Installing VS Code on Windows 11 Without Admin Rights

What You'll Need:

- A Windows 11 computer
- Internet access
- No admin password required

Step 1: Download the ZIP Version of VS Code

- 1. Open your browser and go to: https://code.visualstudio.com/Download
- 2. Under 'Windows', scroll to find the ZIP version (e.g., 64-bit ZIP).
- 3. Click the ZIP link and save it to your Downloads folder.

Step 2: Extract VS Code to a Local Folder

- 1. Go to your Downloads folder and find the ZIP file.
- 2. Right-click the file and select 'Extract All...'.
- 3. Choose a folder you can access, such as:
 - C:\Users\YourUsername\Programs\VSCode
- 4. Click 'Extract'.

Step 3: Launch VS Code

- 1. Open the folder where you extracted VS Code.
- 2. Double-click Code.exe to start VS Code.
- 3. Optional: Right-click Code.exe and choose 'Pin to Taskbar' or 'Start'.

Step 4: Create a Desktop Shortcut (Optional)

- 1. Right-click Code.exe
- 2. Choose 'Send to > Desktop (create shortcut)'

Done!

You now have Visual Studio Code running without admin rights.

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Optional: Enable Extensions and Python Support

- 1. Open VS Code.
- 2. Click the Extensions icon or press Ctrl+Shift+X.
- 3. Search and install:
 - Python
 - Code Runner
 - Jupyter

No admin rights are needed for extensions!