

# Editor / IDE Setup

## My Setup

In this course, I use **Microsoft Visual Studio Code** which is a great **free-to-use** Web Development IDE.

It's a **different IDE than Microsoft Visual Studio** - don't mix them up. The latter is NOT free and also not as suited for JavaScript Web Development as Visual Studio Code is.

If you just installed VS Code, it's going to look different than in my videos. That's because I'm using a **different theme and icons**. In general, you can install a lot of **free extensions** for VS Code to customise it to your needs and requirements (both visually as well as from the functionality offered).

- **Theme:** Dark+ (default theme, no extension required)
- **Icons:** Material Icons (extension: <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=PKief.material-icon-theme>)

Feel free to browse the extension marketplace for more useful extensions!

## Alternatives

If you don't want to use VS Code but also don't have your favourite IDE/ editor, here are the common alternatives:

- **Webstorm:** <https://www.jetbrains.com/webstorm/> (not free)
- **Sublime Text:** <https://www.sublimetext.com/> (free unlimited trial)
- **Atom:** <https://atom.io/> (free)