

Modules and Functions




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User Expectations



```
iex(1)> 5*5
25
iex(2)> i::firstname
Term
  :firstname
Data type
  Atom
Reference modules
  Atom
iex(3)> ■
```

An Overview



Basic Building Block: Function

- hd
- elem
- List.insert_at

Maintainability

- Logical Grouping



Create Custom Modules
Write Named Functions



Defining a Module



Editors

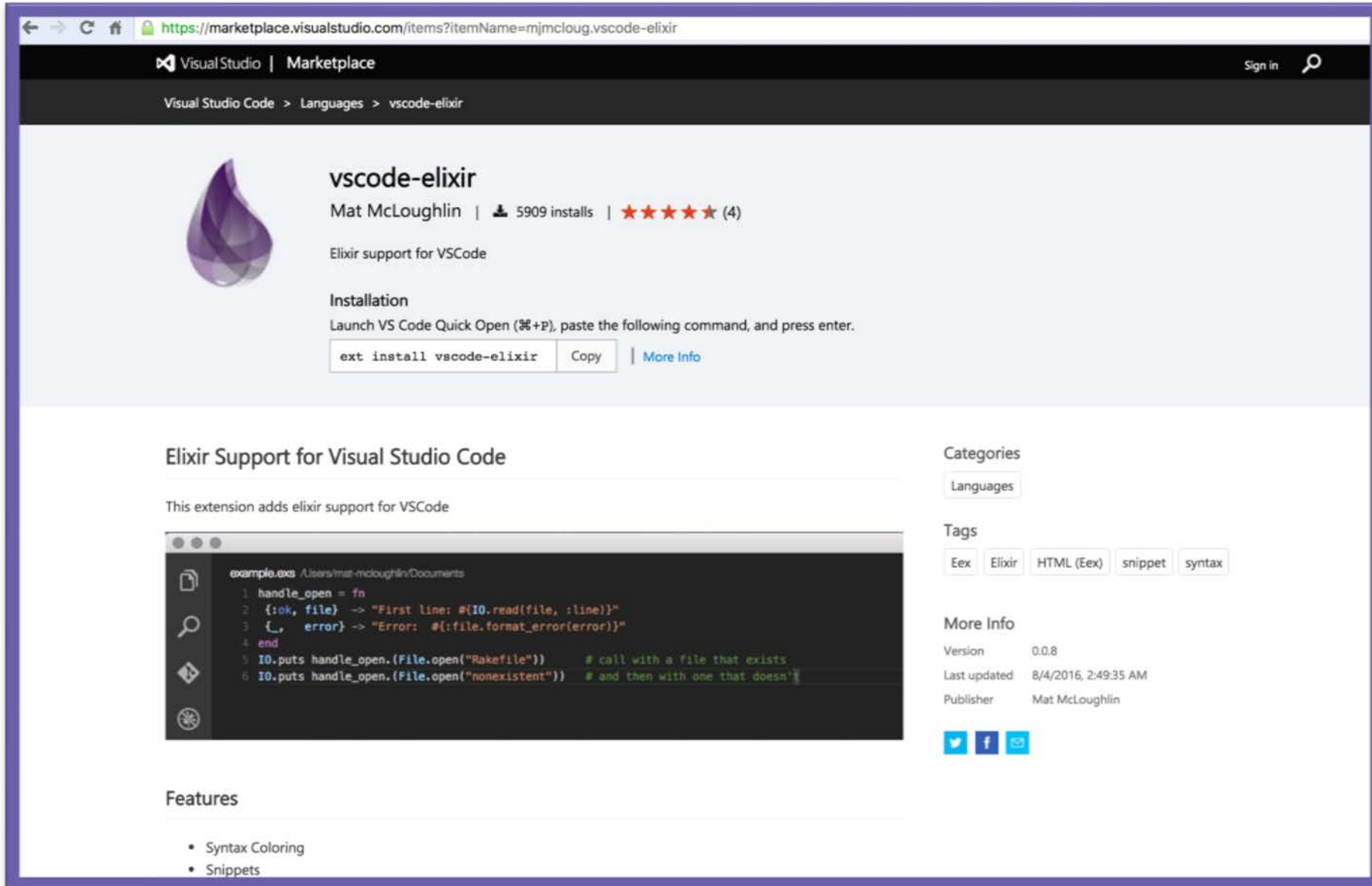
Sublime

Atom

Emacs




Visual Studio Code



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Marketplace page for the 'vscode-elixir' extension. The page is titled 'vscode-elixir' by Mat McLoughlin, with 5909 installs and a 4-star rating. It includes an installation command 'ext install vscode-elixir' and a description: 'Elixir support for VSCode'. A code editor preview shows an Elixir script. The right sidebar contains categories (Languages), tags (Eex, Elixir, HTML (Eex), snippet, syntax), and more info (Version 0.0.8, Last updated 8/4/2016, Publisher Mat McLoughlin). The bottom section lists features: Syntax Coloring and Snippets.

Visual Studio | Marketplace

Visual Studio Code > Languages > vscode-elixir

 **vscode-elixir**
Mat McLoughlin | 5909 installs | ★★★★★ (4)
Elixir support for VSCode

Installation
Launch VS Code Quick Open (**⌘+P**), paste the following command, and press enter.

`ext install vscode-elixir` [Copy](#) | [More Info](#)

Elixir Support for Visual Studio Code

This extension adds elixir support for VSCode

```
example.exs /Users/mat-mcloughlin/Documents
1 handle_open = fn
2   {:ok, file} -> "First line: #{IO.read(file, :line)}"
3   {_, error} -> "Error: #{file.format_error(error)}"
4 end
5 IO.puts handle_open.(File.open("Rakefile")) # call with a file that exists
6 IO.puts handle_open.(File.open("nonexistent")) # and then with one that doesn't
```

Categories
Languages

Tags
Eex Elixir HTML (Eex) snippet syntax

More Info
Version 0.0.8
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Publisher Mat McLoughlin

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Features

- Syntax Coloring
- Snippets



Module Directives



Directives Comparison

Import

- Include module functions
- Include/Exclude specific functions

Alias

- Reduce typing
- Rename a module in your module

Require

- Allows using macros in your module



Functions



Function Arity

```
def first(list) do  
  hd(list)  
end
```

`first/1`

`{function name} / {number of parameters}`



Matching



```
def some_func(quantity, {_, _, price}) do
  quantity * price
end
```

```
def some_func(quantity, book) do
  quantity * elem(book, 2)
end
```



Guard Clauses



Operators

comparison (==, !=, ===, !==, >, >=, <, <=)

boolean (and, or, not)

arithmetic (+, -, *, /)

arithmetic (+, -)

the binary concatenation operator <>

the **in** operator as long as the right side is a range or a list



Type Check Functions

is_atom/1

is_binary/1

is_bitstring/1

is_boolean/1

is_float/1

is_function/1

is_function/2

is_integer/1

is_list/1

is_map/1

is_nil/1

is_number/1

is_pid/1

is_port/1

is_reference/1

is_tuple/1



Additional Functions

`abs(number)`

`binary_part(binary,
start, length)`

`bit_size(bitstring)`

`byte_size(bitstring)`

`div(integer, integer)`

`elem(tuple, n)`

`hd(list)`

`length(list)`

`map_size(map)`

`node()`

`node(pid | ref | port)`

`rem(integer, integer)`

`round(number)`

`self()`

`tl(list)`

`trunc(number)`

`tuple_size(tuple)`



Default Parameters



Private Functions



Functions as First Class Citizens

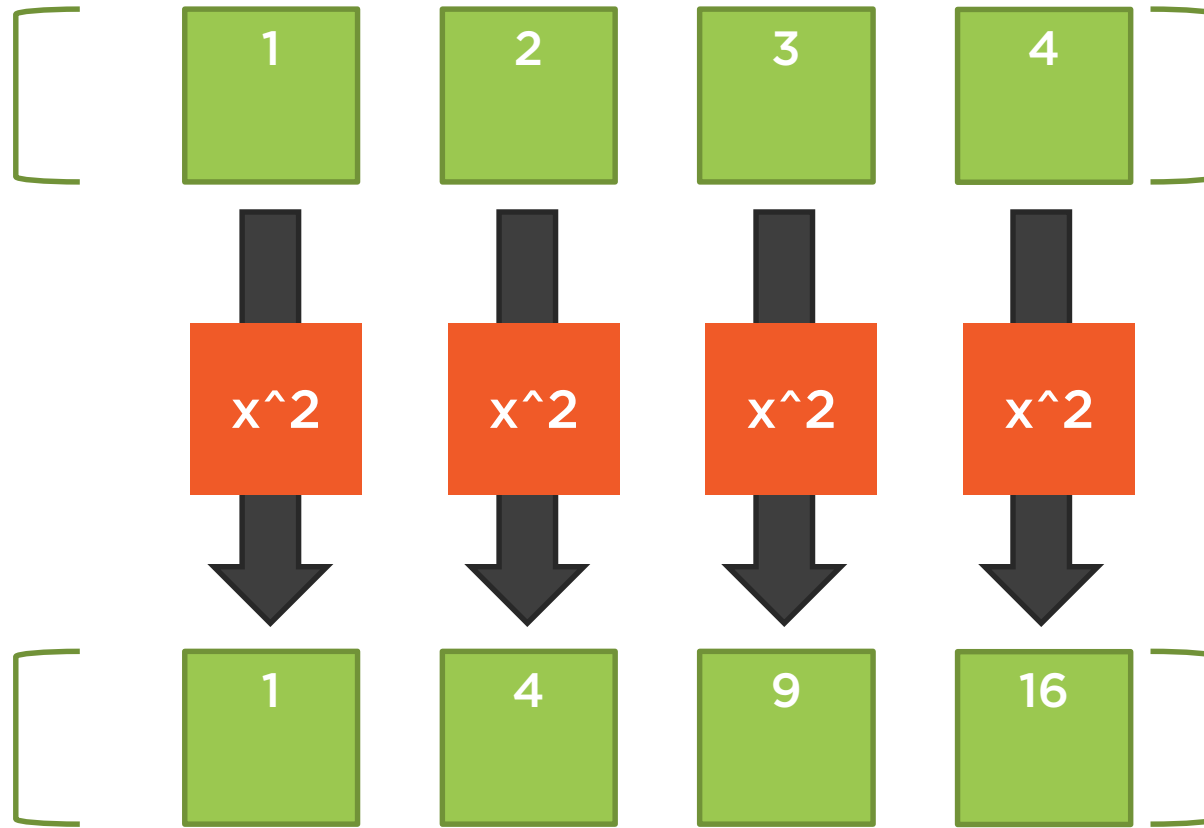


First Class Citizen

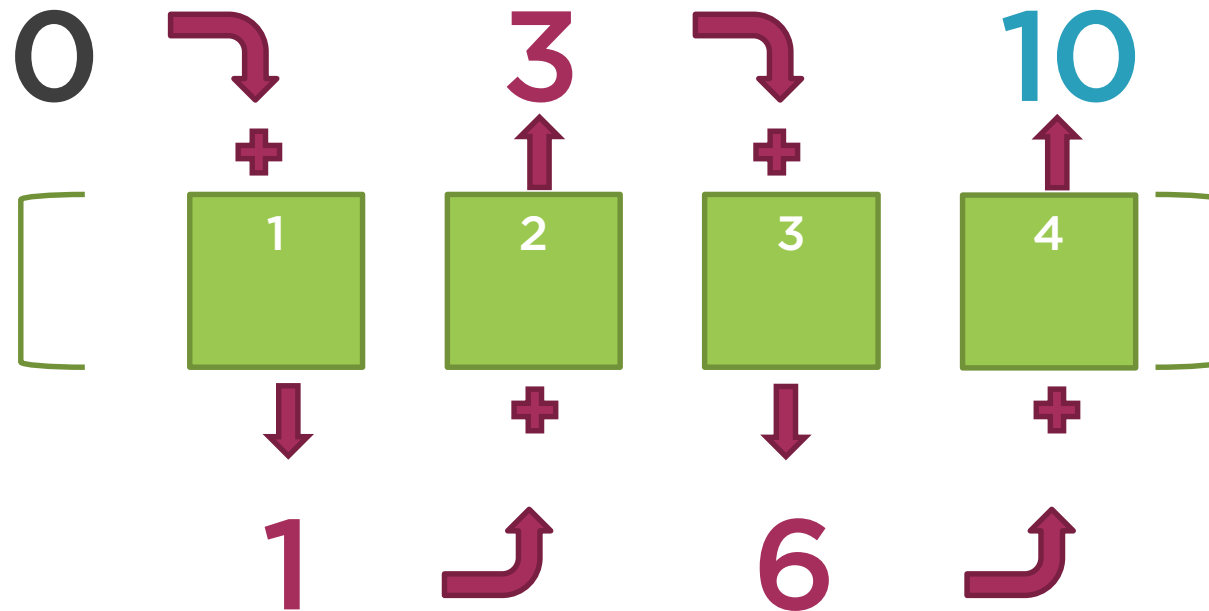
supports passing functions as **arguments** to other functions, **returning** them as the values from other functions, and **assigning** them to variables



Map



Reduce



Anonymous Functions



Summary



Module

- Import
- Alias

Pattern Matching

Guard Clauses

Default Parameters

Functions as Parameters

Coming Up: Control Flow

