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## VS2017 does not install extensions (still a problem).



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Philip Clem reported Mar 10, 2017 at 08:28 PM

I downloaded and installed the release build on Mar. 8. When I try to install extensions I get: "changes will be scheduled and that the installs will begin when I close all windows". But when I close it and reopen it, it's like nothing happened. The extensions are just as uninstalled as they were before and I can repeat this cycle over and over again. No error message. I saw that this issue was report earlier (see below). The comment indicate that it should have been fixed. I am still getting the problem so I am reporting it. Nothing happens to cause the install of extensions I have selected for install. It is like I did nothing... Visual Studio Team ♦♦ · Feb 21 at 07:18 AM 0 Share Thanks for your feedback. The reported issue was not directly addressed by our team, however many improvements have occurred since this version was released. If you should encounter the issue again in the latest release, please let us know by creating a new report using that version.

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Visual Studio Feedback System ♦♦ · Mar 24, 2017 at 10:28 PM 0

Thank you for your feedback! The Visual Studio team has determined that this issue is not a bug. Thanks for your follow up information.



Rubén Ferreira · Oct 30, 2017 at 07:57 AM 0

I have installed the latest version of Visual Studio 2017 Enterprise (15.4.1) and Windows 10 Professional (Fall Creators Update) but I can't install or update any extension.

When I close the Visual Studio, IDE ask for administrative rights and show progress of the installation or update but when reopen IDE the extension haven't been installed or updated.

I am running Visual Studio with a domain user and I am installing extension with local user administrator, is this the problem? I'm going crazy! I need to install extensions to solve several problems in a different projects.



Blair Wang [MSFT] ♦♦  Rubén Ferreira · Oct 31, 2017 at 08:26 AM 0

Hi Ruben, Can you create a new report by using Report A Problem in Visual Studio (It's on the Help Menu under Send Feedback) since this issue has been closed for a long time? Thank you for your patience.



Steve Corbett · Jan 11, 2018 at 09:53 PM 0

This issue might not be a bug but it is an ongoing problem since the message is not explicit. Maybe it should say "changes will be installed when VS is closed via the file exit menu option"



Roi Chen [MSFT] ♦  Steve Corbett · Jan 12, 2018 at 07:19 AM 0

Hi Steve, Can you create a new report by using Report A Problem in Visual Studio (It's on the Help Menu under Send Feedback) since this issue has been closed for a long time? Thank you for your patience.

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**Solution** by  Philip Clem · Mar 11, 2017 at 05:48 PM



I re-tried this again.

And it worked on the re-try, as long as I closed VS 2017 with File -> Close (and not just closing the window with "X").

I believe my issue may have been that after the VS2017 window was closed, the VSIX installer was launched minimized.

I did not see it, so I did not activate it to do the install.

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HONG LY · Nov 23, 2017 at 05:12 AM 0

Philip Clem Thanks for the solution. It worked after I pressed on File -> Close then click on "X" to close the software.



Phil Gardocki · May 10, 2018 at 04:37 PM 0

And that is it! I also did not see the strange icon on the start bar. Thanks.



Roi Chen [MSFT] ♦  Phil Gardocki · May 17, 2018 at 07:39 AM 0

Hi Phil, Can you create a new report by using Report A Problem in Visual Studio (It's on the Help Menu under Send Feedback) since this issue has been closed for a long time? Thank you for your patience.



Andy McHargue · Sep 10, 2018 at 10:54 PM 0

OK, but if you don't have a file open there is nothing to close? In any case I eventually looked for a found the VSIX installer of which you speak. Thanks.



Darren Woodford  Andy McHargue · Dec 11, 2018 at 10:35 AM 0

It's a terribly worded message. It actually means exit Visual Studio rather than just close the windows open \*within\* Visual Studio. When you click File > Exit and make sure no other copies of VS are running you will see a VSIX Installer popup to install your extension(s).

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