode

Agent Claude 3.5 Sonnet

Wow this is insane.

VS Code's new agentic editing mode is simply amazing. I think I might have to make it my main IDE again.

It's your tireless autonomous coding companion with total understanding of your entire codebase.

Performing complex multi-step tasks at your command:

```

<script setup>
onMounted(() => {
  // Add sample tasks if no tasks exist
  tasks.value = [
    {
      id: 1,
      text: 'Buy groceries',
      completed: true,
      createdAt: new Date()
    },
    {
      id: 2,
      text: 'Clean the house',
      completed: false,
      createdAt: new Date()
    },
    {
      id: 3,
      text: 'Water plants',
      completed: false,
      createdAt: new Date()
    }
  ]
  // Save sample tasks to localStorage
  saveTasks()
})
// Save tasks to localStorage whenever they change
const saveTasks = () => {

```

Competitors like Windsurf and Cursor have been stealing the show for weeks now, but it looks like VS Code and Copilot are finally fighting back.

It's pretty similar to Cursor Composer and Windsurf Cascade but with massive advantages.

This is the real deal

```

src > ▼ App.vue < X
src > ▼ App.vue > {} script setup
1 <script setup>
2 import { ref, computed, onMounted } from 'vue'
3 import draggable from 'vuedraggable'
4
5 // State
6 const newTask = ref('')
7 const tasks = ref([])
8 const filter = ref('all') // all, active, completed
9
10 // Load tasks from localStorage on mount
11 onMounted(() => {
12   const savedTasks = localStorage.getItem('todo-tasks')
13   if (savedTasks) {
14     tasks.value = JSON.parse(savedTasks)
15   } else {
16     // Add sample tasks if no tasks exist
17     tasks.value = [
18       {
19         id: 1,
20         text: 'Buy groceries',
21         completed: true,
22         createdAt: new Date()
23       },
24       {
25         id: 2,
26         text: 'Clean the house',
27         completed: false,
28         createdAt: new Date()
29     },
30   }

```

CHAT
to the task list.

App.vue +21 -3

Let me add some CSS styles to enhance the drag and drop functionality.

App.vue +11 -0

The changes have been implemented. You can now reorder tasks by dragging them using the task content area (the checkbox and text area). The drag functionality is only enabled when viewing "All" tasks to maintain proper task order. When you drag a task, it will have a nice visual feedback with opacity and shadow effects. The changes are automatically saved to localStorage when you reorder tasks.

Let me verify that there are no errors in the implementation:

✓ Checked App.vue , no problems found

The changes look good - there are no errors in the implementation. The tasks should now be draggable in your todo app. You'll only be able to reorder tasks when viewing "All" tasks (not in the filtered views) to maintain proper ordering.

Keep Undo ⌘ 1 of 5 ↑ ↓ ⌘

1 file changed
App.vue src

⌘ 34 Add Context... App.vue Current file

run an accessibility check using playwright

Agent Claude 3.5 Sonnet

Ln 3, Col 1 Spaces: 2 UTF-8 LF ⌘ vue ⌘ ⌘

Forget autocomplete, this is the real deal.

With agent mode you tell VS Code what to do with simple English and immediately it gets to work:

- Analyzes your codebase
- Plans out what needs to be done
- Creates and edit files, run terminal commands...

Look what happened in this demo:

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```

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add the ability to reorder tasks by dragging

App.vue:13-41

GitHub Copilot
Used 1 reference
Working...

34 Add Context... App.vue Current file

Edit files in your workspace in agent mode

Agent Claude 3.5 Sonnet

Ln 3, Col 1 Spaces: 2 UTF-8 LF { vue }

She just told Copilot:

“add the ability to reorder tasks by dragging”

Literally a single sentence and that was all it took. She didn't need to create a single UI component, didn't edit a single line of code.

This isn't code completion, this is project completion. This is the coding partner you always wanted.

Pretty similar UI to Cascade and Composer btw.

It's developing for you at a high level and freeing you from all the mundane + repetitive + low-level work.

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YOU'RE STILL IN CONTROL...

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the AI agent mode enabled. On the left, the code editor displays `App.vue` with various CSS color definitions highlighted in green and yellow. The right side features a "CHAT" pane where the AI provides feedback on accessibility issues and suggests fixes. A file history sidebar at the bottom right tracks changes across multiple files.

Agent mode drastically upgrades your development efficiency without taking away the power from you.

This screenshot illustrates the AI agent mode in VS Code across different sections. In the Explorer view, a red arrow points to the status bar indicating the workspace name "MY-NEW-WORKSPACE". Another red arrow points to the file list, specifically highlighting `layout.tsx` and `page.tsx`. The main editor area shows `layout.tsx` with code related to a navigation menu. The right-hand panel contains a "CHAT" window with AI-generated comments and a file history section. A red box highlights the file history area, which lists changes made to `layout.tsx` and `page.tsx`.

For every action it takes it'll check with you when:

- It wants to run non-default tools or terminal commands.
- It's about to make edits — you can review, accept, tweak, or undo them.
- You want to pause or stop its suggestions anytime.

You're the driver. It's just doing the heavy lifting.

```

JS index.js ✘ × JS layout.jade ✘ JS app.js ✘
routes > JS index.js > router.get('/') callback
1 var express = require('express');
2 var router = express.Router();
3
4 /* GET home page. */
5 router.get('/', function(req, res, next) {
6   res.render('index', { title: 'Express' });
7   // Redirect to the activities page
8   res.redirect('/activities');
9 });
10 module.exports = router;
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```

Supports that MCP stuff too

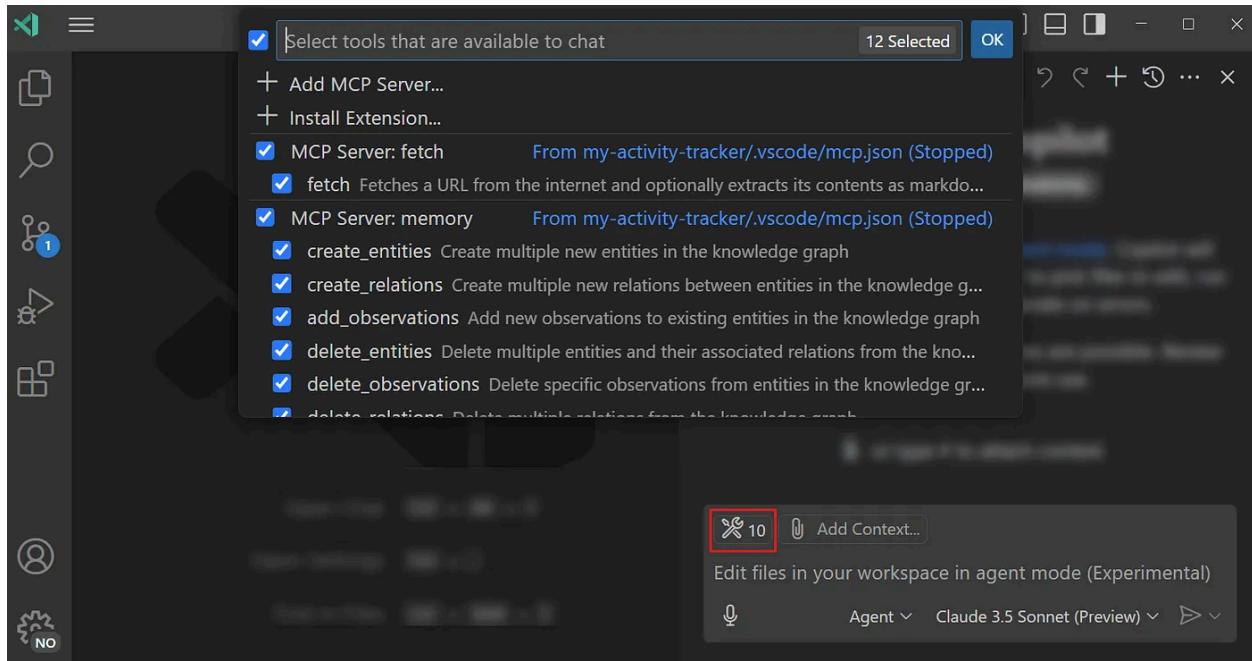
Model Context Protocol standardizes how applications provide context to language models.

Agent Mode can interact with MCP servers to perform tasks like:

- AI web debugging
- Database interaction
- Integration with design systems.

You can even enhance the Agent Mode's power by installing extensions that provide tools for the agent can use.

You have all the flexibility to select which tools you want for any particular agent action flow.



You can try it now

Agent Mode is free for all VS Code / GitHub Copilot users.

Mhmm I wonder if this would have been the case if they never had the serious competition they do now?

So here's how to turn it on:

1. Open your VS Code settings and set "chat.agent.enabled" to true (you'll need version 1.99+).
2. Open the Chat view (`ctrl+Alt+I` or `^⌘I` on Mac).
3. Switch the chat mode to "Agent."
4. Give it a prompt — something high-level like:
"Create a blog homepage with a sticky header and dark mode toggle."

Then just watch it get to work.

When should you use it?

Agent Mode shines when:

- You're doing **multi-step tasks** that would normally take a while.
- You don't want to micromanage every file or dependency.
- You're building from scratch or doing big codebase changes.

For small edits here and there I'd still go with inline suggestions.

Final thoughts

Agent Mode turns VS Code into more than just an editor. It's a proper assistant — the kind that can actually build, fix, and think through problems with you.

You bring the vision and it brings it to life.

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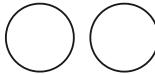
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This isn't pair programming — this is co-architecting. Hats off to the VS Code team!



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This takes "pair programming" to a whole new level—VS Code Agent Mode is wild!



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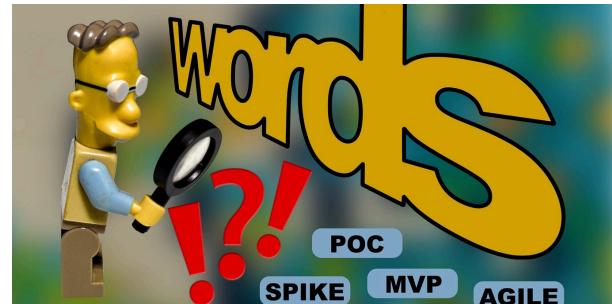
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