VS Code Setup

**1. Download VS Code**

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Download and install the latest version for your system from [https://code.visualstudio.com/ (Links to an external site.)](https://code.visualstudio.com/)

**2. Download the Extensions: Material Icon and**

**Prettier**

* Open VS Code
* Select the “Extensions” icon on the left (several squares stacked on top of each other).
* Type these needed extensions into search field and install them
  + Material Icon
  + Prettier

1. **Customizing VS Code**
   * To change the color theme and further customize VS Code, navigate to Preferences ->

Color Themes.

Command Line Basics

**Command Line Text Editors**

There are some built-in text-editors via the command line. Two common ones are **nano** and **Vim**. Some developers enjoy using them because they are free, always accessible on every computer, and use a very small amount of a computer system’s resources.

Don’t worry about learning them right now, they are beyond the scope of this course. The learning curve for using them is high, so we recommend not writing a code on them as you are still learning, but they are fun to use down the line and good to flex on your friends with.

To open **nano**, in your terminal window, run:

`nano`

To open a file with nano, in your terminal widow, run:

`nano filename.extension`

To open **Vim**, in your terminal window, run:

`vim`

Similarly, to open a file with Vim, run:

`vim filename.extension`

**Customizing the terminal**

On Mac, you can change the terminal’s font, color, etc by going to Settings -> Preferences. Make your changes, and simply close the customizer window to save.

On Windows, navigate to Settings, where you can make changes directly into the json file. For instructions on how to customize a json file, select this link [here (Links to an external site.)](https://nerdschalk.com/how-to-change-color-in-windows-terminal/#%3A%7E%3Atext%3DWindows%20Terminal%20comes%20with%20its%2Cicon%20and%20click%20%27Settings%27).