

# Top 8 **VS Code** Extensions for **Developers**

(Must haves)

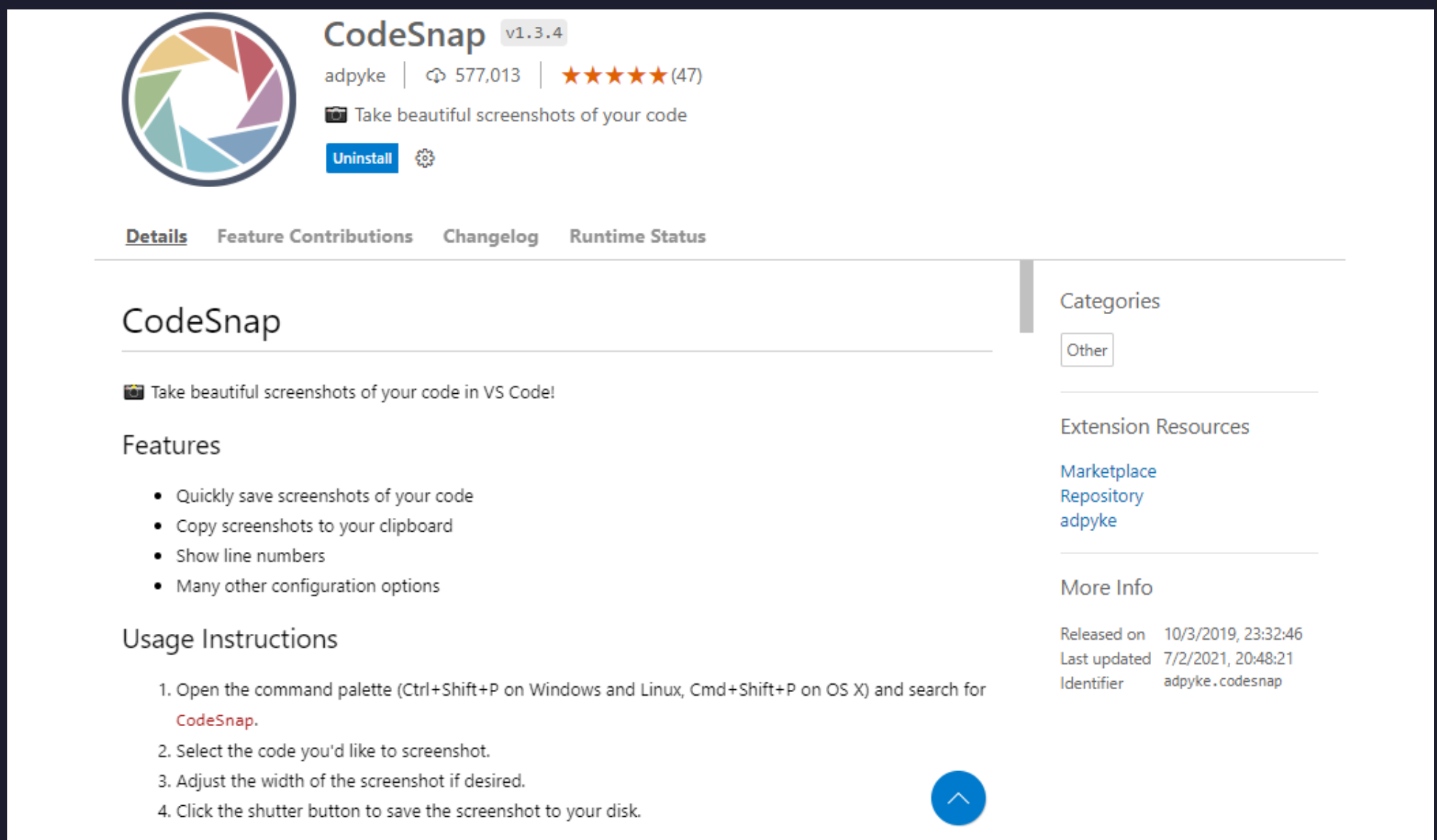


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# 1. CodeSnap

It can create screenshots of your code by highlighting the snippet within your project.



The screenshot displays the Visual Studio Marketplace page for the CodeSnap extension. At the top, the extension's logo is shown next to its name 'CodeSnap' and version 'v1.3.4'. Below this, the publisher 'adpyke' is listed along with the download count '577,013' and a star rating of 4.7 from 47 reviews. A brief description states 'Take beautiful screenshots of your code', followed by an 'Uninstall' button and a settings gear icon. Navigation tabs include 'Details', 'Feature Contributions', 'Changelog', and 'Runtime Status'. The 'Details' tab is active, showing the extension's name, a description, and a list of features: 'Quickly save screenshots of your code', 'Copy screenshots to your clipboard', 'Show line numbers', and 'Many other configuration options'. Usage instructions are provided in a numbered list: 1. Open the command palette (Ctrl+Shift+P on Windows and Linux, Cmd+Shift+P on OS X) and search for CodeSnap. 2. Select the code you'd like to screenshot. 3. Adjust the width of the screenshot if desired. 4. Click the shutter button to save the screenshot to your disk. On the right side, there are sections for 'Categories' (Other), 'Extension Resources' (Marketplace, Repository, adpyke), and 'More Info' (Released on 10/3/2019, 23:32:46; Last updated 7/2/2021, 20:48:21; Identifier adpyke.codesnap). A blue circular button with an upward arrow is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

**CodeSnap** v1.3.4  
adpyke | 577,013 | ★★★★★ (47)  
Take beautiful screenshots of your code  
Uninstall ⚙️

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## CodeSnap

Take beautiful screenshots of your code in VS Code!

### Features

- Quickly save screenshots of your code
- Copy screenshots to your clipboard
- Show line numbers
- Many other configuration options

### Usage Instructions

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4. Click the shutter button to save the screenshot to your disk.

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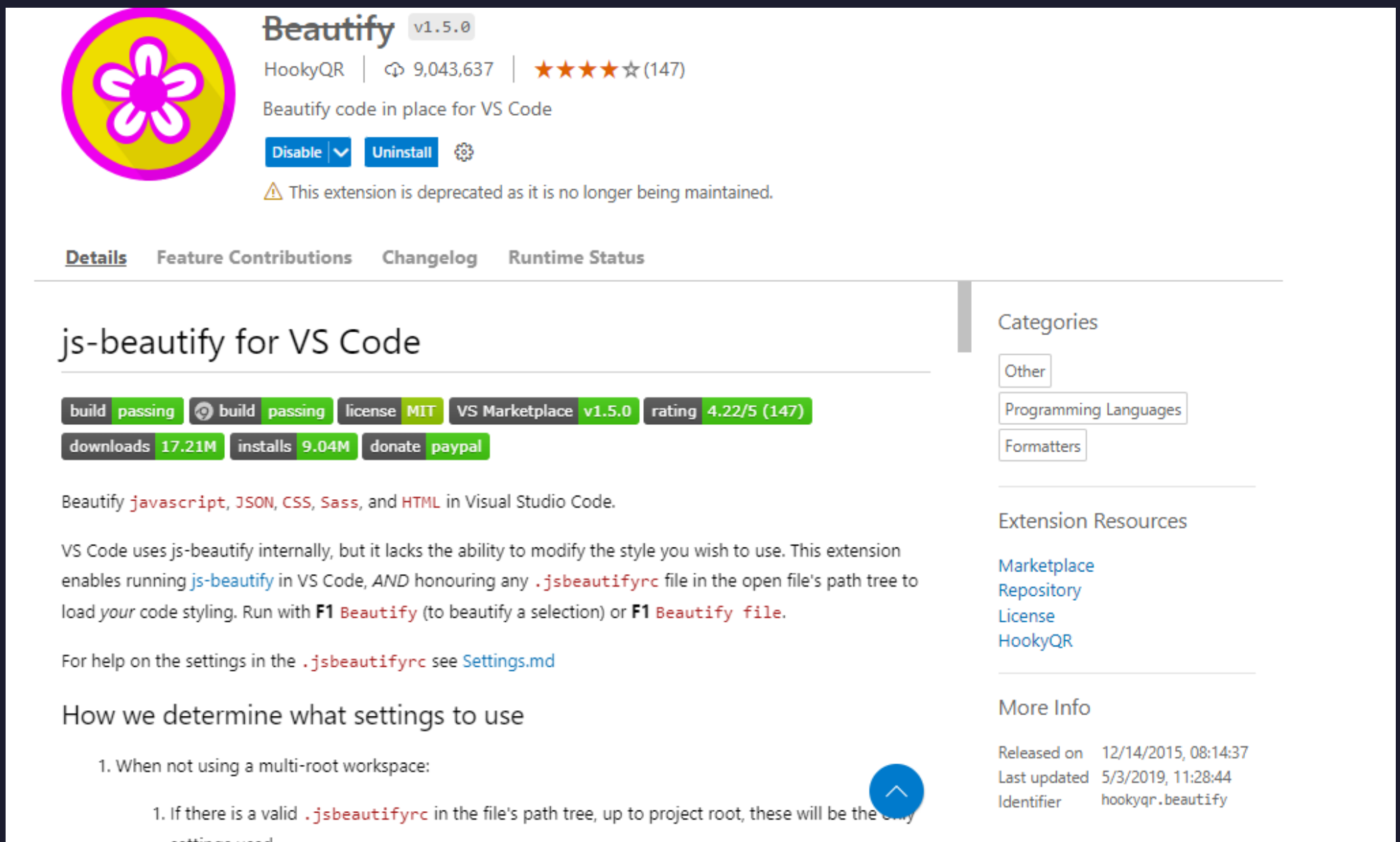


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## 2. Beautify

Beautify will easily help you with any kind of problems with readable your code and so on.



The screenshot shows the VS Code extension page for 'Beautify' (version 1.5.0) by HookyQR. The extension has 9,043,637 downloads and a 4.22/5 rating from 147 reviews. It is categorized as 'Other', 'Programming Languages', and 'Formatters'. The page includes tabs for 'Details', 'Feature Contributions', 'Changelog', and 'Runtime Status'. The 'Details' tab is active, showing the extension's description, build status, and a list of resources. A warning message states: 'This extension is deprecated as it is no longer being maintained.' The description mentions that the extension beautifies JavaScript, JSON, CSS, Sass, and HTML in Visual Studio Code. It also provides instructions on how to use the extension and how settings are determined.

**Beautify** v1.5.0  
HookyQR | 9,043,637 | ★★★★★ (147)  
Beautify code in place for VS Code  
Disable | Uninstall | ⚙️  
⚠️ This extension is deprecated as it is no longer being maintained.

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### js-beautify for VS Code

build passing | build passing | license MIT | VS Marketplace v1.5.0 | rating 4.22/5 (147)  
downloads 17.21M | installs 9.04M | donate paypal

Beautify **javascript**, **JSON**, **CSS**, **Sass**, and **HTML** in Visual Studio Code.

VS Code uses js-beautify internally, but it lacks the ability to modify the style you wish to use. This extension enables running **js-beautify** in VS Code, **AND** honouring any **.jsbeautifyrc** file in the open file's path tree to load *your* code styling. Run with **F1 Beautify** (to beautify a selection) or **F1 Beautify file**.

For help on the settings in the **.jsbeautifyrc** see [Settings.md](#)

#### How we determine what settings to use

1. When not using a multi-root workspace:
  1. If there is a valid **.jsbeautifyrc** in the file's path tree, up to project root, these will be the **only** settings used.

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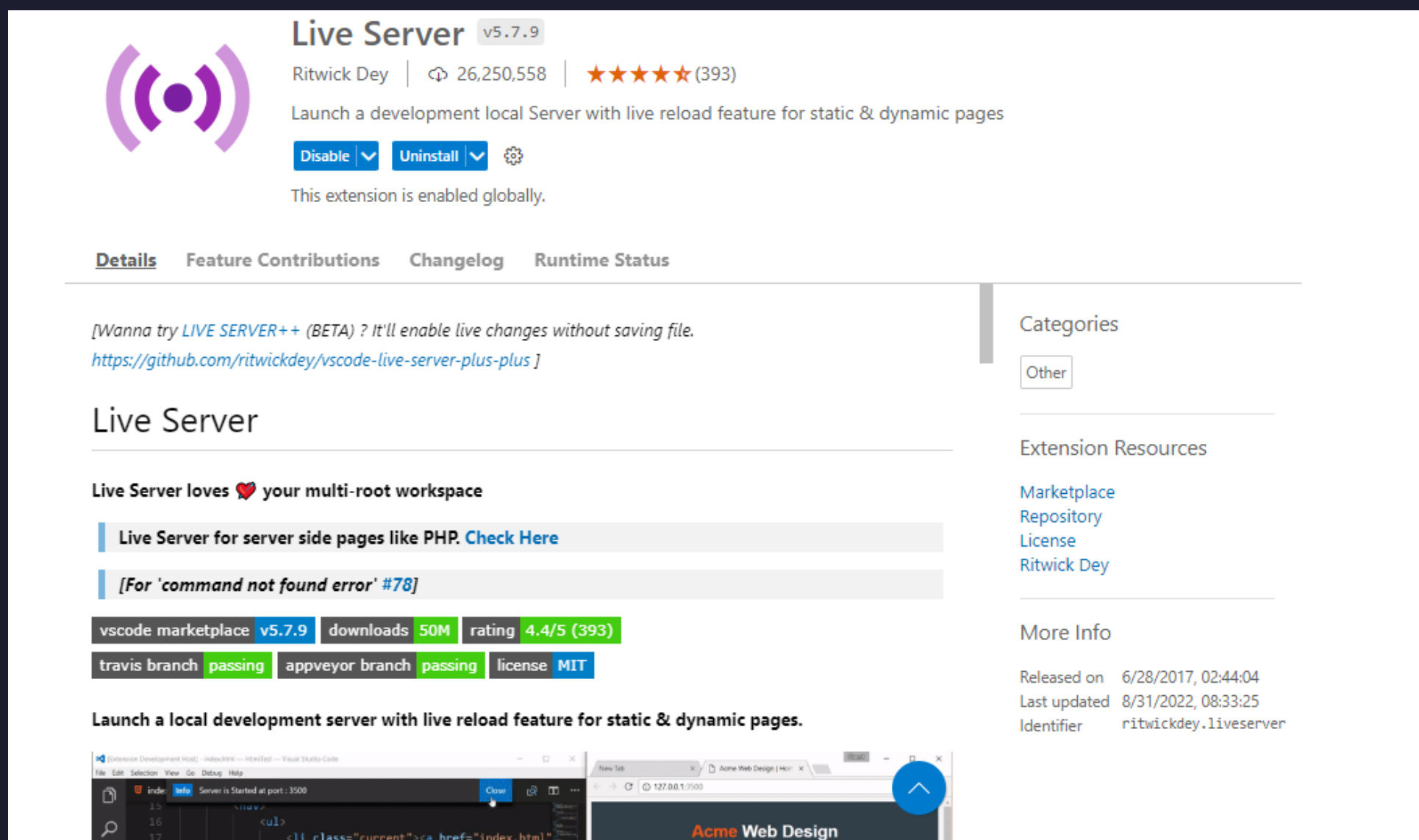


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## 3. Live Server

When you write your HTML, CSS, or JavaScript file you can press "Go Live" at the bottom of your Vs Code window and it will automatically add your changes on a webpage without any reloads, etc.



The screenshot shows the 'Live Server' extension page in the VS Code marketplace. The extension is by Ritwick Dey, has 26,250,558 downloads, and a 4.4/5 rating from 393 reviews. It is version 5.7.9. The description states it launches a development local server with live reload for static and dynamic pages. The page includes tabs for Details, Feature Contributions, Changelog, and Runtime Status. A note mentions 'LIVE SERVER++ (BETA)' for live changes without saving. The 'Live Server' section highlights its multi-root workspace support and provides links to the repository and license. A status bar shows the extension is passing tests on Travis and Appveyor. The bottom section shows a preview of the extension in use, displaying a local server running on port 3500 and a web browser showing the 'Acme Web Design' page.

**Live Server** v5.7.9  
Ritwick Dey | 26,250,558 | ★★★★★ (393)  
Launch a development local Server with live reload feature for static & dynamic pages  
[Disable] [Uninstall] ⚙️  
This extension is enabled globally.

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[Wanna try **LIVE SERVER++ (BETA)** ? It'll enable live changes without saving file.  
<https://github.com/ritwickdey/vscode-live-server-plus-plus> ]

### Live Server

Live Server loves ❤️ your multi-root workspace

Live Server for server side pages like PHP. [Check Here](#)

[For 'command not found error' #78]

vscode marketplace v5.7.9 downloads 50M rating 4.4/5 (393)  
travis branch passing appveyor branch passing license MIT

Launch a local development server with live reload feature for static & dynamic pages.

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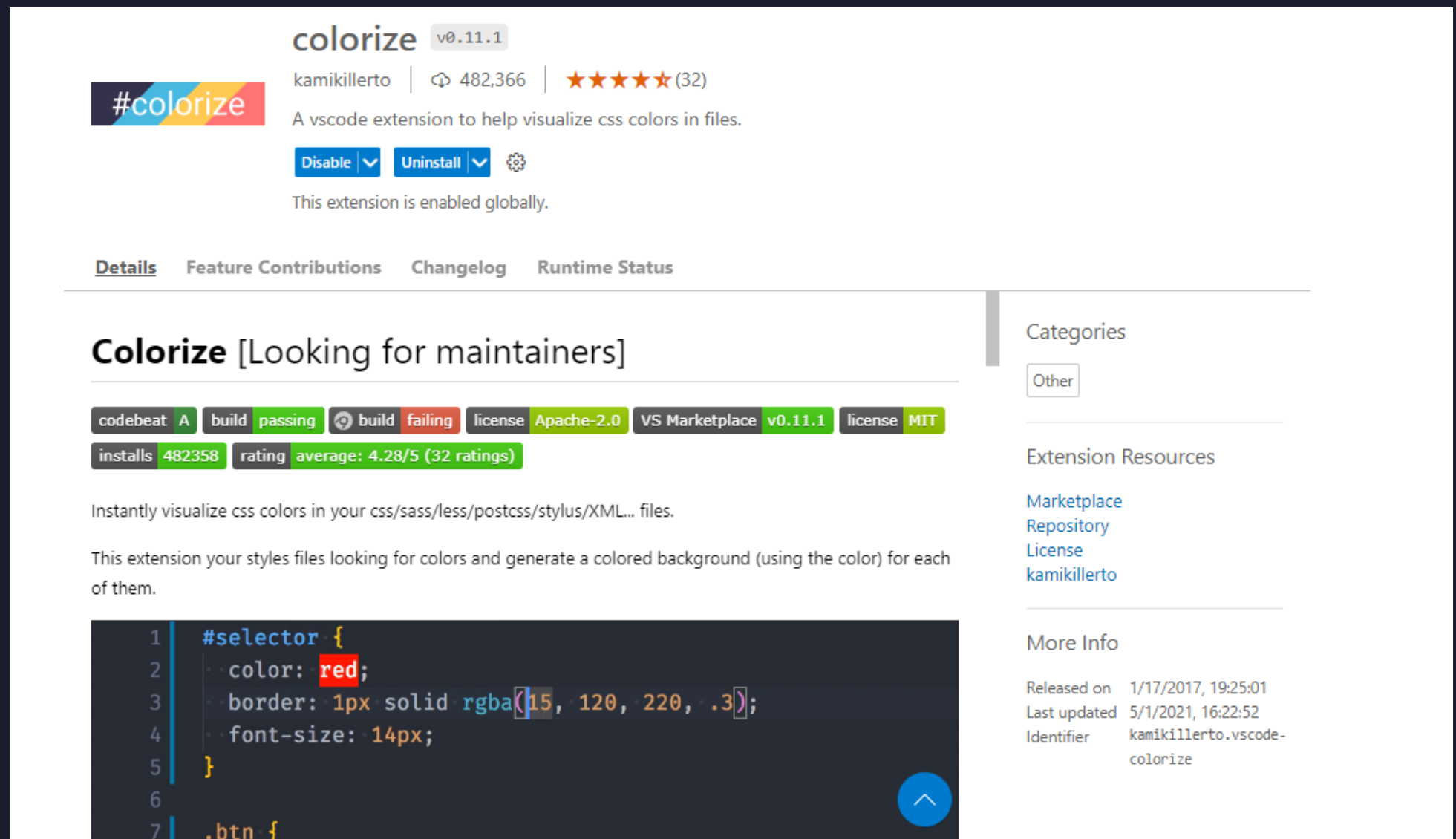


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## 4. Colorize

Colorize visualizes color variables by highlighting them with their color value. This is a handy time saver for translating hex codes and variable names.



The screenshot shows the VS Code extension page for 'colorize' by kamikillerto. The extension version is v0.11.1, with 482,366 installations and a 5-star rating from 32 reviews. It is described as a VS Code extension to help visualize CSS colors in files. The page includes tabs for Details, Feature Contributions, Changelog, and Runtime Status. The main content area shows the extension's name 'Colorize' with a note '[Looking for maintainers]'. Below this, there are badges for codebeat (A), build (passing), build (failing), license (Apache-2.0), VS Marketplace (v0.11.1), and license (MIT). It also shows 482,358 installs and an average rating of 4.28/5 (32 ratings). A description states: 'Instantly visualize css colors in your css/sass/less/postcss/stylus/XML... files. This extension your styles files looking for colors and generate a colored background (using the color) for each of them.' A code snippet is shown with color values highlighted: 

```
1 #selector {
2   color: red;
3   border: 1px solid rgba(15, 120, 220, .3);
4   font-size: 14px;
5 }
6
7 .btn {
```

 The right sidebar shows categories (Other), extension resources (Marketplace, Repository, License, kamikillerto), and more info (Released on 1/17/2017, 19:25:01; Last updated 5/1/2021, 16:22:52; Identifier kamikillerto.vscode-colorize).

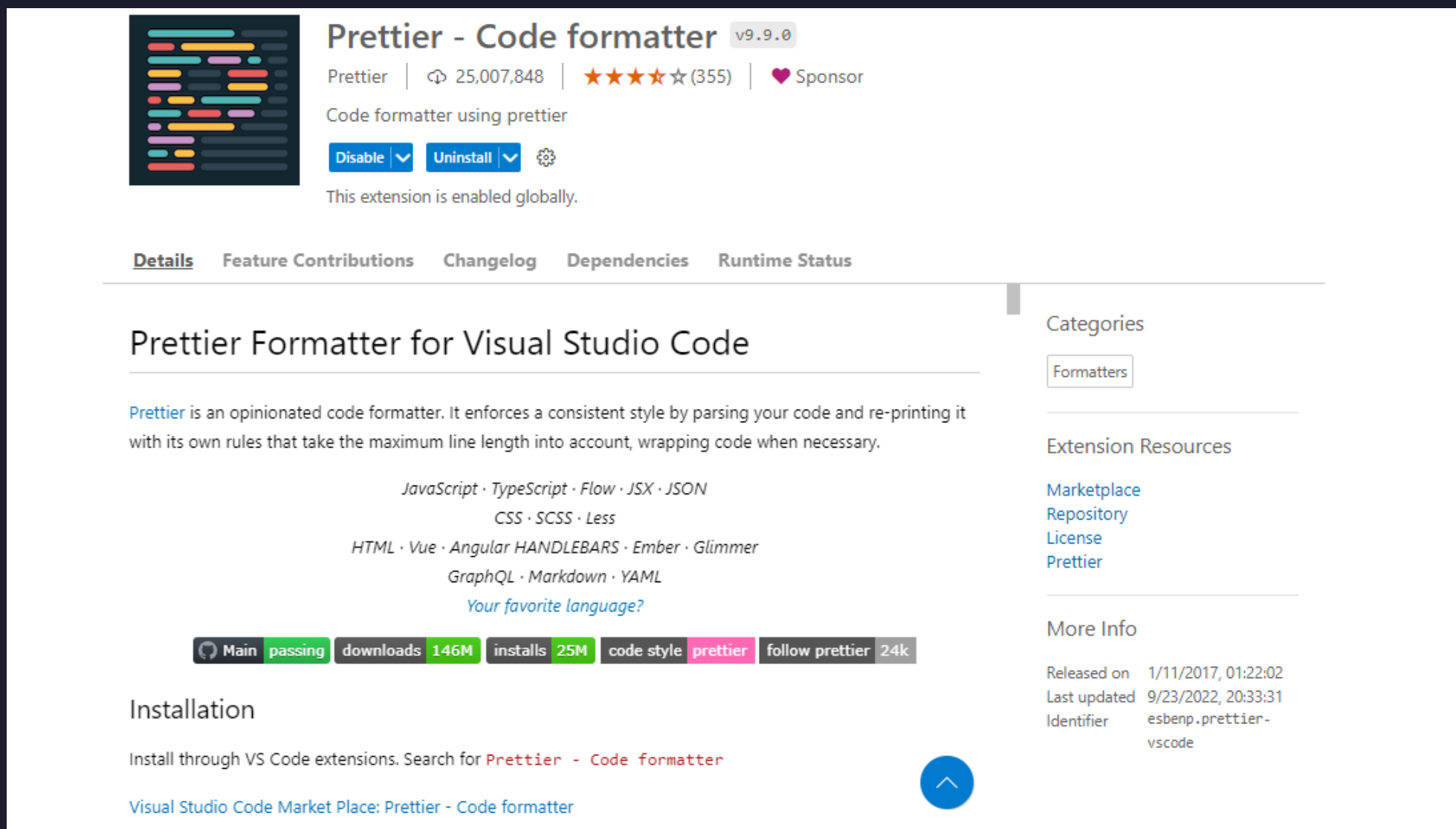


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# 5. Prettier

Prettier is an opinionated code formatter for Javascript/Typescript, HTML, JSX, and more.



**Prettier - Code formatter** v9.9.0

Prettier | 25,007,848 | ★★★★★ (355) | Sponsor

Code formatter using prettier

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## Prettier Formatter for Visual Studio Code

[Prettier](#) is an opinionated code formatter. It enforces a consistent style by parsing your code and re-printing it with its own rules that take the maximum line length into account, wrapping code when necessary.

JavaScript · TypeScript · Flow · JSX · JSON  
CSS · SCSS · Less  
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### Installation

Install through VS Code extensions. Search for **Prettier - Code formatter**

[Visual Studio Code Market Place: Prettier - Code formatter](#)

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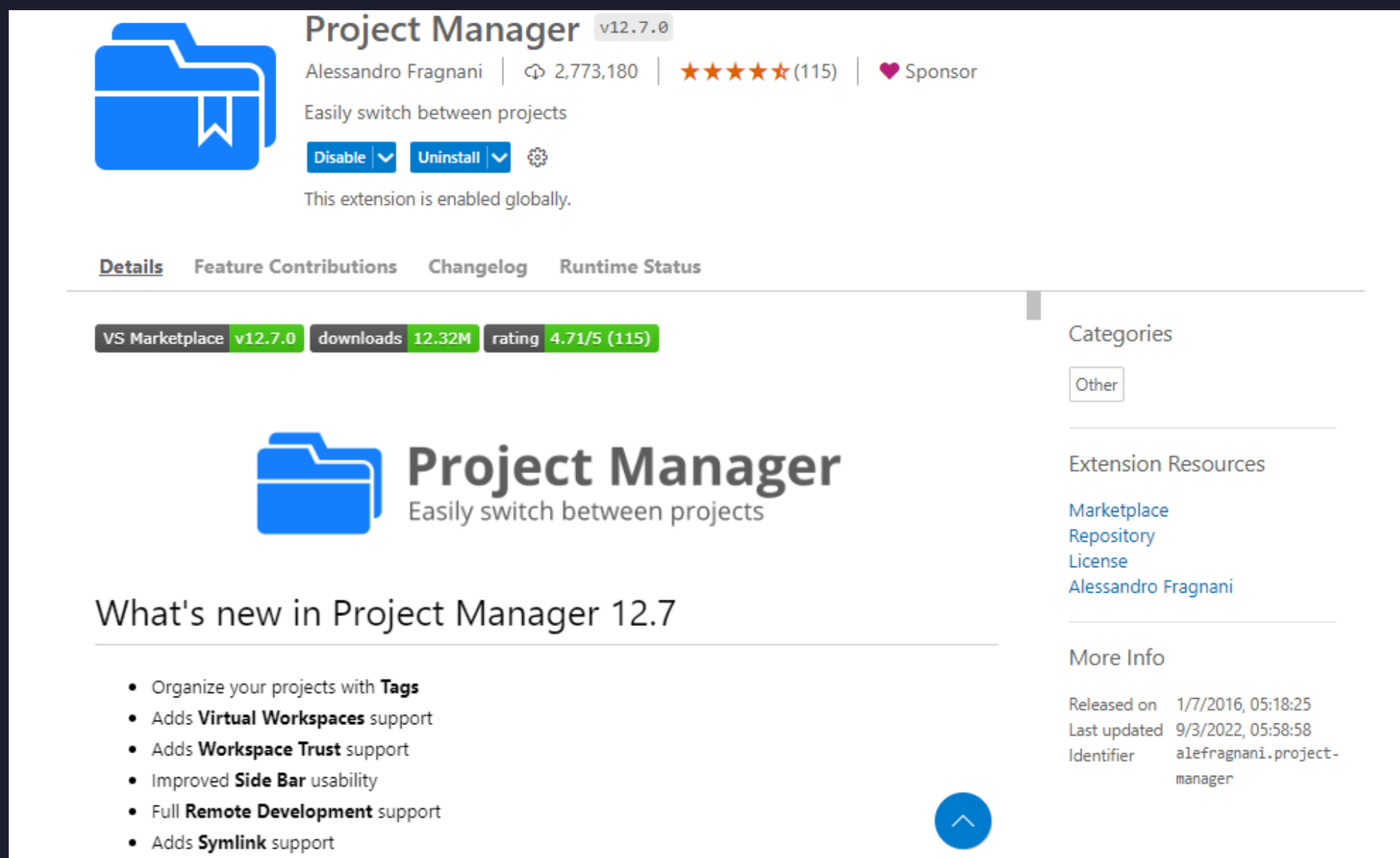


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## 6. Project Manager

It helps you to easily access your projects, no matter where they are located. Don't miss those important projects anymore.



**Project Manager** v12.7.0  
Alessandro Fragnani | 2,773,180 | ★★★★★ (115) | Sponsor

Easily switch between projects

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VS Marketplace v12.7.0 | downloads 12.32M | rating 4.71/5 (115)

**Project Manager**  
Easily switch between projects

### What's new in Project Manager 12.7

- Organize your projects with **Tags**
- Adds **Virtual Workspaces** support
- Adds **Workspace Trust** support
- Improved **Side Bar** usability
- Full **Remote Development** support
- Adds **Symlink** support

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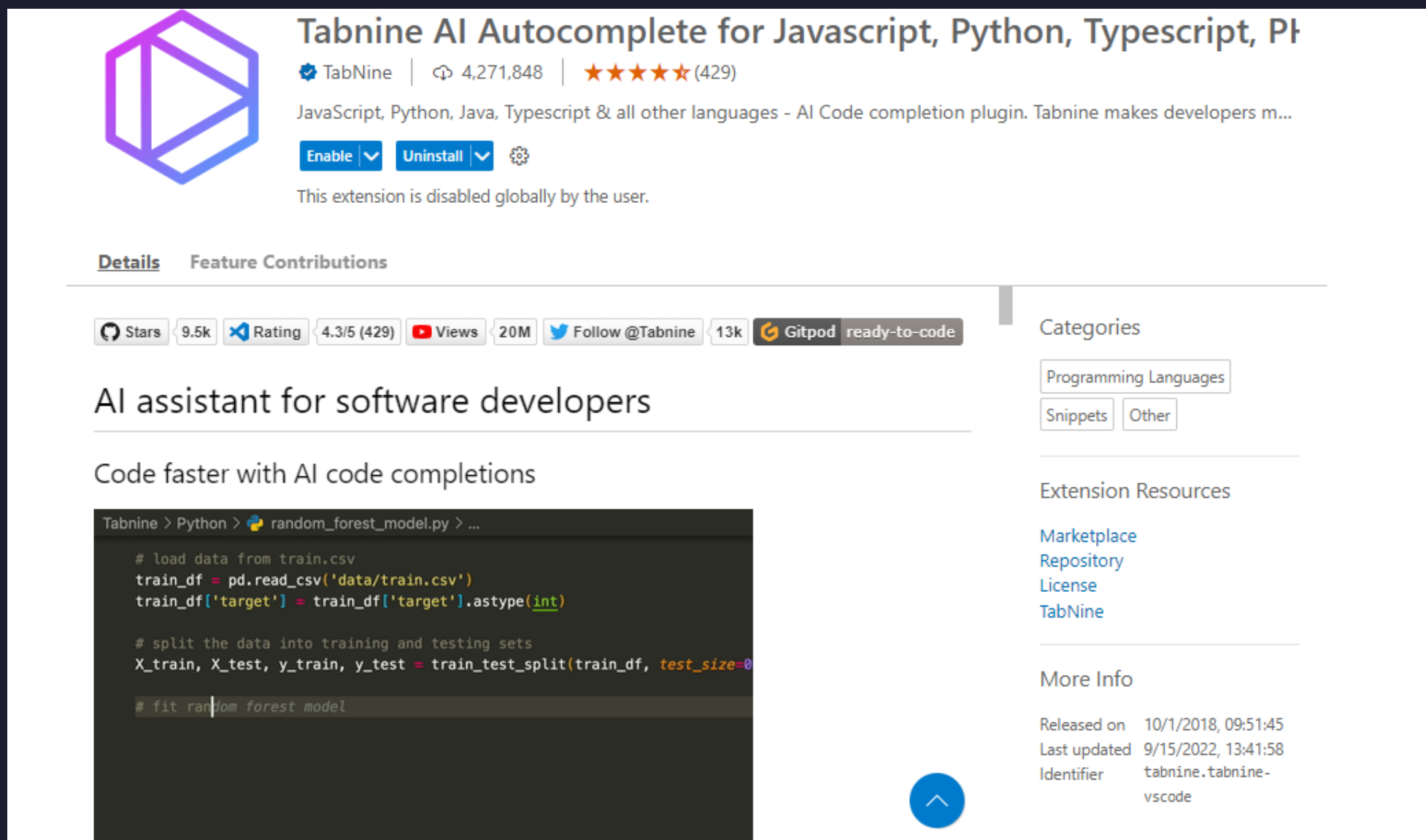
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# 7. Tabnine

Tabnine serves up suggestions for code completions right in Visual Studio Code, with no distractions and no downtime.



The screenshot shows the Tabnine extension page in the Visual Studio Code marketplace. The extension is titled "Tabnine AI Autocomplete for Javascript, Python, Typescript, Pl" and is developed by TabNine. It has 4,271,848 downloads and a 4.3/5 star rating from 429 reviews. The description states: "JavaScript, Python, Java, Typescript & all other languages - AI Code completion plugin. Tabnine makes developers m...". The extension is currently disabled globally by the user, with buttons for "Enable" and "Uninstall". Below the extension details, there are tabs for "Details" and "Feature Contributions". The "Details" tab is active, showing a section titled "AI assistant for software developers" and "Code faster with AI code completions". A code editor snippet is displayed, showing Python code for loading data from a CSV file, splitting it into training and testing sets, and fitting a random forest model. The code is as follows:

```
Tabnine > Python > random_forest_model.py > ...  
  
# load data from train.csv  
train_df = pd.read_csv('data/train.csv')  
train_df['target'] = train_df['target'].astype(int)  
  
# split the data into training and testing sets  
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(train_df, test_size=0  
  
# fit random forest model
```

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "Categories" (Programming Languages, Snippets, Other), "Extension Resources" (Marketplace, Repository, License, TabNine), and "More Info" (Released on 10/1/2018, 09:51:45; Last updated 9/15/2022, 13:41:58; Identifier tabnine.tabnine-vscode).



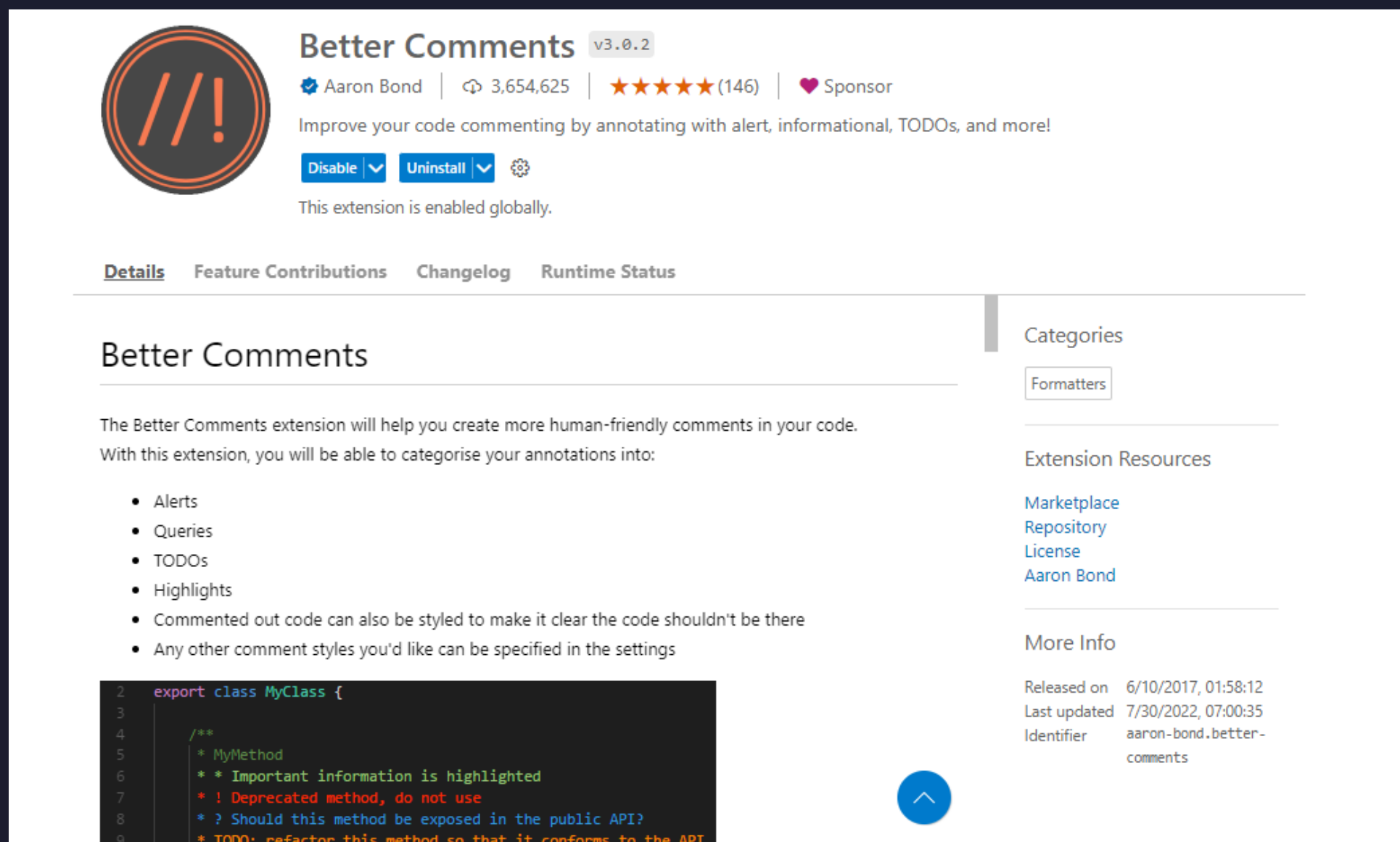
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## 8. Better Comments

It is an extension used for writing human-friendly comments in your code, which is helpful for you and anyone who is reading your code.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Marketplace page for the 'Better Comments' extension by Aaron Bond. The extension is version 3.0.2, has 3,654,625 downloads, and a 5-star rating from 146 reviews. It is a sponsored extension. The description states it improves code commenting by adding alert, informational, TODOs, and more. The extension is currently enabled globally. The 'Details' tab is selected, showing a list of features: Alerts, Queries, TODOs, Highlights, and the ability to style commented-out code. A code snippet is shown with various comment styles. The right sidebar includes categories (Formatters), extension resources (Marketplace, Repository, License, Aaron Bond), and more info (Released on 6/10/2017, Last updated 7/30/2022, Identifier aaron-bond.better-comments).

**Better Comments** v3.0.2

Aaron Bond | 3,654,625 | ★★★★★ (146) | Sponsor

Improve your code commenting by annotating with alert, informational, TODOs, and more!

Disable | Uninstall | ⚙️

This extension is enabled globally.

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### Better Comments

The Better Comments extension will help you create more human-friendly comments in your code. With this extension, you will be able to categorise your annotations into:

- Alerts
- Queries
- TODOs
- Highlights
- Commented out code can also be styled to make it clear the code shouldn't be there
- Any other comment styles you'd like can be specified in the settings

```
2 export class MyClass {
3
4     /**
5      * MyMethod
6      * * Important information is highlighted
7      * ! Deprecated method, do not use
8      * ? Should this method be exposed in the public API?
9      * TODO: refactor this method so that it conforms to the API
```

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