C Programming Environment Setup on Windows

Using Visual Studio Code and GCC

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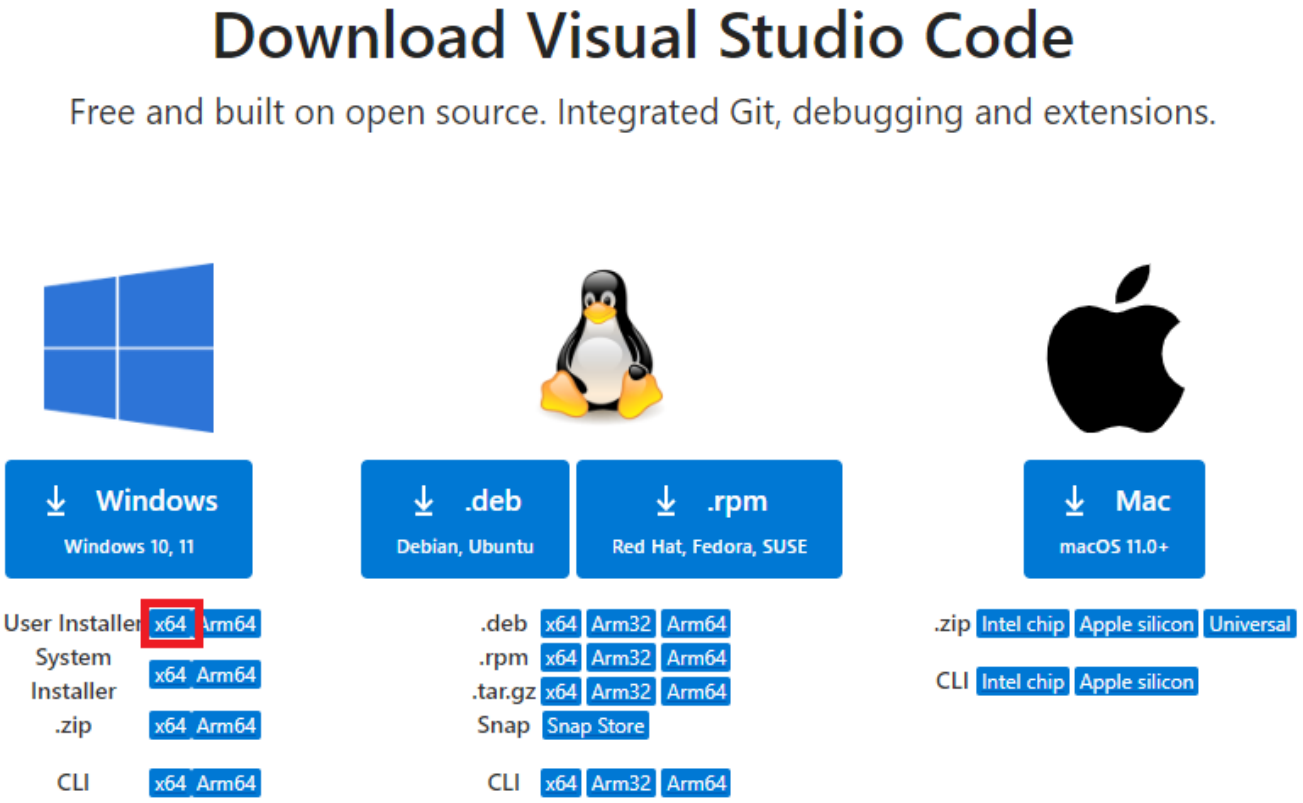

Click User Installer (x64) → Run the downloaded file to begin installation

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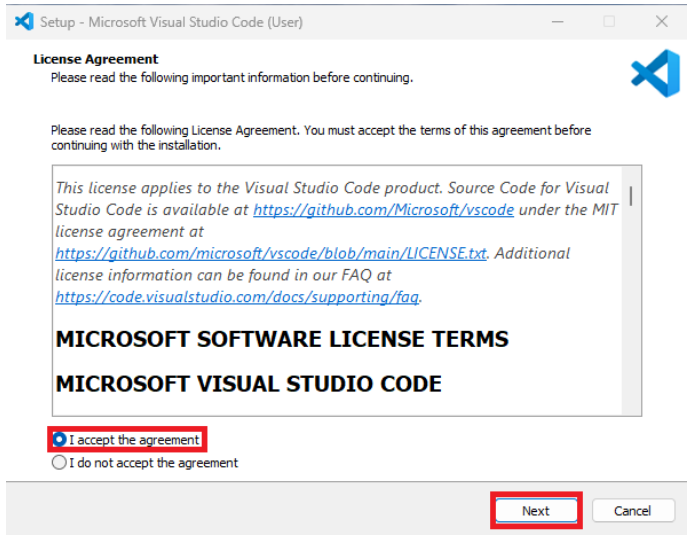

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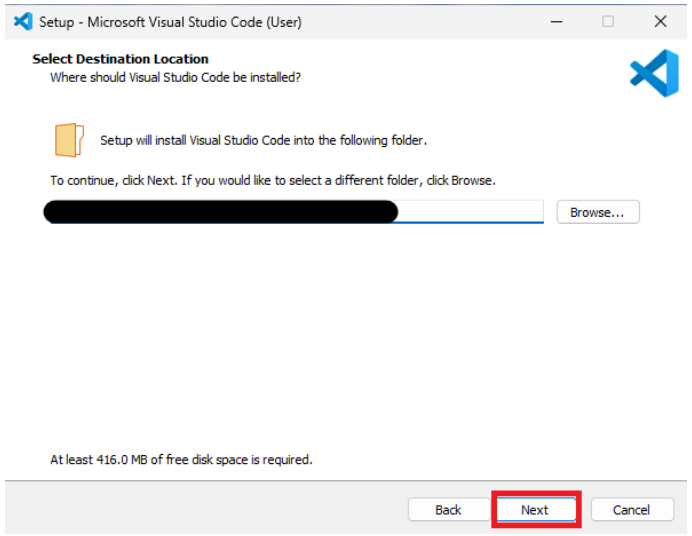

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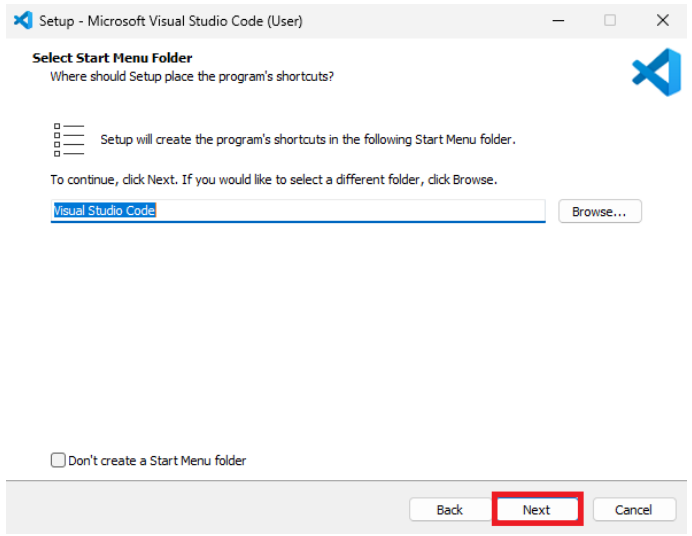

- Do not check Don’t create a Start Menu folder.
- Click Next to continue

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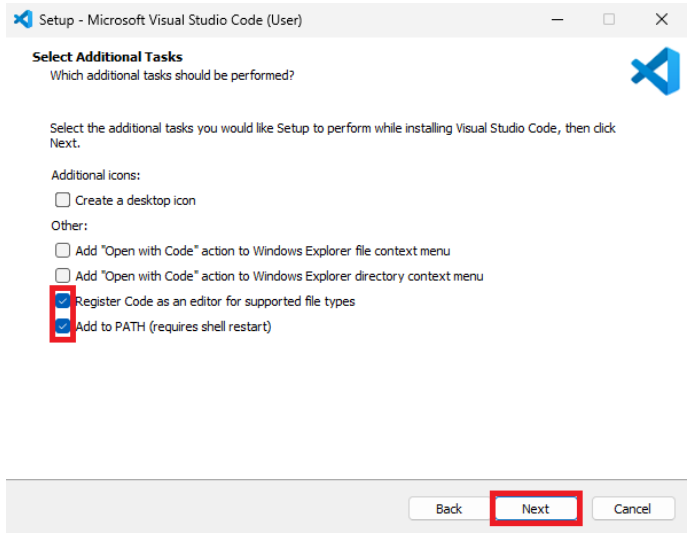
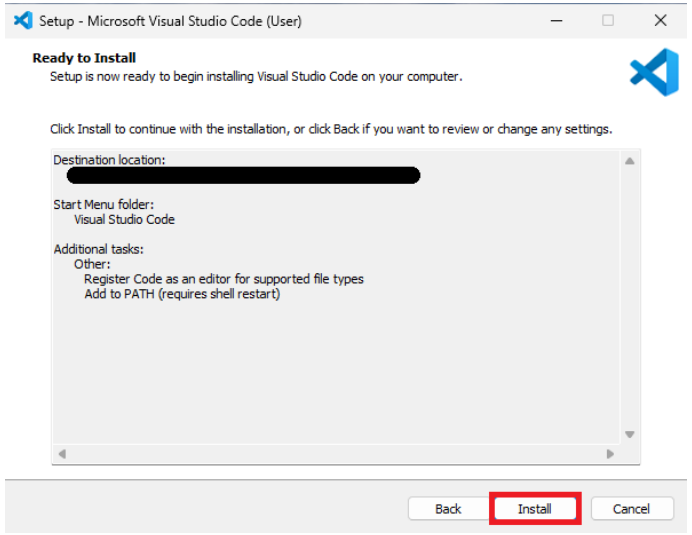
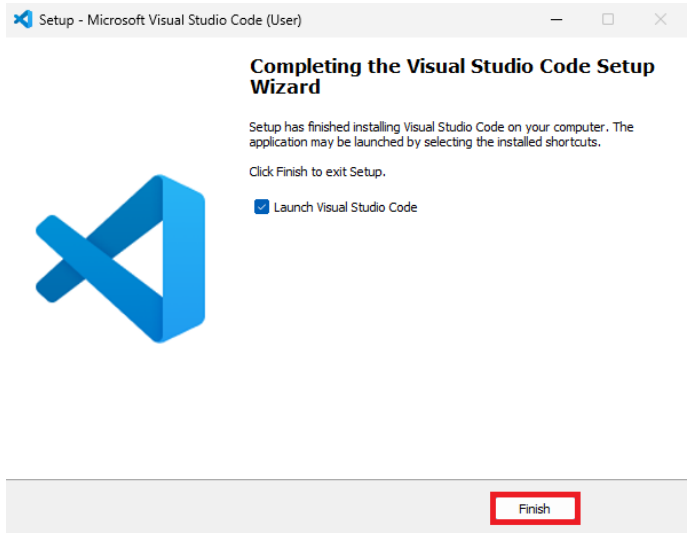


- Check Register Code as an editor for supported file types.
- Check Add to PATH.
- Click Next to continue.

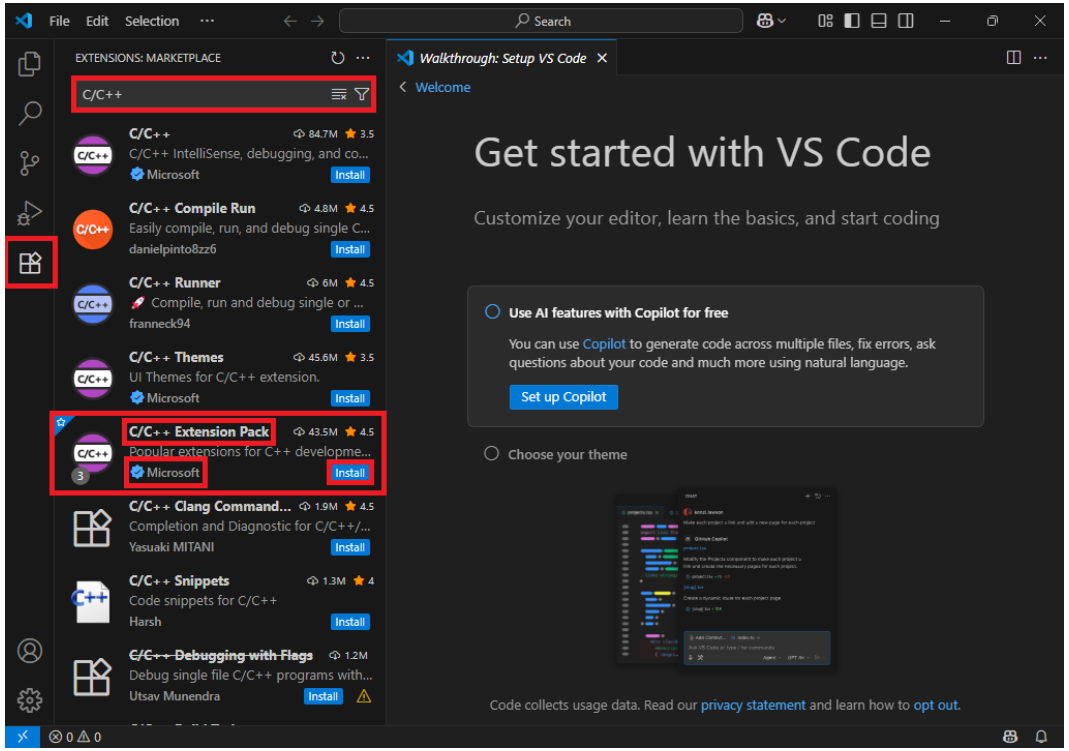


- Click Install to begin the installation.

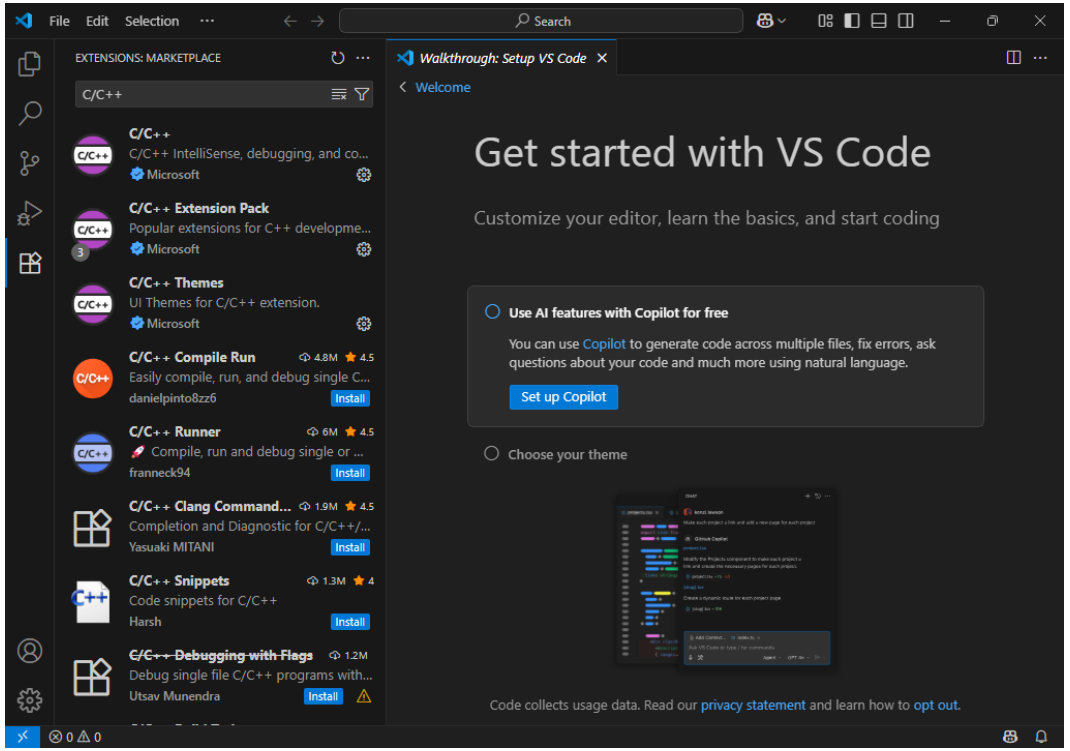


- Check Launch Visual Studio Code.
- Click Finish to complete the installation.

1.2. Installing C/C++ Extensions for VS Code



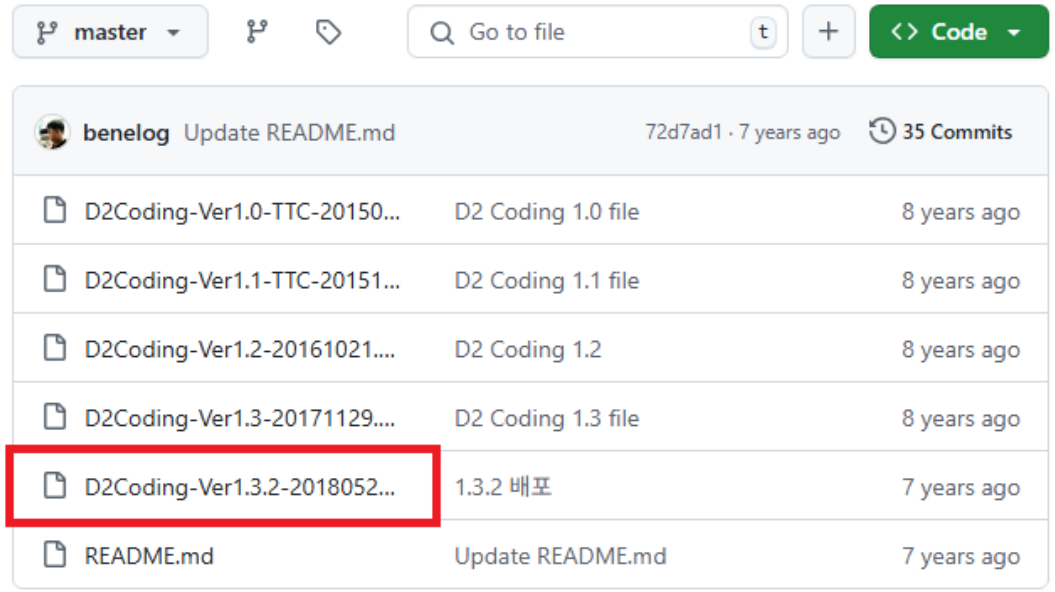
- Click the Extensions icon in the Activity Bar on the left.
- In the search bar, type C/C++.
- Find and install C/C++ Extension Pack by Microsoft.

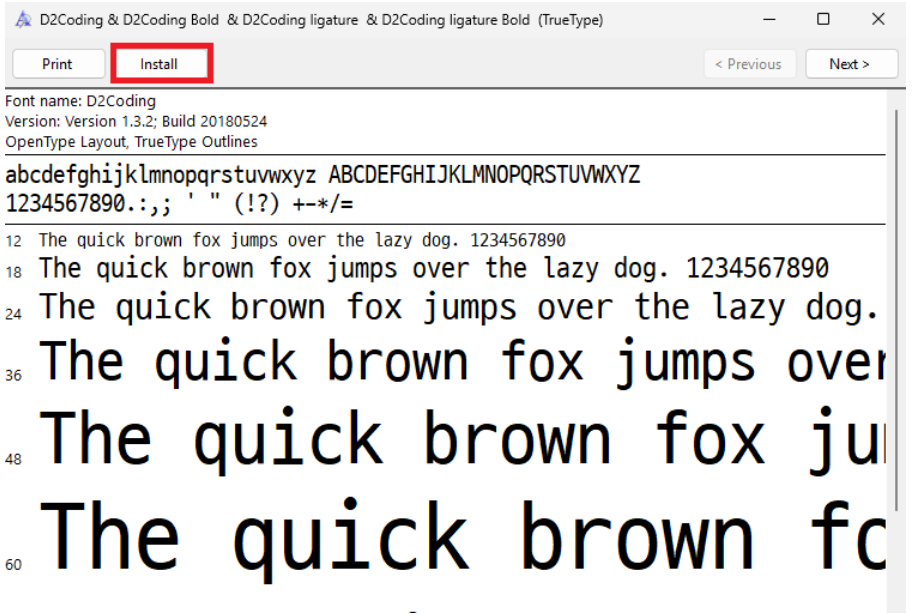


- After installing, 4 extensions are automatically added:
  C/C++, C/C++ Extension Pack, C/C++ Themes, CMake Tools

1.3. Additional Settings (Optional) – Fonts(1/2)

Download link: https://github.com/naver/d2codingfont





- Download the latest version.
- Extract the downloaded archive.

- Open the .ttc file inside the D2CodingAll.
- Click the Install button to install the font.

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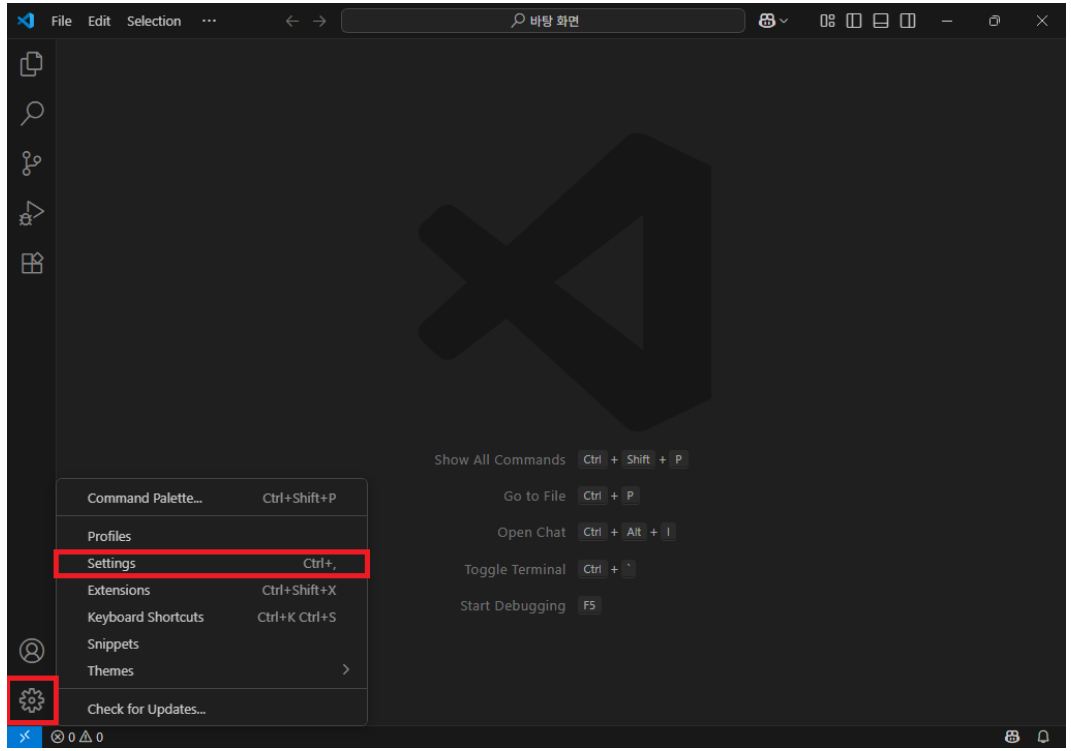
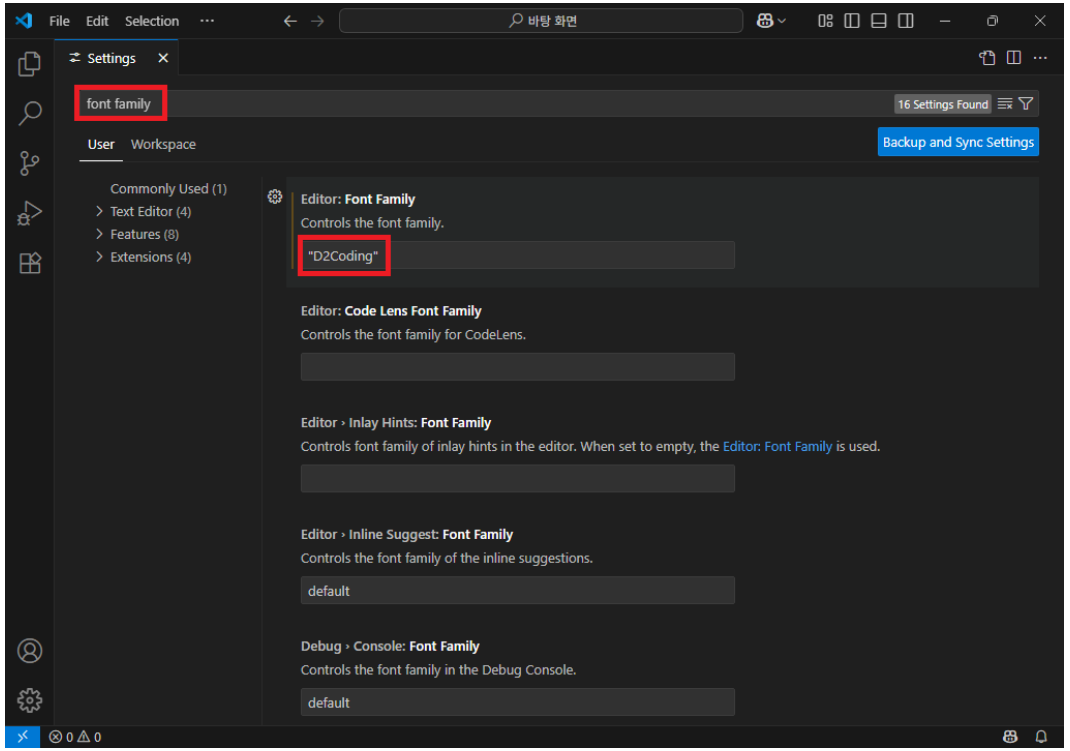
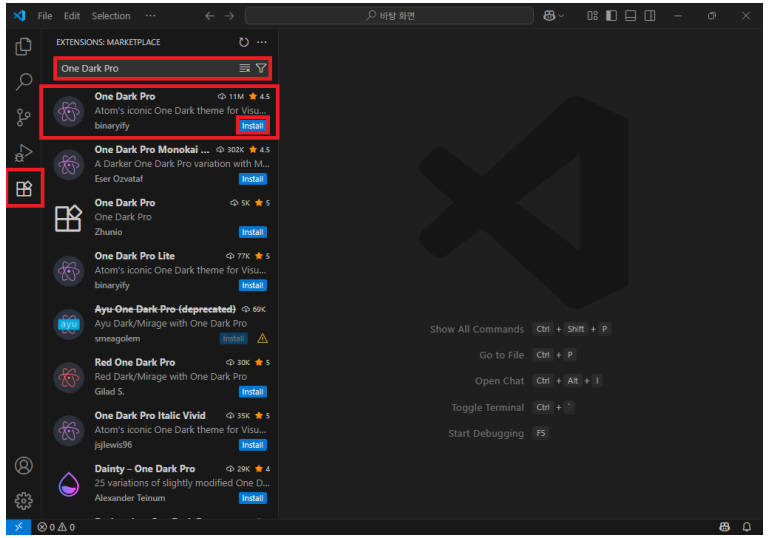


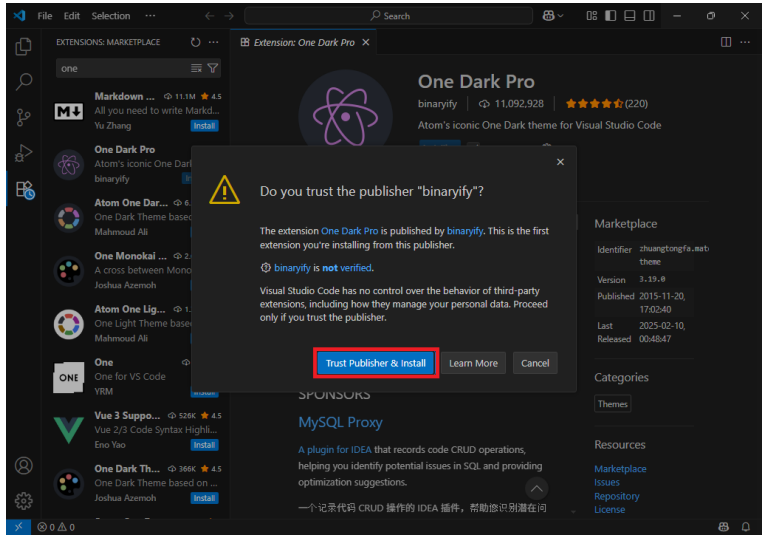
- Click the gear icon in the bottom-left corner to open the menu.
- From the menu, select Settings.

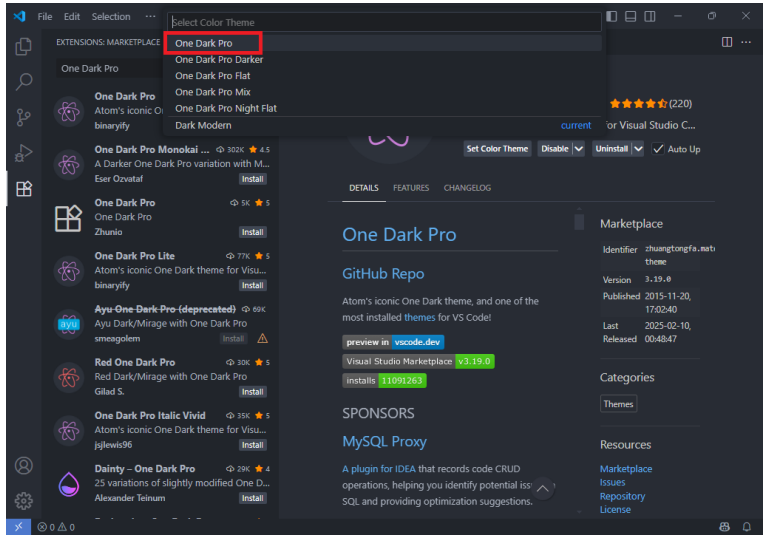


- In the search bar at the top, type font family.
- In Editor: Font Family, type "D2Coding" to set the editor font.

1.3. Additional Settings (Optional) – Themes







- Click the Extensions icon in the Activity Bar on the left.
- In the search bar, type One Dark Pro.
- Find and install One Dark Pro by binaryify.

- Click Trust Publisher & Install when prompted.
- This completes the theme installation.

- After installation, a list of themes appears.
- Select One Dark Pro to apply it.

2. Installing the GCC Compiler(1/4)

Download link: https://winlibs.com

Release versions

UCRT runtime

- GCC 15.1.0 (with **POSIX** threads) + MinGW-w64 13.0.0 UCRT - release 2 **(LATEST)**
  - Win32 (without LLVM/Clang/LLD/LLDB): 7-Zip archive* | Zip archive
  - Win64 (without LLVM/Clang/LLD/LLDB): 7-Zip archive* | Zip archive
- GCC 15.1.0 (with **POSIX** threads) + MinGW-w64 12.0.0 UCRT - release 1
  - Win32 (without LLVM/Clang/LLD/LLDB): 7-Zip archive* | Zip archive
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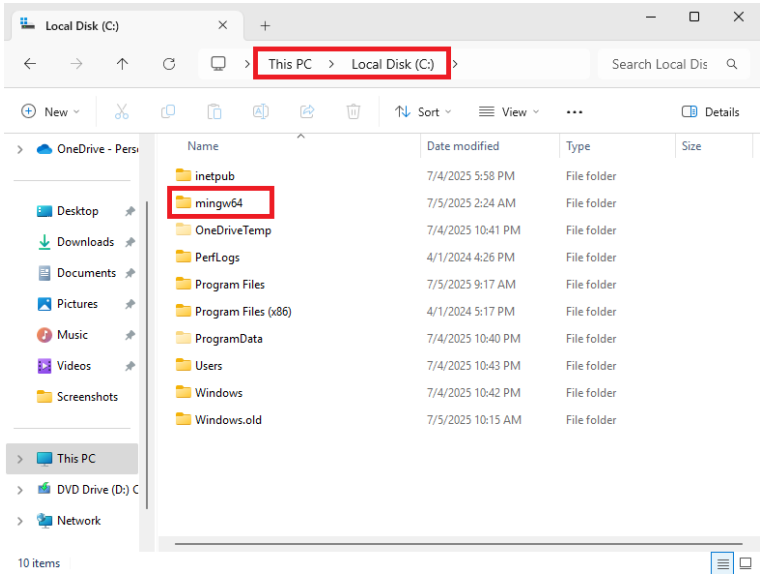
- Click on Zip archive (Win64, UCRT) to download the latest GCC version. Recommended: version with POSIX threads
- Extract the downloaded archive.



- Move the root-level mingw64 folder to the C: drive.
- Make sure the final path is exactly C:\mingw64.

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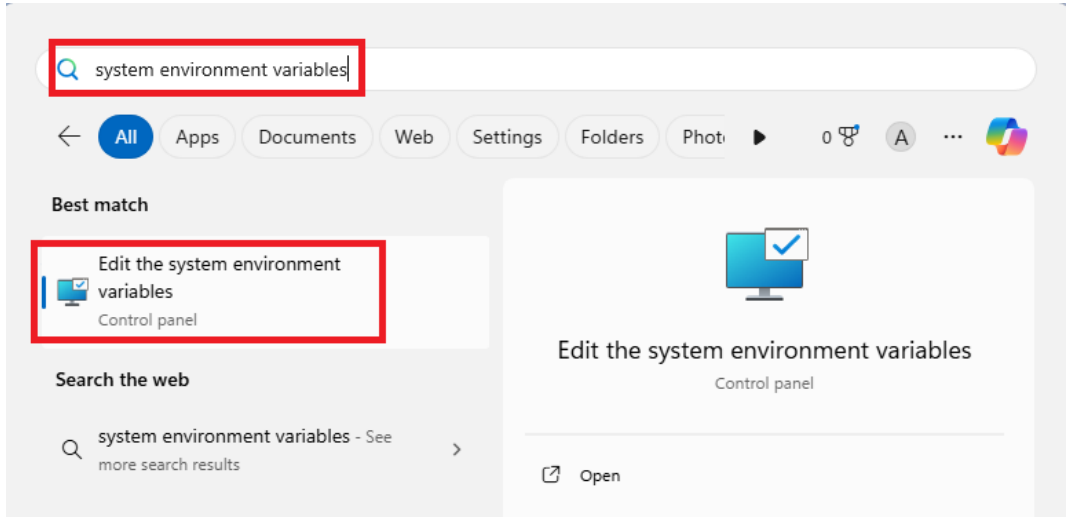
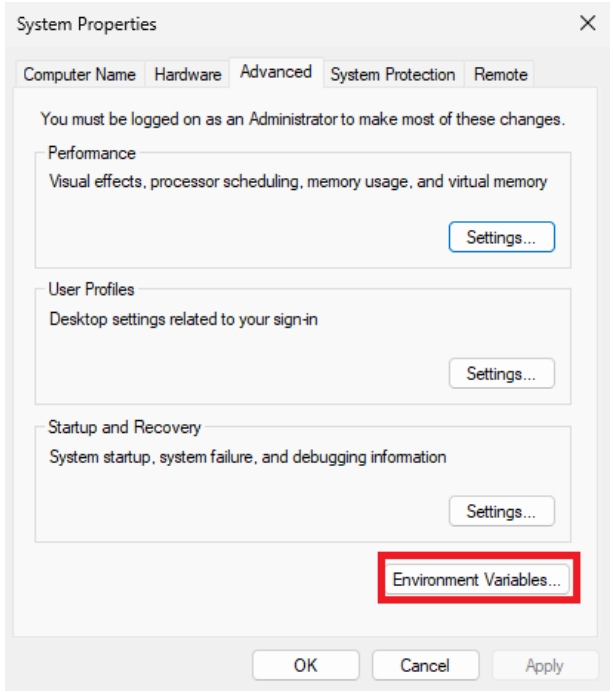


- Press the Windows key and type system environment variables.
- Select "Edit the system environment variables" from the search results.



- Click the "Environment Variables..." button at the bottom.

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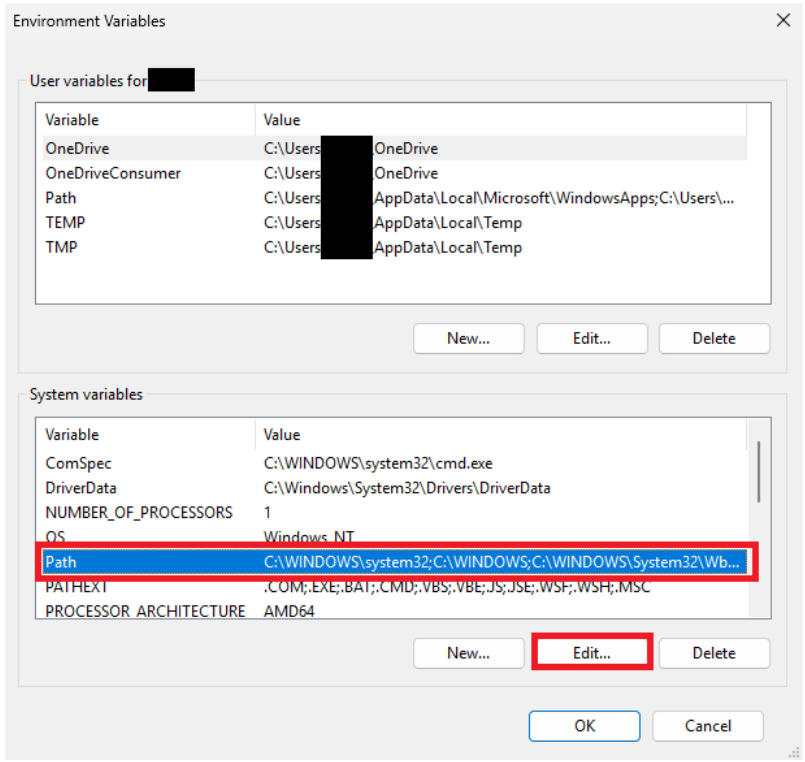

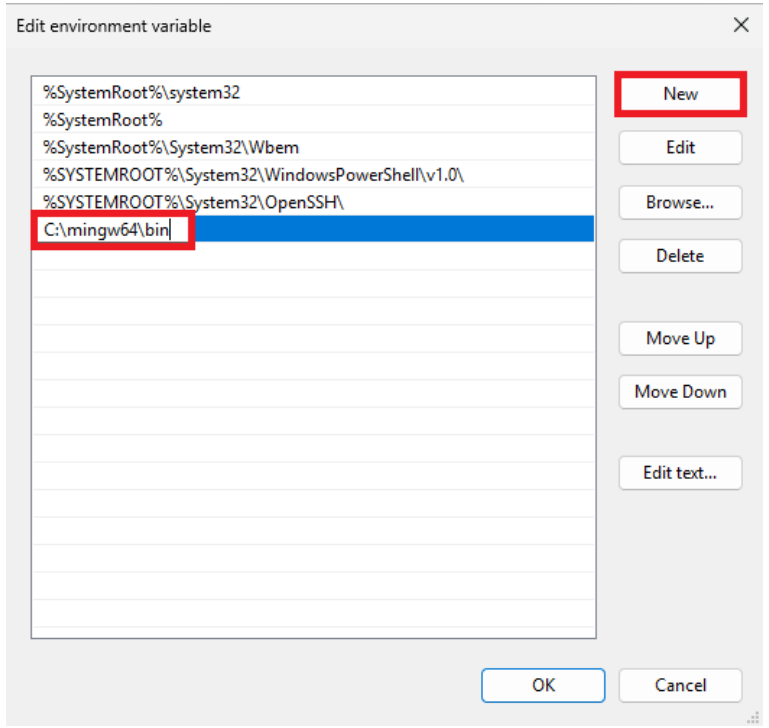

- Under System variables, find and select the Path variable.
- Click "Edit..." to open the list of environment paths.

- Click "New" and add the following path: C:\mingw64\bin
- This allows you to run gcc and related commands from any terminal.
- Click OK on all open dialogs to save the changes and close the windows.

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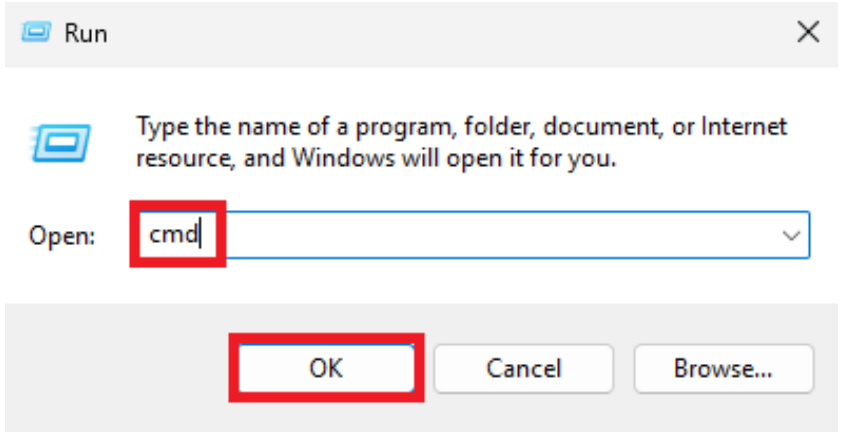
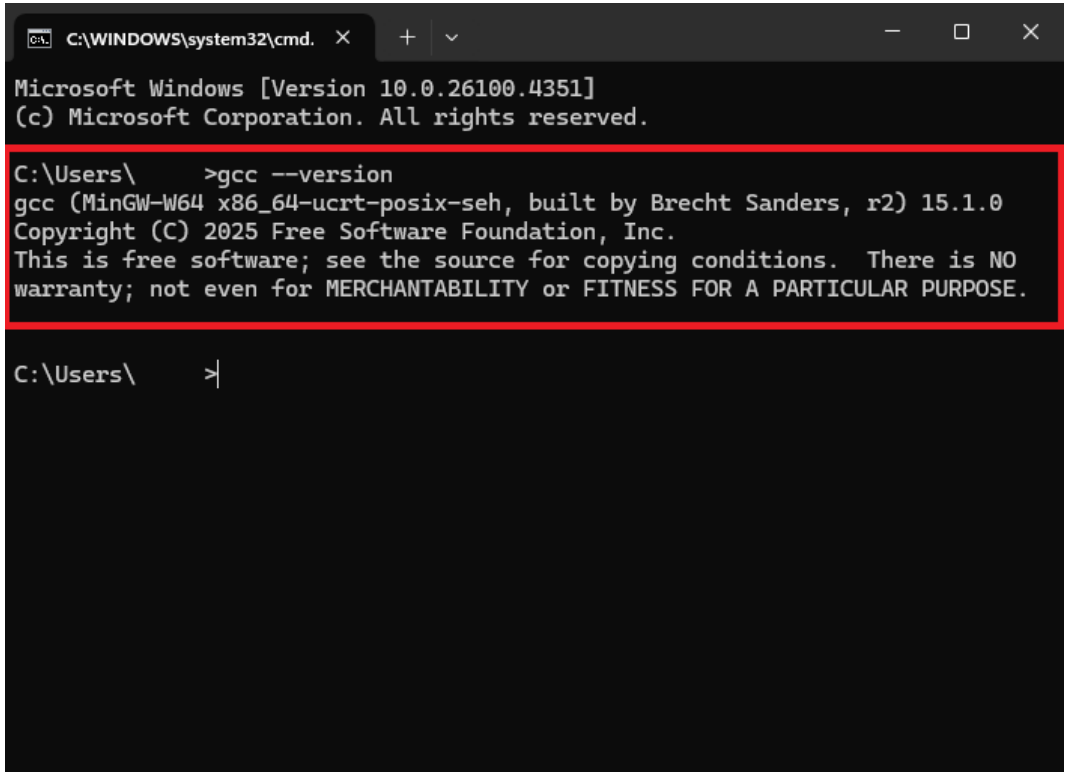
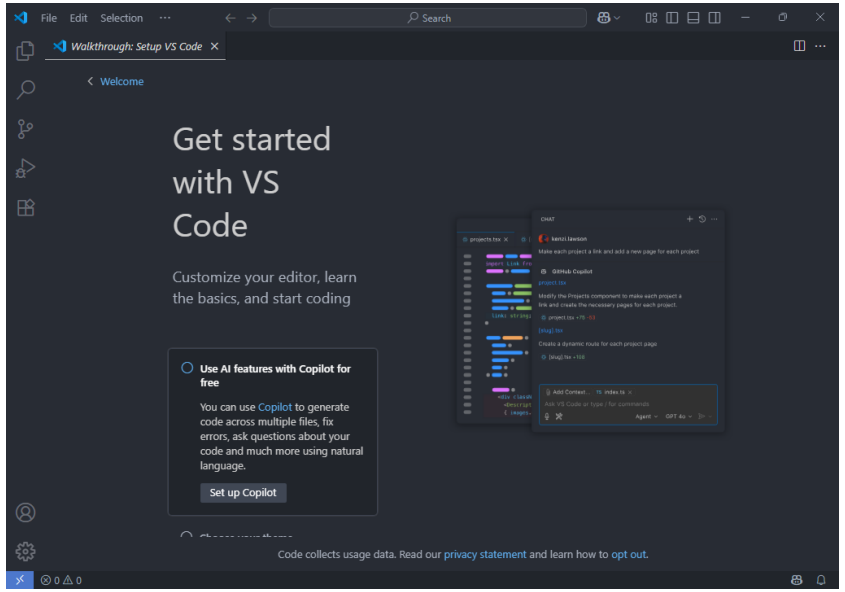


- Press Windows + R, type cmd in the Run dialog box, and click OK

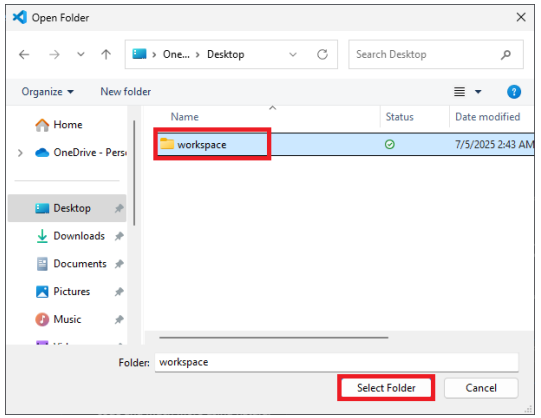


- To verify the setup, open Command Prompt and run gcc --version.
- The version number should be displayed without any errors.

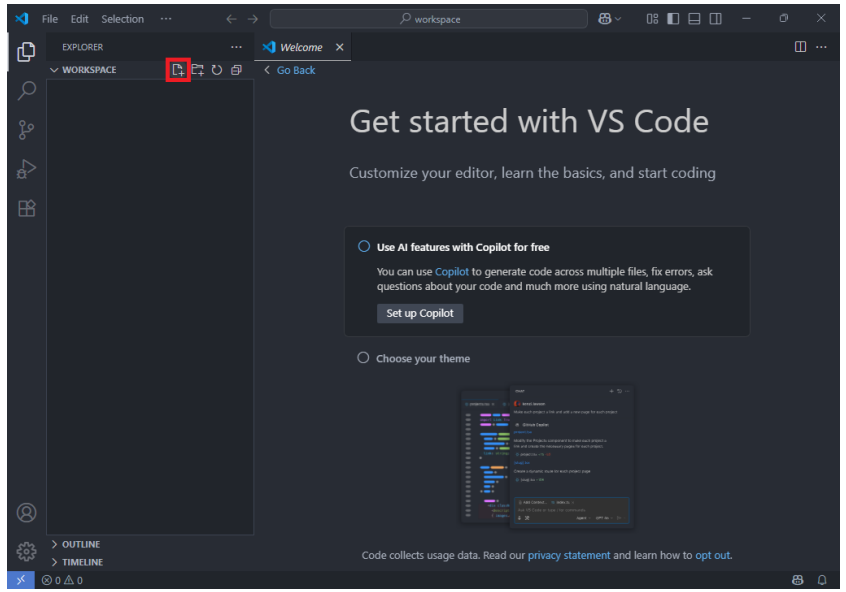
3. Writing and Running Your First C Program(1/3)



- Launch Visual Studio Code.
- Press Ctrl + K, then O to open folder you want to use.



- Create a folder and click Select Folder.



- Click the New File icon and create a file named main.c.

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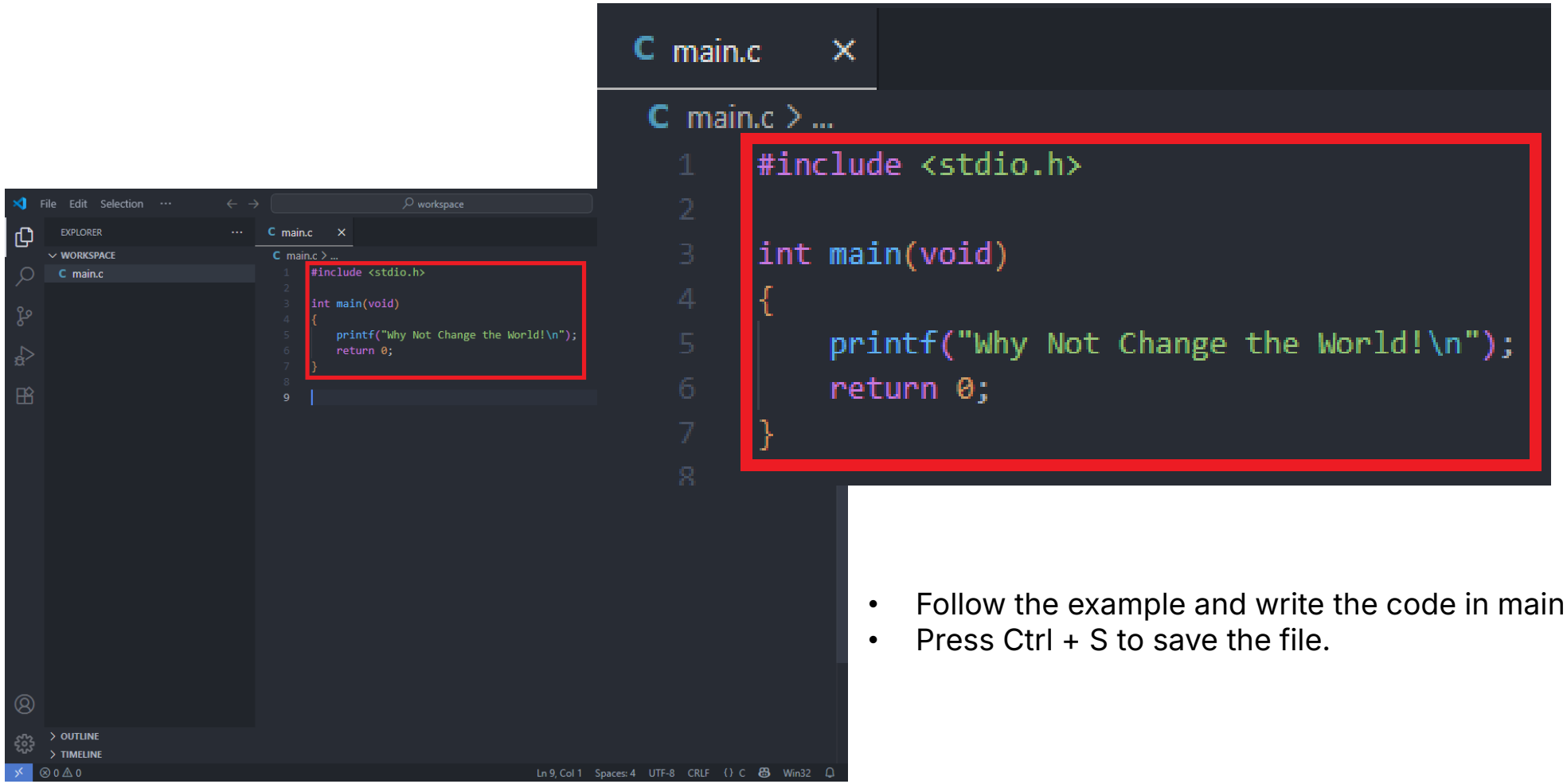

- Follow the example and write the code in main.c.
- Press Ctrl + S to save the file.

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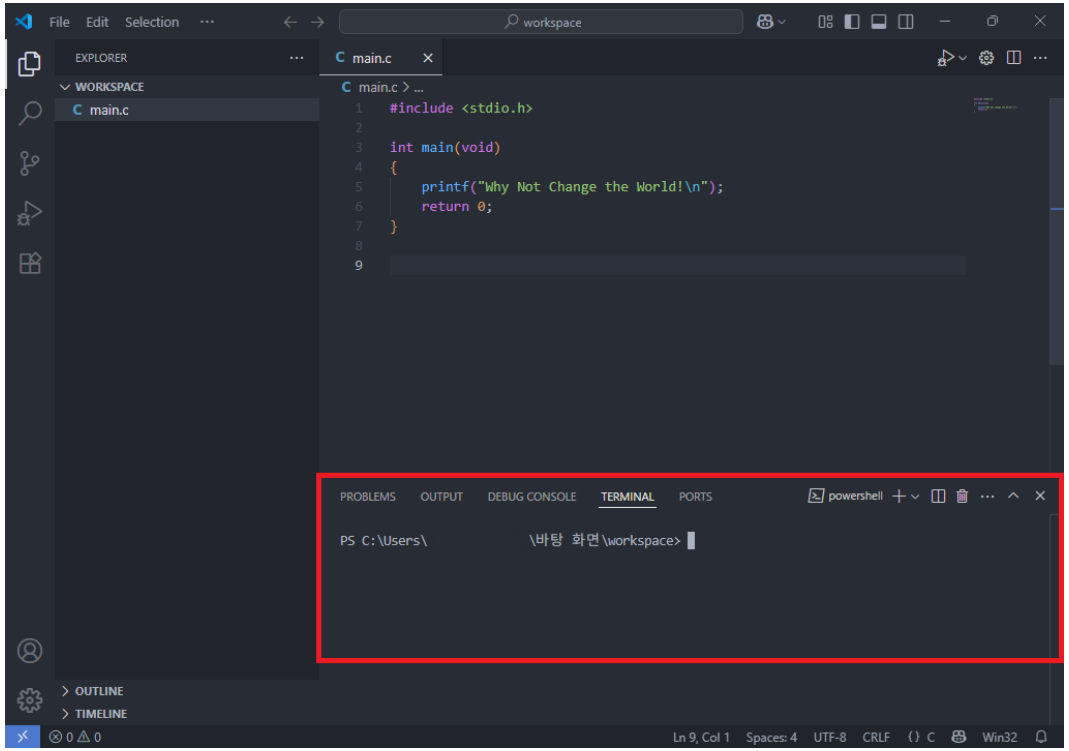
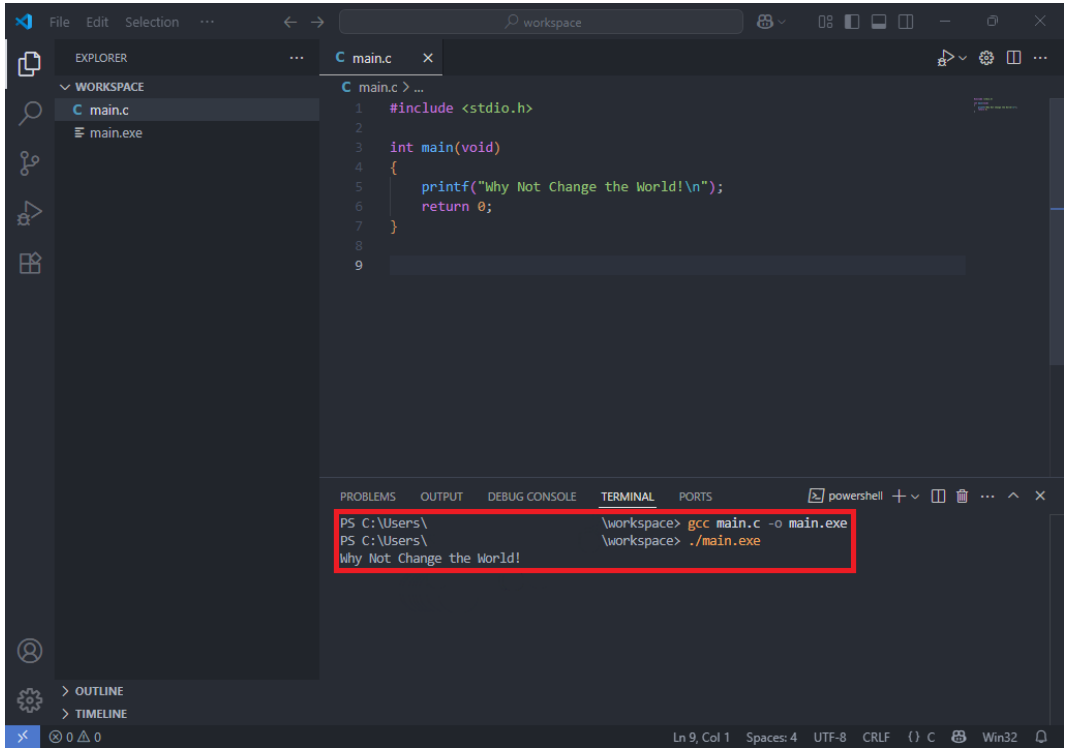


- Press Ctrl + ` to open the integrated terminal at the bottom.



- In the terminal, type: gcc main.c -o main.exe
- In the terminal, type: ./main.exe
- Seeing the printed message means the setup is complete.

Thank you

Wishing you an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience.

May you grow into an engineer who learns with joy and shares with others.

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