Setup Python Environment on Mac

1. Download and Install Python 3.12

- 1. Download Python 3.12:
 - o Go to the Python Downloads page.
 - o Click on the macOS installer for Python 3.12 to download the .pkg file.
- 2. Install Python 3.12:
 - o Open the downloaded .pkg file and follow the installation prompts.

2. Download and Install Visual Studio Code (VS Code)

- 1. Download VS Code:
 - o Go to the <u>VS Code Downloads page</u>.
 - Download the macOS version of VS Code.
- 2. Install VS Code:
 - Open the downloaded .zip file and drag the VS Code app to your Applications folder.

3. Check and Update Path

1. Check the Path:

Open Terminal and check where Python is installed:

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which python3.12

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2. Update the Path in .zshrc:

Open .zshrc in a text editor:

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Add the following line to include Python in your PATH:

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export
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PATH="/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.12/bin:\$PATH"

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- Save and exit (CTRL + 0, Enter, CTRL + X).
- 3. Create Symlink for Python:

Create a symbolic link for python to point to python3.12: bash

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sudo ln -s
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/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.12/bin/python3.12/usr/local/bin/python

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4. Reload .zshrc:

Apply changes:

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source ~/.zshrc

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4. Verify Installation

Check Python Version:

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python --version
python3 --version

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2. Check VS Code:

 Open VS Code from Applications or using Spotlight (Cmd + Space, then type "Visual Studio Code").

Setup Python Environment on Windows

1. Download and Install Python

- 1. Download Python:
 - Go to the <u>Python Downloads page</u>.
 - o Click on the Windows installer for Python 3.12 to download the .exe file.

2. Install Python:

- Run the downloaded .exe file.
- Important: Check the box that says "Add Python to PATH" before clicking "Install Now."
- Follow the installation prompts to complete the installation.

2. Download and Install Visual Studio Code (VS Code)

- 1. Download VS Code:
 - Go to the <u>VS Code Downloads page</u>.
 - Download the Windows version of VS Code.
- 2. Install VS Code:
 - o Run the downloaded . exe file and follow the installation prompts.

3. Verify and Update Path

1. Check Python Path:

Open Command Prompt or PowerShell and run: cmd Copy code where python where python3

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2. Update Path (if needed):

- o If Python is not found, you might need to add it to your system PATH manually:
 - Right-click on This PC or Computer on the Desktop or in File Explorer.
 - Select Properties > Advanced system settings.
 - Click Environment Variables.

- In the System variables section, find and select the Path variable, then click Edit.
- Add the path to the Python installation directory (e.g., C:\Users\<YourUsername>\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\).
- Click 0K to save the changes.

4. Verify Installation

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2. Check VS Code:

o Open VS Code from the Start Menu or by searching for it.