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How to Launch Files in a Browser from Visual Studio Code

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Visual Studio Code doesn't have a built-in method for launching HTML and other files in Google Chrome, but you can configure it to do so.

UPDATE (2018-04-11): The methods described here no longer work in newer versions of VS Code. See this article (https://www.webucator.com/how-to/how-open-html-files-google-chrome-from-visual-studio-code.cfm) for a recommended extension to use instead.

OSX Method

1. Press `CMD+Shift+P` to open the **Command Palette**.
2. Type "ctr" and select the **`Configure Task Runner`** command to open tasks.json.
3. Delete the current placeholder contents.
4. Enter the following:

```
{
    "version": "0.1.0",
    "command": "Chrome",
    "osx": {
        "command": "/Applications/Google Chrome.app/Contents/MacOS/Google Chrome"
    },
    "args": ["${file}"]
}
```

5. To test it, open an HTML file in Visual Studio Code and press `CMD+Shift+B` . It should open in Chrome.

Windows Method

1. Press `Ctrl+Shift+P` to open the **Command Palette**.
2. Type "ctr" and select the **Configure Task Runner** command to open tasks.json.
3. Delete the current placeholder contents.
4. Enter the following:

```
{
    "version": "0.1.0",
    "command": "Chrome",
    "windows": {
        "command": "C:\\Program Files (x86)\\Google\\Chrome\\Application\\chrome.exe"
    },
    "args": ["${file}"]
}
```

5. To test it, open an HTML file in Visual Studio Code and press `Ctrl+Shift+B` . It should open in Chrome.

The following pages helped me figure this out:

1. How to Add a Browser to Task Runner in Visual Studio Code (http://mikemengell.com/uncategorized/how-to-add-a-browser-to-task-runner-in-visual-studio-code/)

2. Stack Overflow: How to view my HTML code in browser with Visual Studio Code?

   (http://stackoverflow.com/questions/30039512/how-to-view-my-html-code-in-browser-with-visual-studio-code)

Related Training: Visual Studio (https://www.webucator.com/microsoft-training/visual-studio-training.cfm)

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Visual Studio (https://www.webucator.com/blog/category/visual-studio/)

Nat Dunn (https://www.webucator.com/blog/author/ndunn/)

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