Visual Studio Code

Tips and Tricks

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Help Menu

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Interactive Editor Playground

The core editor in VS Code is packed with features. This page highlights a number of them and lets you interactively try them out through the use o

- Multi-cursor Editing block selection, select all occurrences, add additional cursors and more.
- IntelliSense get code assistance and parameter suggestions for your code and external modules.
- · Line Actions quickly move lines around to re-order your code.
- Rename Refactoring quickly rename symbols across your code base.
- . Formatting keep your code looking great with inbuilt document & selection formatting.
- Code Folding focus on the most relevant parts of your code by folding other areas.
- · Errors and Warnings see errors and warnings as you type.
- Snippets spend less time typing with snippets.
- . Emmet integrated Emmet support takes HTML and CSS editing to the next level.
- JavaScript Type Checking perform type checking on your JavaScript file using TypeScript with zero configuration.

Multi-Cursor Editing

Using multiple cursors allows you to edit multiple parts of the document at once, greatly improving your productivity. Try the following actions in the

- 1. Box Selection press any combination of Shift+DownArrow, Shift+RightArrow, Shift+UpArrow, Shift+LeftArrow to select a block
- 2. Add a cursor press Ctrl+Alt+UpArrow to add a new cursor above, or Ctrl+Alt+DownArrow to add a new cursor below. You can also us
- 3. Create cursors on all occurrences of a string select one instance of a string e.g. background-color and press Ctrl+Shift+L. Now you can be selected as the color of the c

That is the tip of the iceberg for multi-cursor editing. Have a look at the selection menu and our handy keyboard reference guide for additional action

Settings

Synchronized Settings

https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/editor/settingssync

Customisation

Default settings

Ctrl+P and go to Open User Settings (JSON)

```
{
  "editor.fontFamily": "'Cascadia Code'",
  "editor.formatOnSave": true,
  "editor.rulers": [ 120 ],
  "editor.stickyScroll.enabled": true,
  "editor.trimAutoWhitespace": true,
  "explorer.fileNesting.enabled": true,
  "files.trimTrailingWhitespace": true,
  "git.branchPrefix": "yourusername/",
  "terminal.integrated.fontFamily": "'CaskaydiaCove Nerd Font Mono','Cascadia Code',Consolas,'Courier New',monospace",
  "workbench.sideBar.location": "right"
}
```

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Profiles

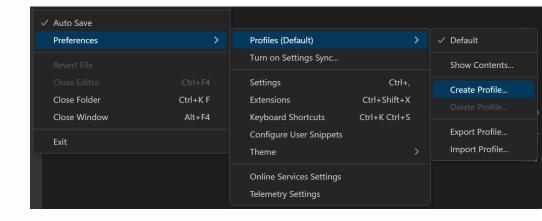
VS Code has a Default Profile.

Use additional profiles for

- Settings
- Keyboard Shortcuts
- User Snippets
- User Tasks
- Extensions

Have a profile for frontend, backend, AWS and

Azure



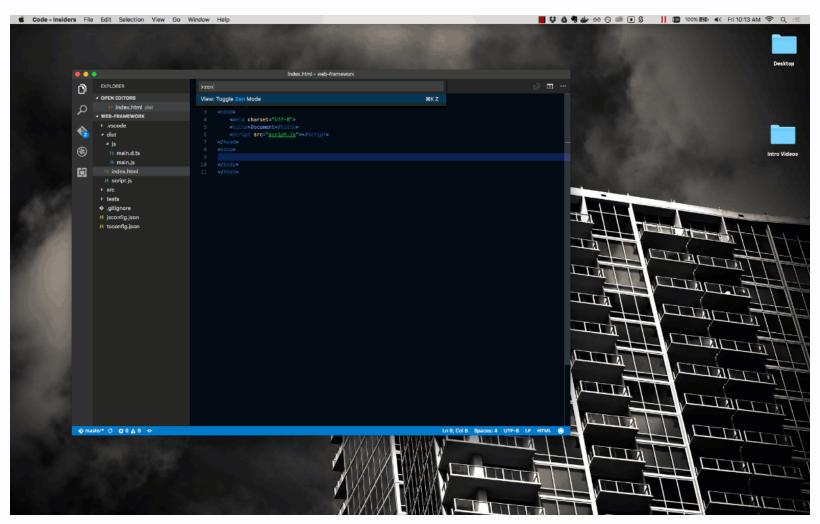
Display

Toggle Sidebar (Ctrl+B). Move the sidebar to the right

workbench.sideBar.location: "right"

Add a secondary sidebar with Outline view for better navigation

Zen Mode



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Navigation

Navigate between recently opened files and workspaces

<kbd>Ctrl+R</kbd>

Multi-Root Workspaces

You can work with multiple project folders in Visual Studio Code with multi-root workspaces.

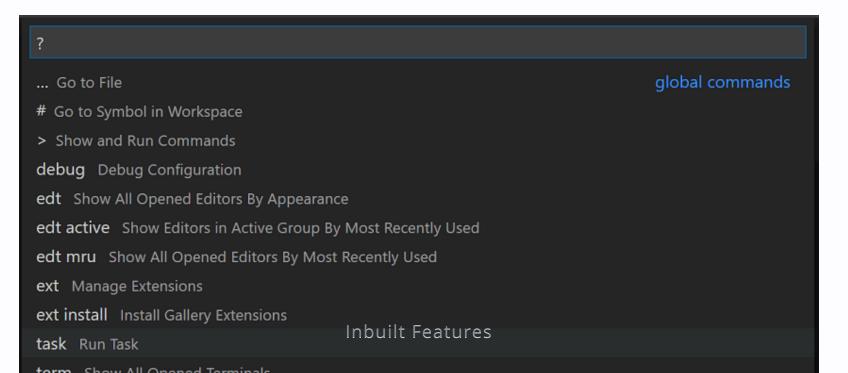
```
"folders": [
   // Source code
    "name": "Product",
    "path": "vscode"
  },
   // Docs and release notes
    "name": "Documentation",
    "path": "vscode-docs"
  },
   // Yeoman extension generator
    "name": "Extension generator",
    "path": "vscode-generator-code"
```

Command Palette

```
App.js - sports-trivia
              JS App.js
      import React from 'react';
      import {deepOrange500} from 'material-ui/styles/colors';
      import AppBar from 'material-ui/AppBar';
      import getMuiTheme from 'material-ui/styles/getMuiTheme';
      import MuiThemeProvider from 'material-ui/styles/MuiThemeProvider';
      import QuestionBar from './QuestionBar';
      const muiTheme = getMuiTheme({
      palette: {
      accent1Color: deepOrange500,
      });
      export default class App extends React.Component {
     constructor(props, context) {
     super(props, context);
```

Ctrl+Shift+P

Ctrl+P

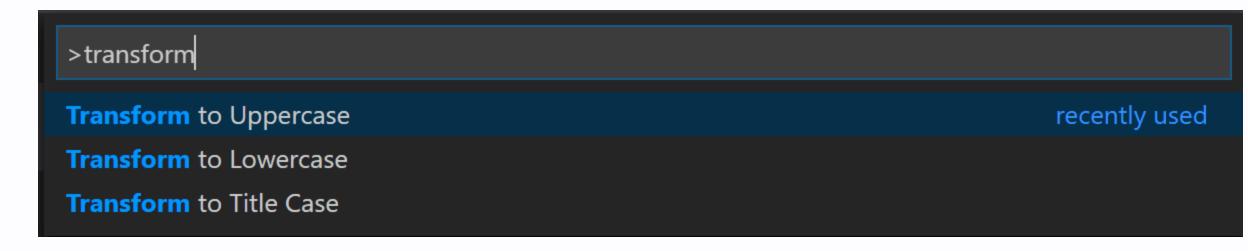


Sticky Scroll

```
TS test.ts
             X
TS test.ts > 	☐ TestClass > 	☐ function1 > 	☐ NestedFunction1
        class TestClass {
            function1() {
                 function NestedFunction1() {
  10
  11
                 function2() {
  12
                               Inbuilt Features
```

Editing

- Sort Lines Ascending/Descending
- Transform Text



Tranform	Example	
Title	Hello World	
Upper	HELLO WORLD	
Lower	hello world	
CamelinbuihelineWorld		

Code Formatting

```
render() {
    return (
        <div className={s.app}>
            <AppBar
              title="Notes"
          iconClassNameRight="muidocs-icon-navigation-expan
            />
            <div style={{
                         marginTop: 20,
              marginLeft: 20
            }}>
                <NewNote />
       <Notes items={this.state.notes}/>
            </div>
                     </div>
                              B
    );
                       Inhuilt Features
```

Regex Search and Replace

```
0 - root
                                                             Aa Abl * 1 of 32
                                        ^(\w+):[^:]:(\d+).*
1 - bin
                                                                      함ଞ
                                        $2 - $1
2 - daemon
3 - adm
4 - lp
5 - sync
shutdown:x:6:0:shutdown:/sbin:/sbin/shutdown
halt:x:7:0:halt:/sbin:/sbin/halt
mail:x:8:12:mail:/var/spool/mail:/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:13:news:/etc/news:
uucp:x:10:14:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/sbin/nologin
operator:x:11:0:operator:/root:/sbin/nologin
games:x:12:100:games:/usr/games:/sbin/nologin
gopher:x:13:30:gopher:/var/gopher:/sbin/nologin
ftp:x:14:50:FTP User:/var/ftp:/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:99:99:Nobody:/:/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:38:38::/etc/ntp:/sbin/nologin
rpc:x:32:32:Portmapper RPC user:/:/sbin/nologin
```

Multi Cursor (CTRL+D)

Edit Text Vertically with multi-cursor

```
31 .global-message-list.transition {
32 → -webkit-transition: top 200ms linear;
33 → -ms-transition: top 200ms linear;
34 → -moz-transition: top 200ms linear;
35 → -khtml-transition: top 200ms linear;
36 → -o-transition: top 200ms linear;
37 → transition: top 200ms linear;
38 }
```

Expanding and Shrinking Selection

Shift+Alt+Left and Shift+Alt+Right

Ever tried to find the start and end of a large

```
<div>
```

```
</div> ?
```

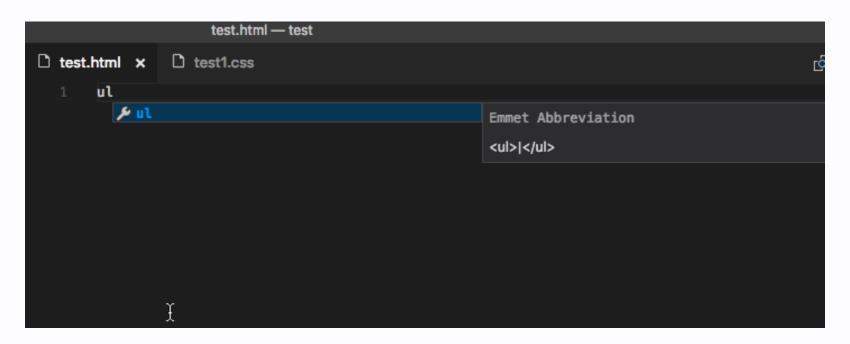
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Hide Text for easier reading

```
class App extends Component {
    constructor() {
        super();
        this.state = {
            notes: [
                     text: "go to the grocery store"
                     text: 'read medium article about engineering'
                },
                     text: 'create build session'
                },
                     text: 'fix bug #232'
                           Inbuilt Features
```

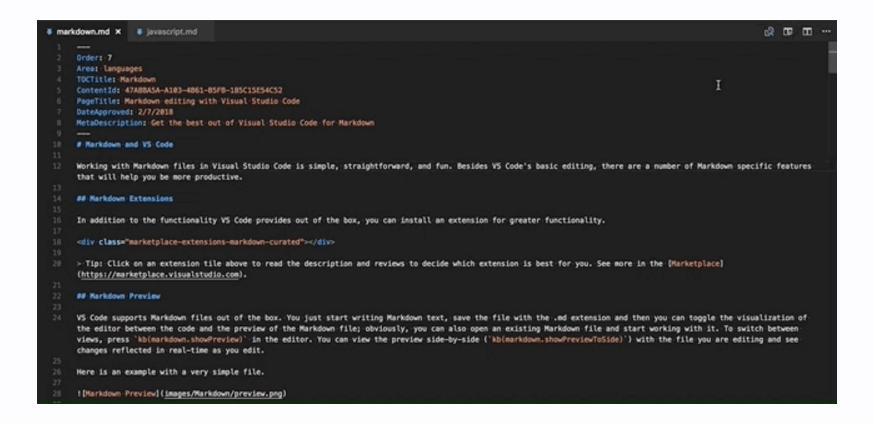
Emmet

Generate HTML from shorthand



Works with multi-cursors

Markdown preview



Productivity / Focus

Next Problem in Files

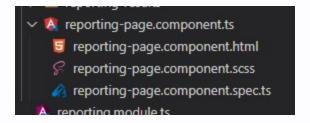
<kbd>F8</kbd>

https://code.visualstudio.com/Docs/editor/editingev olved#_errors-warnings

File Nesting

Nest related files under a parent file in the explorer.

```
"explorer.fileNesting.patterns": {
    "*.component.ts": "$(capture).component.html, $(capture).component.spec.ts, $(capture).component.scss",
}
```



Pinned Tabs

```
Voustom-layout.md
Voustom-layout.md
Voustom Layout
Settings

docs > editor > Voustom-layout.md
Voustom Layout
Note ### Editor > Note ### Pinned tabs

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### Pinned tabs

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If you'd like an editor to always be visible, you can pin it to the editor tool ba context menu or using the command **View: Pin Editor** (`kb(workbench.action.pinEditor)
```

https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/editor/custom-layout#_pinned-tabs

Vertical Rulers

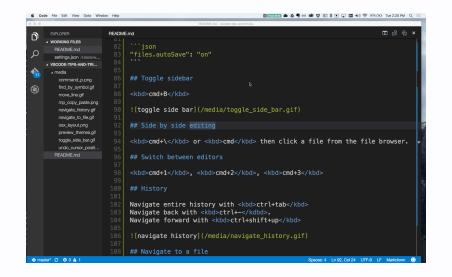
Make sure your code isn't getting too long and hard to read.

```
JS gulpfile.js > 😭 gulp.task('build-dist') callback
      gulp.task('build-dist', done => {
        if (!$.which('git')) {
22
          $.echo('This command requires git')
23
          $.exit(1)
24
          done()
25
26
27
        // Go to _build
28
        if (!$.test('-e', '_build')) {
29
          $.mkdir(' build')
30
31
32
        $.cd('_build')
```

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Grouping

Ctrl+\

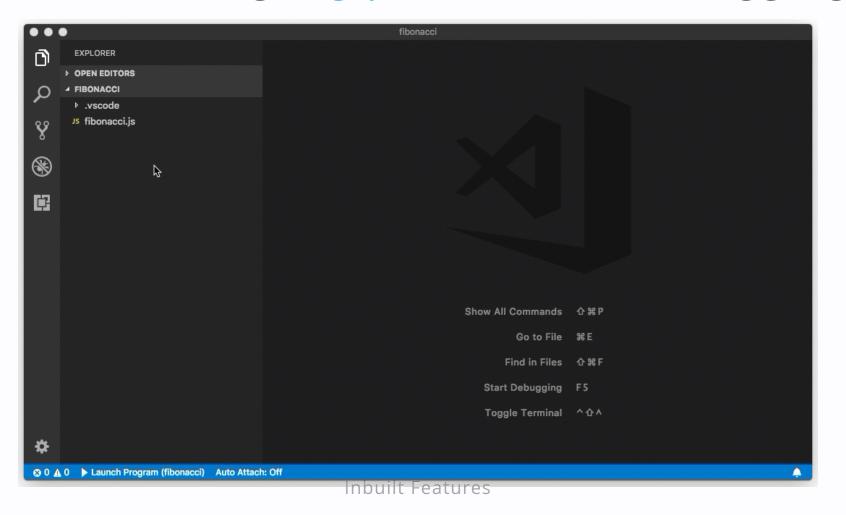


Ctrl+1,Ctrl+2



LogPoints

Non-breaking log points to show logging



Screencast Mode

```
abstractTree.ts - vscode
       TS abstractTree.ts src/vs/base/browser/ui/tree
             * Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
            * Licensed under the MIT License. See License. txt in the project root for license information.
         6 import 'vs/css!./media/tree';
         7 import { IDisposable, dispose, Disposable, toDisposable } from 'vs/base/common/lifecycle';
         8 import { IListOptions, List, IListStyles, mightProducePrintableCharacter } from 'vs/base/b
         9 import { IListVirtualDelegate, IListRenderer, IListMouseEvent, IListEvent, IListContextMe
        10 import { append, $, toggleClass, getDomNodePagePosition, removeClass, addClass } {rom 'vs/
        11 import { Event, Relay, Emitter, EventBufferer } {rom 'vs/base/common/event';
        12 import { StandardKeyboardEvent, IKeyboardEvent } from 'vs/base/browser/keyboardEvent';
        13 import { KeyCode } from 'vs/base/common/keyCodes';
        14 import { ITreeModel, ITreeNode, ITreeRenderer, ITreeEvent, ITreeMouseEvent, ITreeContextM
        15 import { ISpliceable } from 'vs/base/common/sequence';
        16 import { IDragAndDropData, StaticDND, DragAndDropData } from 'vs/base/browser/dnd';
        17 import { range } from 'vs/base/common/arrays';
        18 import { ElementsDragAndDropData } {rom 'vs/base/browser/ui/list/listView';
        19 import { domEvent } from 'vs/base/browser/event';
        20 import { fuzzyScore, FuzzyScore } {rom 'vs/base/common/filters';
        21 import { getVisibleState, isFilterResult } {rom 'vs/base/browser/ui/tree/indexTreeModel';
        22 import { localize } {rom 'vs/nls';
        23 import { disposableTimeout } from 'vs/base/common/async';
        24 import { isMacintosh } from 'vs/base/common/platform';
        25 import { values } {rom 'vs/base/common/map';
        26 import { clamp } from 'vs/base/common/numbers';
∲master $42↓0↑ $90 A 0
                                      ◆ You, 4 months ago Ln 13, Col 51 Tab Size: 2 UTF-8 LF TypeScript 3.3.1
```

Terminal

Run commands from the terminal without leaving VS Code.

Task Runners

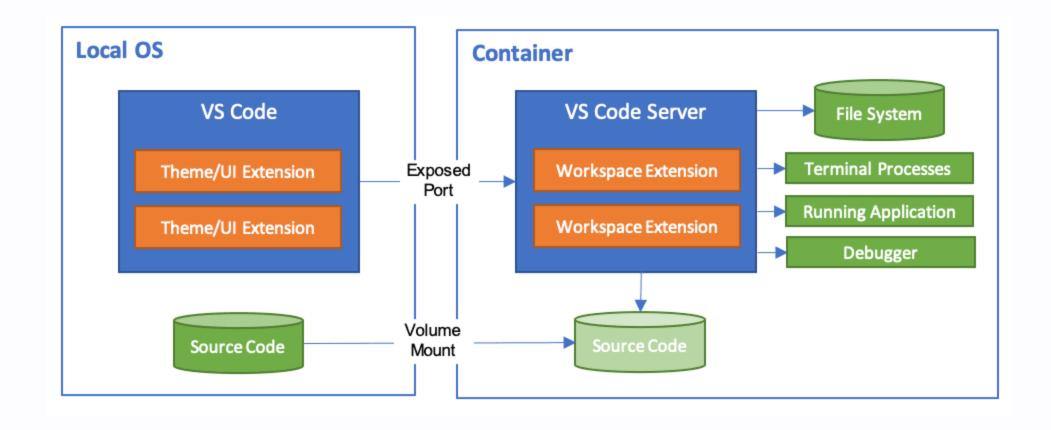
Run tasks like build, test and other custom tasks in Task Runners.

```
II
tasks.json .vscode
           "isShellCommand": true,
           "suppressTaskName": true,
                   "taskName": "install",
                   "args": ["install"]
                   "taskName": "build",
                   "args": ["run", "dev"]
master* 🗯 🗴 0 🛕 0 TODO:s
                                     Ln 9, Col 15 Tab Size: 4 UTF-8 LF JSON
```

Developer Containers

A devcontainer.json file in your project tells VS Code how to access (or create) a development container with a well-defined tool and runtime stack.

https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/devcontainers/contai



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Extensions

ctrl+shift+x

@recommended

Most Popular

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/search?
target=VSCode&category=All
categories&sortBy=Installs

@popular

Marp

This slide deck written in Markdown within VSCode. I used the Marp extension to export to PowerPoint.

https://marp.app/

Side note, Marp has a CLI - so this slide has a CICD pipeline 😄



Jupyter

± 72.6M Microsoft microsoft.com

Jupyter notebook support, interactive programming and computing that supports...



FREE



± 23.4M Microsoft microsoft.com

Popular extensions for Java development that provides Java IntelliSense, debugging...



FREE

C/C++ Extension Pack

± 23M Microsoft microsoft.com

Popular extensions for C++ development in Visual Studio Code.



FREE

Python Extension Pac

Don Jayamanne

± 7M

FREE

FREE

Popular Visual Studio Code extensions for Python



Remote Development

4.8M Microsoft microsoft.com

An extension pack that lets you open any folder in a container, on a remote...



FREE

PHP Extension Pack

±4.5M Xdebug xdebug.org

Everything you need for PHP development



FREE



Live Sass Compiler

Ritwick Dev

± 2.5M

Compile Sass or Scss to CSS at realtime with live browser reload.



FREE



ison

ZainChen

± 2.1M

Json for Visual Studio Code



FREE



Auto Complete Tag ± 2M Jun Han

Extension arts care tag and rename paired tag automatically for HTML/XML



FREE



± 1.9M VMware vmware.com

Acollection of extensions for developing spring soot applications





Git Extension Pack

Don Jayamanne

± 1.6M

Popular Visual Studio Code extensions for Git



FREE



Live Sass Compiler

Glenn Marks ± 1.4M

Compile Sass or Scss to CSS at realtime.



FREE



Salesforce Extension P

± 1.2M Salesforce salesforce.com

Extensions for developing on the Salesforce Platform



Angular Essentials (Ve

John Papa ± 1.2M johnpapa.net

Essential extensions for Angular developers



Unity Tools

± 1.2M Avin Zarlez

Various tools to help with Unity development

± 1M Microsoft Extensions

Get web site hosting, SQL and MongoDB data, Docker

Azure Tools



Node.js Extension Pac ± 980K

Wade Anderson

Popular VS Code extensions for Node is development.



Python Path ₹ 868K

Mathias Gesbert

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Python imports utils.

C# Dev Kit

C# Dev Kit

Name: C# Dev Kit

Id: ms-dotnettools.csdevkit

Description: Official C# extension from Microsoft

Version: 1.0.14

Publisher: Microsoft

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=ms-dotnettools.csdevkit

IntelliCode

Name: IntelliCode

Id: VisualStudioExptTeam.vscodeintellicode

Description: Al-assisted development

Version: 1.2.30

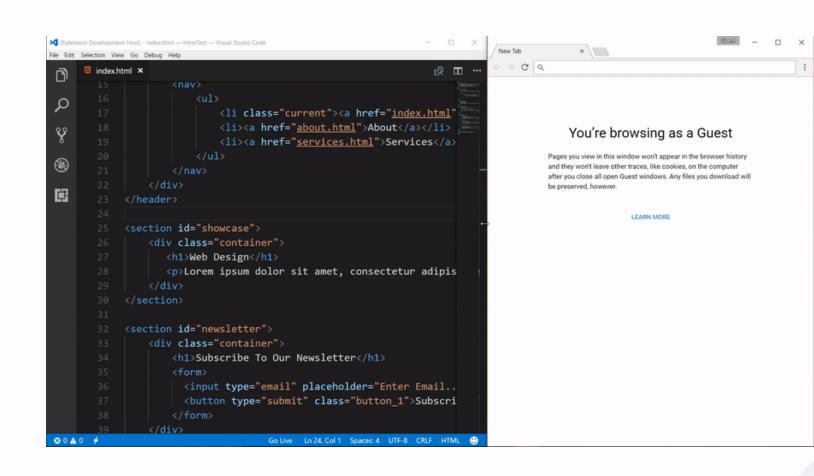
Publisher: Microsoft

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=VisualStudioExptTeam.vscodeintellicode

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ritwickdey.LiveSe rver Description: Launch a development local Server with live reload feature for static & dynamic pages Version: 5.7.9 Publisher: Ritwick Dey VS Marketplace



CoPilot

Name: GitHub Copilot

Id: GitHub.copilot

Description: Your Al pair programmer

Version: 1.138.0

Publisher: GitHub

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=GitHub.copilot

Atlassian

Name: Jira and Bitbucket (Atlassian Labs)

Id: atlassian.atlascode

Description: Bringing the power of Jira and Bitbucket to VS Code - With Atlassian for VS Code you can create and view issues, start work on issues, create pull requests, do code reviews, start builds, get build statuses and more!

Version: 3.0.8

Publisher: Atlassian

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.wisualstudio.com/items?

Azure

Name: Azure Tools

Id: ms-vscode.vscode-node-azure-pack

Description: Get web site hosting, SQL and MongoDB data, Docker Containers, Serverless Functions and more, all on Azure, all from VS Code, in this one extension from Microsoft.

Version: 1.2.0

Publisher: Microsoft

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=ms-vscode.vscode-node-azure-pack

AWS

Name: AWS Toolkit

Id: amazonwebservices.aws-toolkit-vscode

Description: Including CodeWhisperer, CodeCatalyst,
and support for Lambda, S3, CloudWatch Logs, and
many other services

Version: 1.100.0

Publisher: Amazon Web Services VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=AmazonWebServices.aws-toolkit-vscode

Docker

Name: Docker

Id: ms-azuretools.vscode-docker

Description: Makes it easy to create, manage, and debug containerized applications.

Version: 1.28.0

Publisher: Microsoft

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=ms-azuretools.vscode-docker

Error Lens

Name: Error Lens

Id: usernamehw.errorlens

Description: Improve highlighting of errors,

warnings and other language diagnostics.

Version: 3.15.0

Publisher: Alexander

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=usernamehw.errorlens

Polacode

Name: Polacode

Id: pnp.polacode

Description: Description: Description:

Version: 0.3.4

Publisher: P & P

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=pnp.polacode

Polygot Notebooks

Name: Polyglot Notebooks

Id: ms-dotnettools.dotnet-interactive-vscode
Description: Polyglot Notebooks for VS Code. Use
multiple languages in one notebook with full
language server support for each language and
share variables between them.

Version: 1.0.4562010

Publisher: Microsoft

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=ms-dotnettools.dotnet-interactive-vscode Name: RapidAPI Client

Id: RapidAPI.vscode-rapidapi-client

Description: RapidAPI Client is a full-featured HTTP client that lets you test and describes the APIs you build or consume. Designed to work with your VS Code themes, RapidAPI Client makes composing requests, inspecting responses, generating code, and types for application development simple and intuitive.

Version: 1.10.2

Publisher: RapidAPI

VS Marketplace Link:

Rest Client

Name: REST Client

Id: humao.rest-client

Description: REST Client for Visual Studio Code

Version: 0.25.1

Publisher: Huachao Mao

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=humao.rest-client

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Todo Tree

Name: Todo Tree

Id: Gruntfuggly.todo-tree

Description: Show TODO, FIXME, etc. comment tags

in a tree view

Version: 0.0.226

Publisher: Gruntfuggly

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=Gruntfuggly.todo-tree

Unique Lines

Name: Unique Lines

Id: bibhasdn.unique-lines

Description: Keep unique lines of text and remove duplicates from current selection. Also includes a command to shuffle currently selected lines.

Version: 1.0.0

Publisher: bibhasdn

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=bibhasdn.unique-lines

Decode

Name: Encode Decode

Id: mitchdenny.ecdc

Description: An extension for Visual Studio Code that allows you to quickly convert text selections.

Version: 1.8.0

Publisher: Mitch Denny

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=mitchdenny.ecdc

Bookmark

Name: Bookmarks

Id: alefragnani.Bookmarks

Description: Mark lines and jump to them

Version: 13.4.2

Publisher: Alessandro Fragnani VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=alefragnani.Bookmarks

Mermaid JS

Name: Markdown Preview Mermaid Support

Id: bierner.markdown-mermaid

Description: Adds Mermaid diagram and flowchart

support to VS Code's builtin markdown preview

Version: 1.20.0

Publisher: Matt Bierner

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=bierner.markdown-mermaid

JSON Crack

Name: JSON Crack

Id: AykutSarac.jsoncrack-vscode

Description: Seamlessly visualize your JSON data

instantly into graphs.

Version: 2.0.2

Publisher: Aykut Saraç

VS Marketplace Link:

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=AykutSarac.jsoncrack-vscode

semanticdiff.sem anticdiff Description: Programming language aware diffs for Visual Studio Code. Version: 0.8.7 Publisher: SemanticDiff VS Marketplace Link:

0077.py - semanticdiff-testcases - Visual Studio Code $ilde{m{\phi}}$ 0077.py (b9a2bc2c) \leftrightarrow 0077.py (77f120c0) $\ eta$ imeshome > michael > projects > semanticdiff-testcases > python > 💠 0077.py import os import hashlib import hashlib 4— def print_hashes(path): for file in os.listdir(path): file_path = os.path.join(path, file) if os.path.islink(file_path): if not os.path.isfile(file_path): def calc_hash(file_path): def calc_hash(file_path): h = hashlib.md5()h = hashlib.sha256()with open(file_path, "rb") as fp: with open(file_path, "rb") as fp: while True: while True: data = fp.read(4096)data = fp.read(4096)if data == b"": if not data: break h.update(data) h.update(data) return h return h of print hashes(path): file_path = os.path.join(path, file) if os.path.islink(file_path): if not os.path.isfile(file_path): h = calc_hash(file_path) h = calc_hash(file_path) print (f"{h.hexdigest()} {file}") print (f"{h.hexdigest()} {file}") 26 print_hashes(".") 26 print_hashes(".")

Description: Highlight and navigate between your most recently edited chunks of code Version: 0.5.0 Publisher: Wattenberger VS Marketplace Link: https://marketpl

```
<u>ξ</u>η ...
                src > components > ≡ Toggle.svelte > 😥 script
      <script>
        export let options = [];
        export let value = null;
        export let onChange = () \Rightarrow {};
        const onChangeLocal = option \Rightarrow {
          onChange(option);
          value = option.id;
      <div class="c">
        {#each options as option}
            class="option"
            class:selected={option.id = value}
            on:click={() ⇒ onChangeLocal(option)}>
            {option.label}
          </button>
        {/each}
      </div>
```

her2 Id: tonybaloney.vsco de-pets Description: Pets for your VS Code Version: 1.25.1 Publisher: Anthony Shaw VS Marketplace Link: https://marketpl ace.visualstudio.

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       from jinja2 imp
       from mako.templa
      t = Template("<
      t.render(person:
           loader=Packa
 10
OUTPUT
              Extensions
```