

Chapter 2

Installing Visual Studio Code (VS Code)

Step 1 - Open Your Web Browser

Click the Start button and open your preferred web browser (Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome).

Step 2 - Visit the Visual Studio Code Website

Click once in the address bar at the top of the browser.

Type the following website address exactly as shown and press Enter:

`https://code.visualstudio.com`

Wait for the Visual Studio Code website to load completely.

Step 3 - Download Visual Studio Code

Look for the large button labelled 'Download for Windows'.

Click the 'Download for Windows' button once.

Your browser will begin downloading the installation file.

Wait for the download to finish before continuing.

Step 4 - Open the Installer

When the download finishes:

1. Click the downloaded file, or
2. Open your Downloads folder and double-click the installer.

If Windows asks 'Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?', click 'Yes'.

Step 5 - Install Visual Studio Code

Follow the installation wizard.

Accept the licence agreement.

Click Next until you reach the 'Select Additional Tasks' page.

Tick the following options:

- Add 'Open with Code' action

- Add to PATH
- Register Code as an editor

Click Install.

Wait for the installation to finish.

Click Finish.

Step 6 - Open Visual Studio Code

VS Code should now open automatically.

If it does not, click the Start button, type 'Visual Studio Code' and press Enter.

Step 7 - Check That VS Code Works

You should see a window similar to the following:

- A menu across the top.
- A blue panel on the left.
- A large welcome screen in the middle.

If you can see the Welcome screen, VS Code has been installed successfully.

Checkpoint

- ☐ I downloaded VS Code.
- ☐ I completed the installation.
- ☐ VS Code opens successfully.
- ☐ I can see the Welcome screen.