1. **VS Code** -- VS Code is the code editor you will use to write code on your computer.
2. **Installations**:
   1. MacOS Installation**:**  <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/setup/mac>

* 1. Windows Installation**:**  <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/setup/windows>

1. **Recommendations**:
   1. VS Code allows you to install a wide variety of extensions. For now, we recommend the **Live Server** extension.
   2. We also recommend enabling autosave: **File -> Autosave**
   3. Some additional helpful links if you are new to code editors:

* [VS Code Intro Videos](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/introvideos)
* [VS Code Tips and Tricks](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/tips-and-tricks)

1. **git** –git is a command line tool you will use for version control of the code you write.
2. **Installations**:
3. **MacOS** **Instructions**:

* Mac computers often come with git pre-installed.
* Open the Terminal application, run the command: *git --version*
* If you have it installed, it will respond with the version number you have. Otherwise, it will say something to the effect of, “command not found”.
  + If git is not installed, follow the installation instructions here:

<https://git-scm.com/download/mac>

* + We recommend using the **homebrew** package manager to install **git**. Take a few minutes and follow the link above, and to read about homebrew and get it installed if you don’t have it already.

1. **Windows** **Instructions**:
   * <https://git-scm.com/download/win>
   * You can accept all the default options when installing git, they can be changed later if needed.