

■ VS Code Extension Development for Dummies

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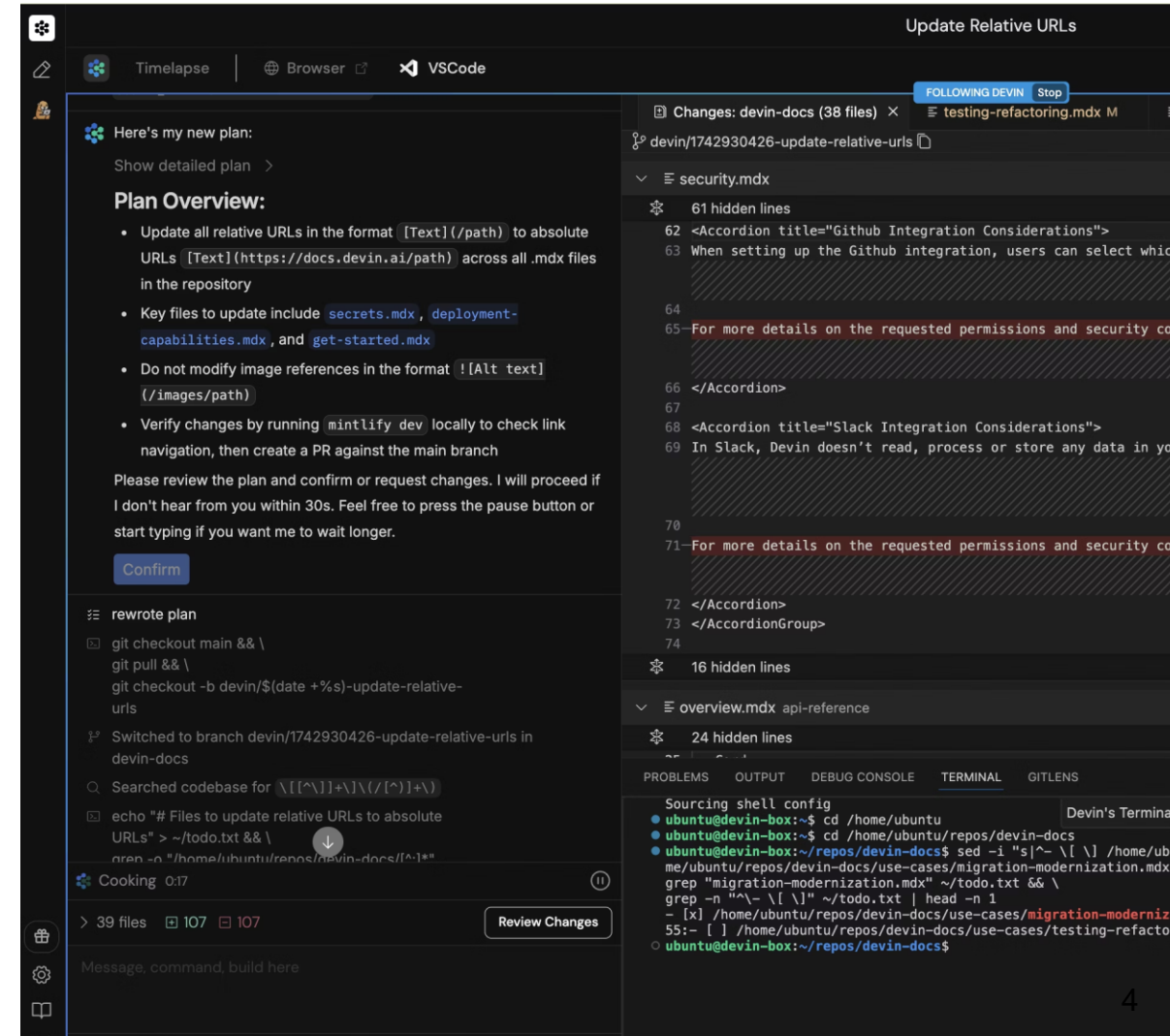


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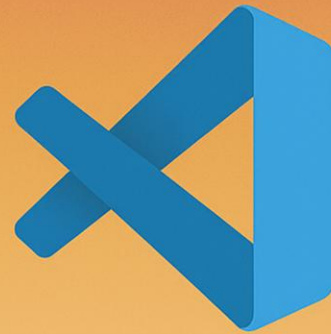
- Built using **Electron** – runs on **Windows, macOS, and Linux**
- Is a **browser-based version**
- **Desktop app** uses:
 - **Chromium** (for the user interface)
 - **Node.js** (for backend functionality)
- **Web version** runs in the **browser sandbox**
 - Offers **different capabilities** than the desktop version



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Why Extensions Matter

- Extensions are an **essential part of Visual Studio Code**
- You can also **create your own custom extensions**
- This presentation will show you **how to build a VS Code extension**
 - **Quickly and easily**
 - **No prior knowledge required**



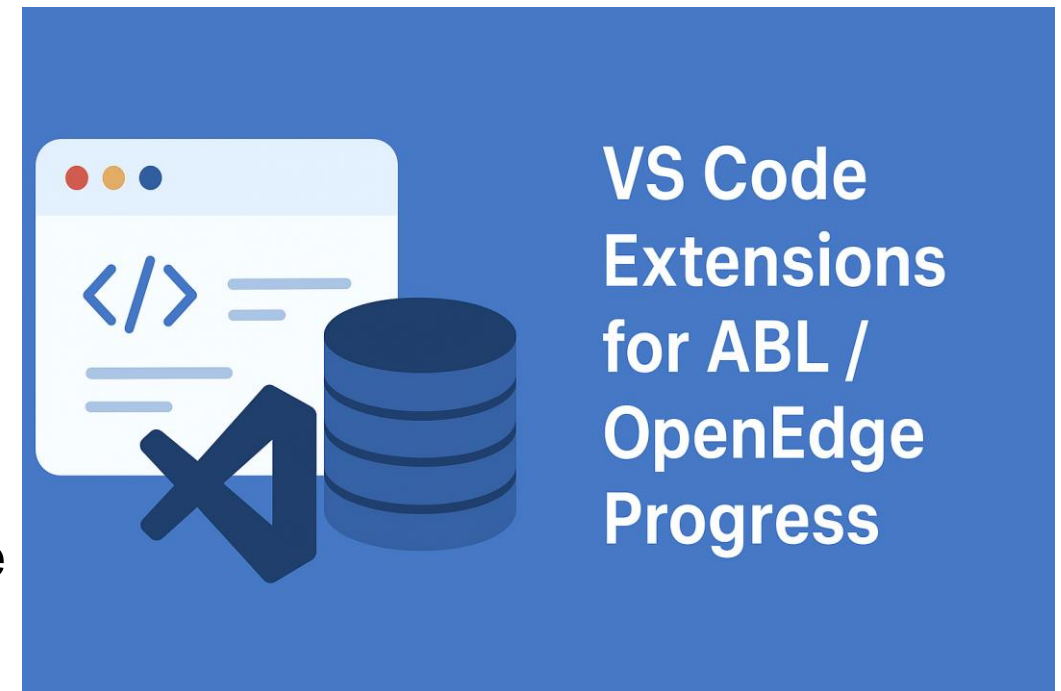
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```
registerExtension('pug-challenge-valencia')
```

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VS Code Extensions for ABL / OpenEdge Progress

- **ABLUnit Test Runner (kherring)**: Runs ABLUnit tests directly in VS Code.
- **OpenEdge ABL (riversidesoftware)**: Syntax highlighting & IntelliSense for ABL code.
- **CABL / SonarLint (riversidesoftware)**: Real-time code quality checking for ABL.
- **ProBro (balticamadeus)**: OpenEdge database browser for easier data analysis.
- **OpenEdge ABL Formatter (balticamadeus)**: Automatically formats ABL code.



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Sample PASOE Manager Extension

My First Self-Created Extension

- A **useful VS Code extension** we use regularly in our daily work
- Designed for **Progress Application Server for OpenEdge (PASOE)**
- **Monitor/Manage PASOE instances directly from VS Code**
- Provides several **registered commands**



PASOE Manager Extension

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VS Code Extension to maintain PASOE Instances using the OE Manager Rest Interfaces (<https://docs.progress.com/de-DE/bundle/pas-for-openedge-reference/page/REST-API-Reference-for-oemanager.war.html>).

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PASOE Manager Extension

Description

A VS Code extension for Progress Application Server for OpenEdge (PASOE).
The extension contains the following register commands:

- **PASOE: List of Pasoe Agents**
Shows the available PASOE agents in the OUTPUT console.
- **PASOE: List of Agent Sessions**
Displays a list of the available agent sessions in the OUTPUT console.
- **PASOE: Trim Agents**
Trims all PASOE agents
- **PASOE: Ping request**
Starts a new PASOE agent
- **PASOE: Trim most recent Appserver**
Trims an app server directly if a PASOE config has already been selected without asking for the connection again.
- **PASOE: Edit connections**
Shows the oemanager.conf file in the VS Code Editor, where it can be edited directly. If the file does not yet exist, a file is created from a template, displayed in the editor and can be modified there.

Sample PASOE Manager Extension

PASOE: List of PASOE Agents

PROBLEMS	OUTPUT	DEBUG CONSOLE	TERMINAL	PORTS	AZURE	SPELL CHECKER	...
http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/							
Agent ID		pid	State				
s3bxBvoNSY28DhTnv9F2Lw		39476	AVAILABLE				

Sample PASOE Manager Extension

PASOE: List of Agent Sessions

<http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/39476/sessions>

Agent PID	SessionID	SessionState	SessionMemory	StartTime
39476	4	IDLE	12.76 MB (13376407 Bytes)	2025-10-14T14:13:55.376-02:00
39476	7	IDLE	12.76 MB (13376407 Bytes)	2025-10-14T14:13:55.376-02:00

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PASOE: Trim Agents

```
http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/39476
```

```
Agent with pid 39476 is trimmed!
```

```
The following agents have been trimmed:
```

Agent ID	pid	State
s3bxBvoNSY28DhTnv9F2Lw	39476	AVAILABLE

Sample PASOE Manager Extension

PASOE: Ping Request

```
Ping request to: http://localhost:8820/web/ping
```

Sample PASOE Manager Extension

PASOE: Trim Most Recent AppServer

<http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/22048>

Agent with pid 22048 is trimmed!

The following agents have been trimmed:

Agent ID	pid	State
Qvj73HnPSayet1MULUNDkg	22048	AVAILABLE

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PASOE: Edit Connections

```
[
  {
    "url": "http://localhost:8820/oemanager",
    "applicationname": "oepas2",
    "username": "tomcat",
    "password": "tomcat",
    "pingurl": "http://localhost:8820/web/ping"
  },
  [
    {
      "url": "http://localhost:8820/oemanager",
      "applicationname": "smartpas_stream",
      "username": "tomcat",
      "password": "tomcat",
      "pingurl": "http://localhost:8820/web/ping"
    }
  ]
]
```


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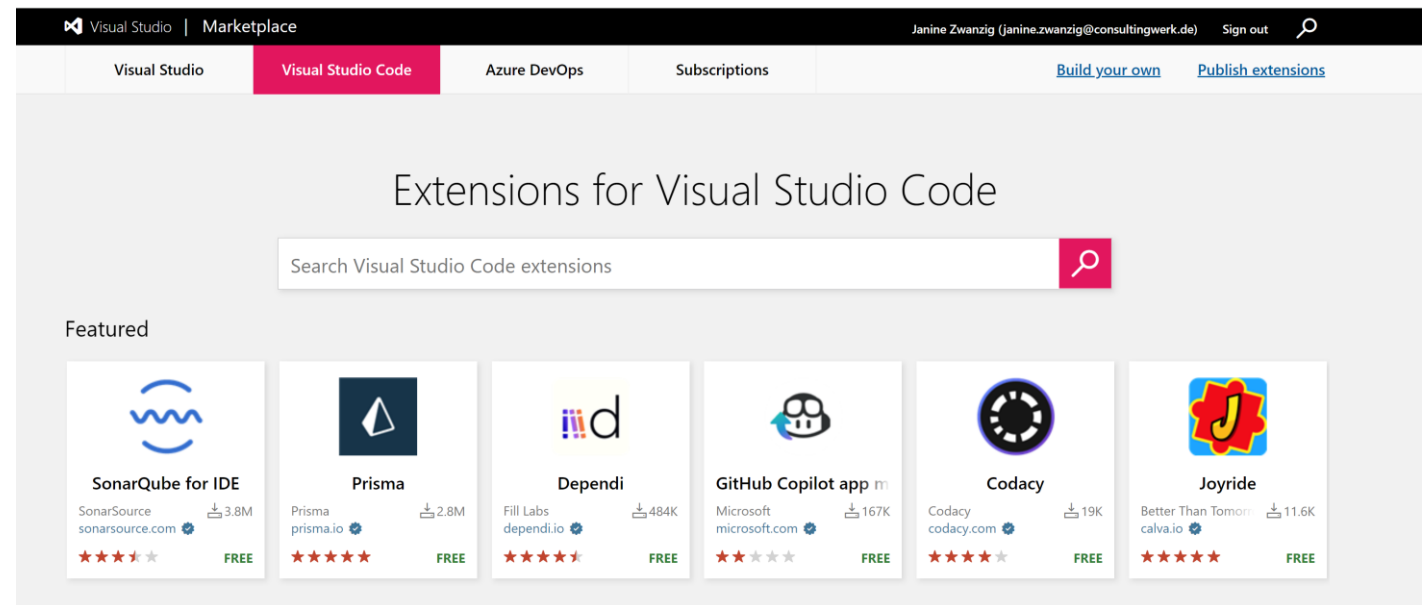
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VS Code Marketplace and alternatives

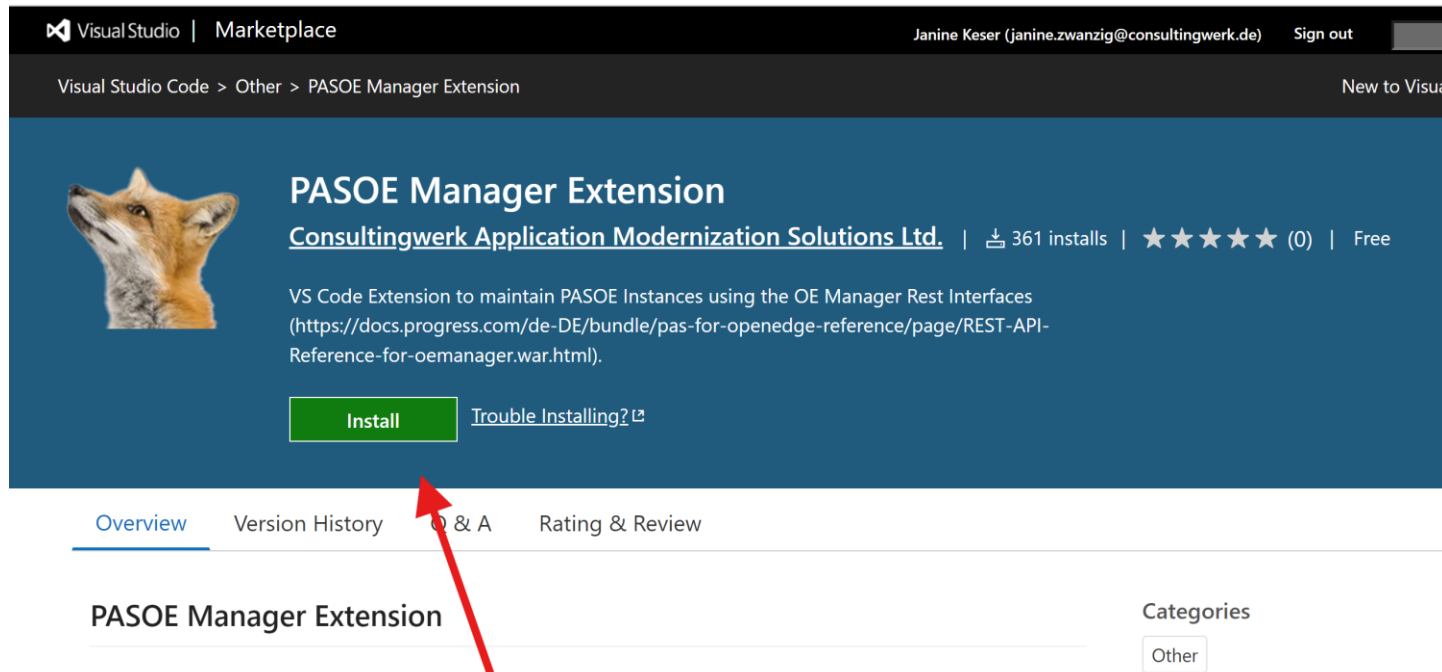
<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/>

- **VS Code Marketplace**
 - Online platform for VS Code extensions
- Discover, install, and manage extensions
- Enhance coding, debugging, and workflows
- Makes VS Code flexible and powerful



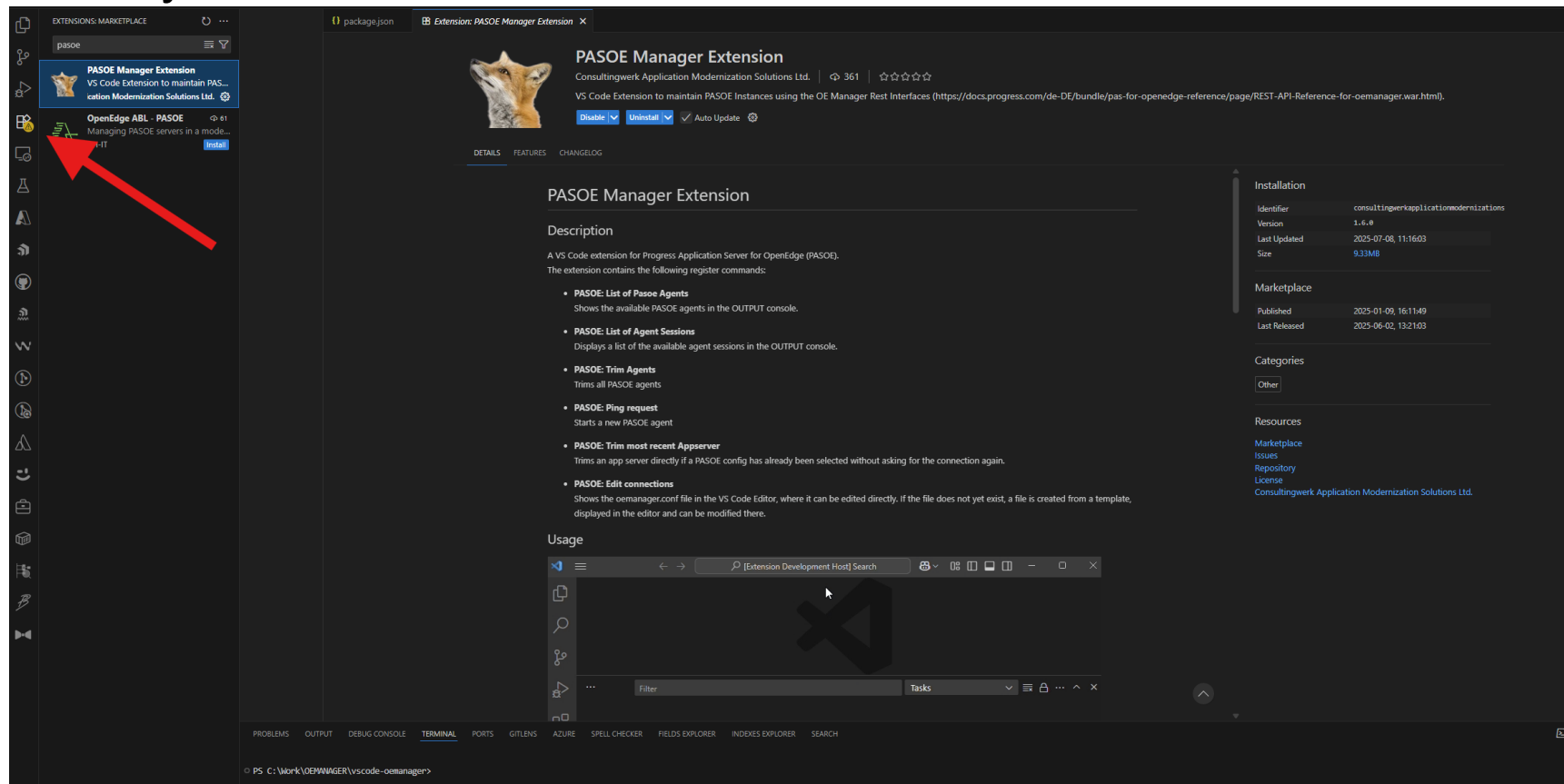
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- Browse, install, and manage extensions directly from the Marketplace
- Use the **Search** field to find the PASOE Manager extension
- Install an extension quickly with the **Install** button



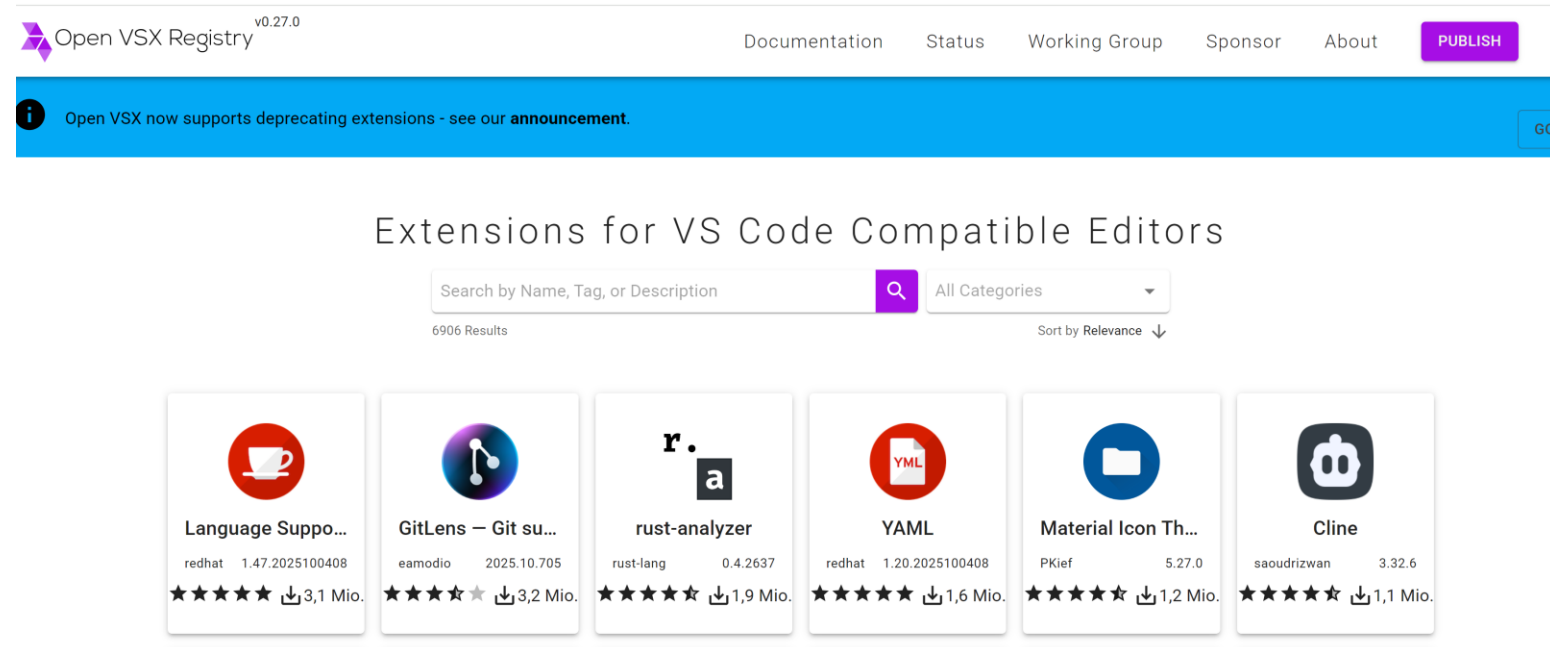
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Alternatively, you can also find and manage the extensions directly via the Marketplace Icon in the Activity Bar from VS Code.



VS Code Marketplace and alternatives

- **Open VSX Registry** – a good alternative to the VS Code Marketplace:
<https://open-vsx.org/>
- Most extensions available in the Marketplace can also be found here
- Usage and management is very similar to the Marketplace
- Extensions can also be used in VS Code forks like **Windsurf** or **Cursor**.



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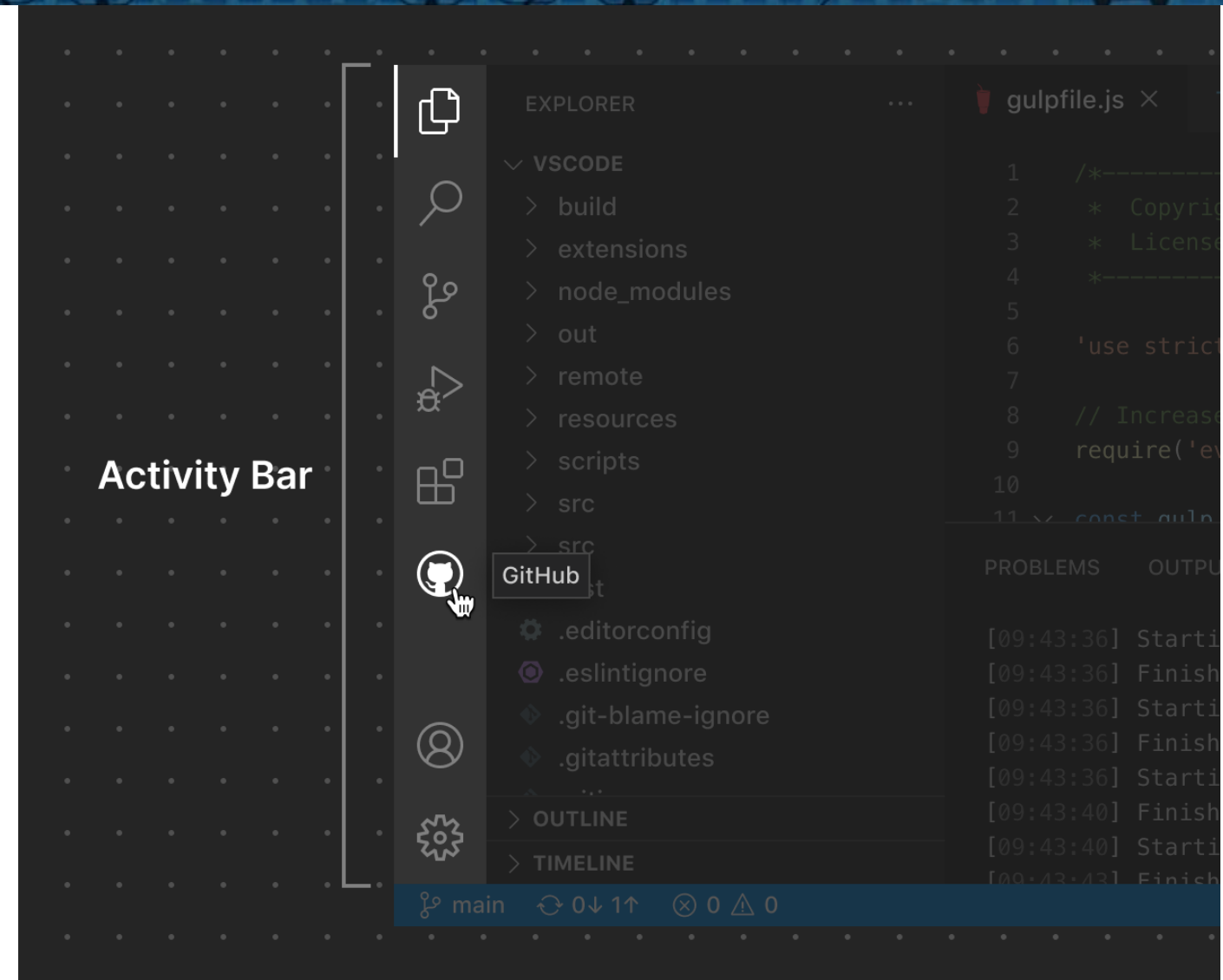
VS Code as an IDE



- **Visual Studio Code** – modern, streamlined IDE with a clear user interface
- IDE = Integrated Development Environment – software that bundles programming tools
- VS Code offers:
 - Code Editor – syntax highlighting, autocomplete, code navigation
 - Debugger – can be used directly in the editor
 - Extensions & Tools – extensions for different languages and workflows
- Everything in one interface – no separate tools required

VS Code as an IDE

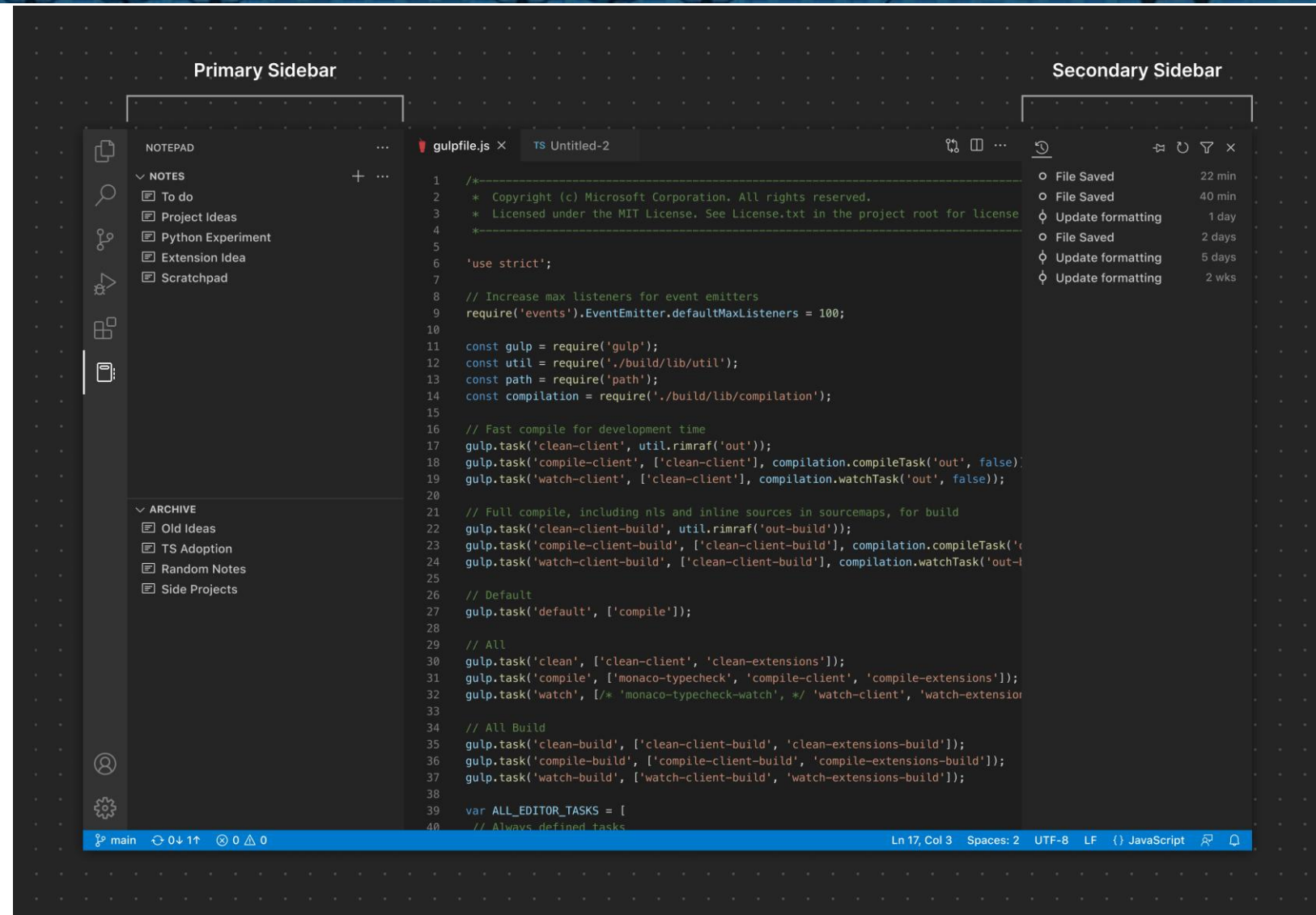
- **Activity Bar** – located on the left, a core navigation surface in VS Code
- Extensions can add **View Containers** to the Activity Bar, appearing as **Activity Bar Items**



VS Code as an IDE

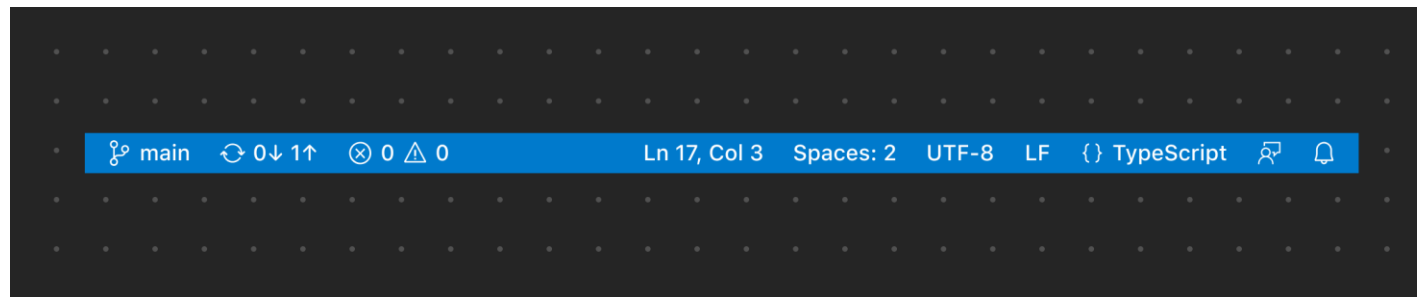
Primary Sidebar –
displays main content
based on the selected
area (e.g., project
structure)

Secondary Sidebar –
shows additional views
side by side with the
primary content

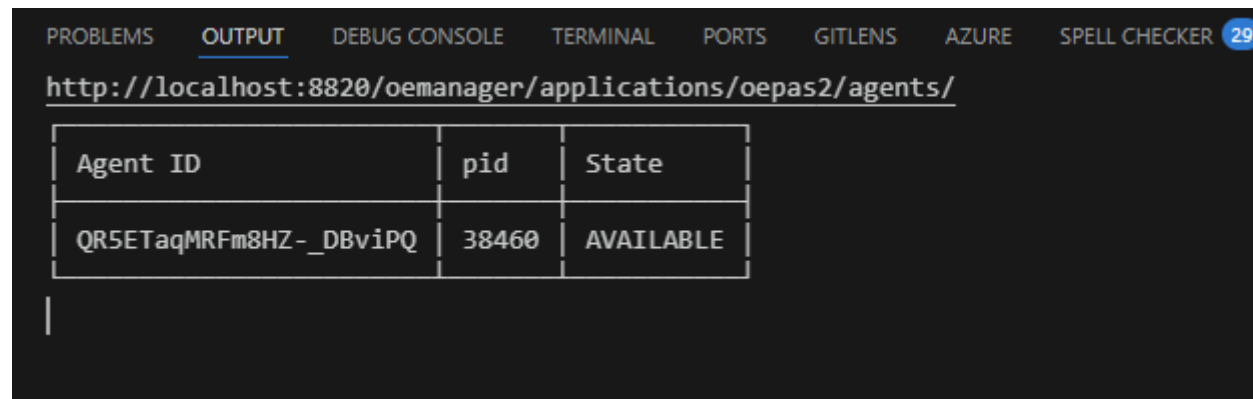


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- Status Bar (bottom) – shows important information: Git branch, errors, current language setting
- Extensions can add their own indicators (e.g., Atlassian extension shows current JIRA issue)



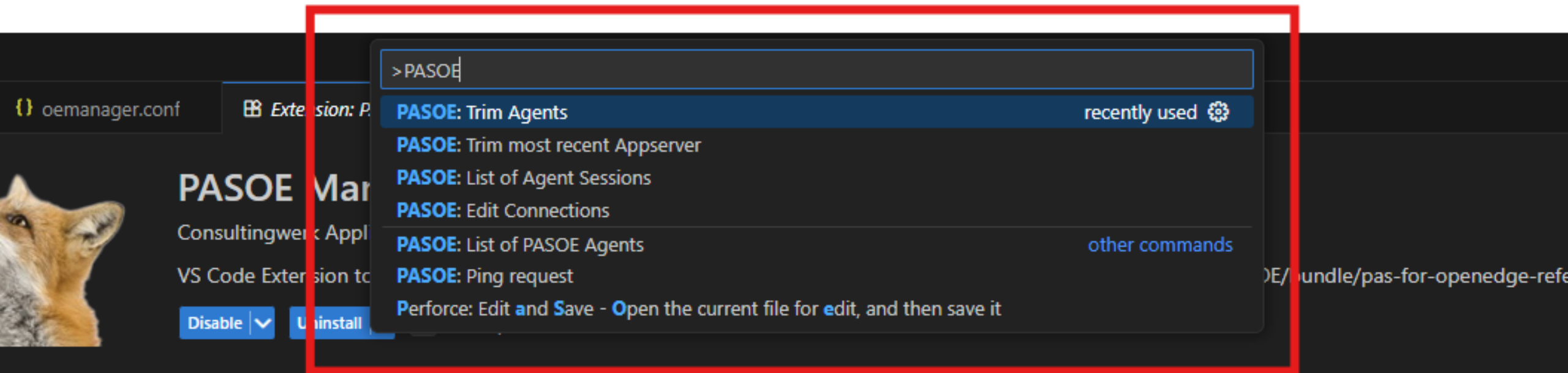
- Output Panel – displays program and process output



VS Code as an IDE

Another key tool is the Command Palette:

- Accessible via Ctrl + Shift + P
- Which can be used to quickly execute almost any function in VS Code.



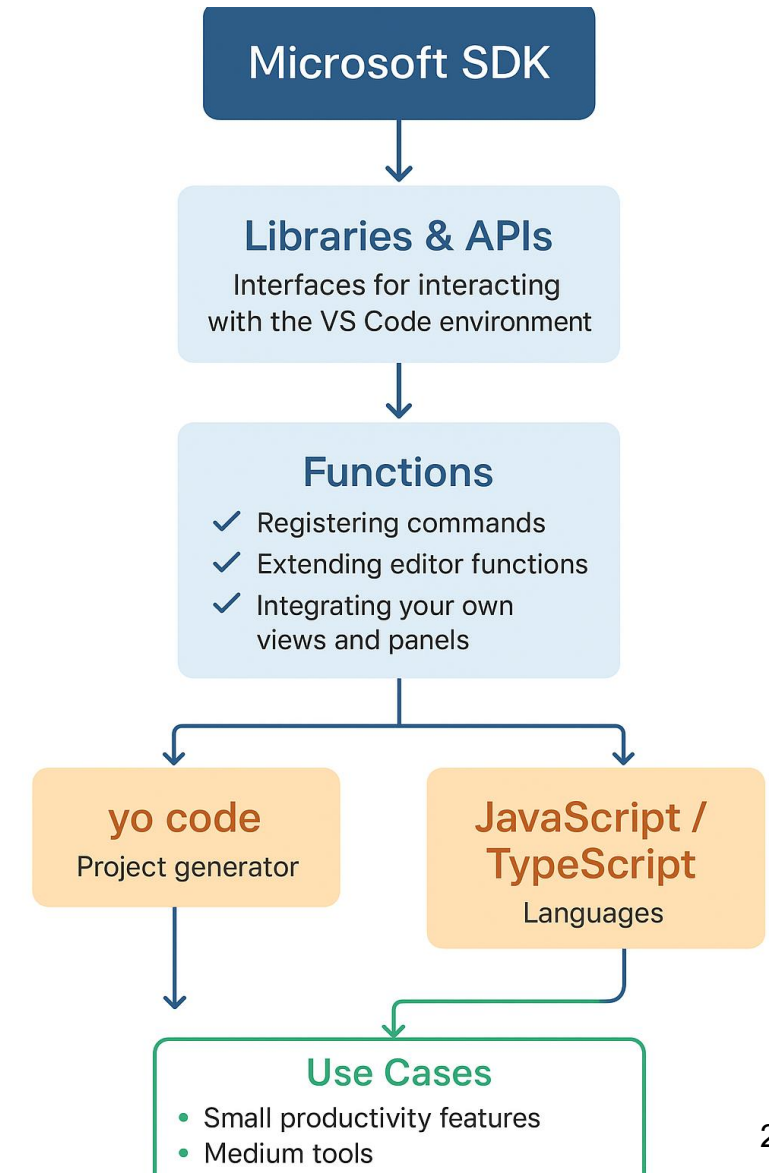
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Microsoft SDK for VS Code Extensions

- Provided by Microsoft for building VS Code extensions
- Libraries & APIs to interact with the VS Code environment
- Enables
 - Registering commands
 - Editor extensions
 - Custom views & panels
- Includes **'yo code'** tool to scaffold new projects
- Built with **JavaScript** or **TypeScript**
- For simple add-ons or advanced developer tools



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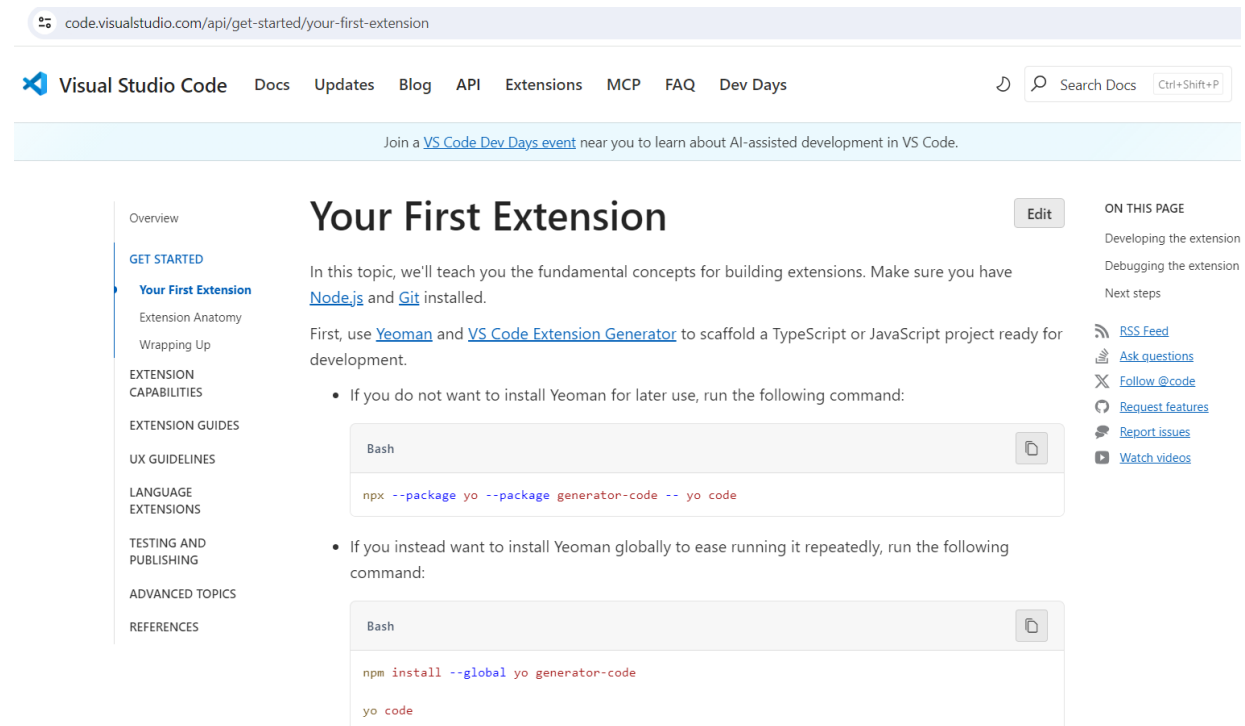
Building Your First Extension – step-by-step guide available at:

<https://code.visualstudio.com/api/get-started/your-first-extension>

Easiest way to create an extension:

- Open command prompt and create a project directory
- Run command:

```
npx --package yo --package generator-code -- yo code
```



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code documentation website. The browser address bar displays `code.visualstudio.com/api/get-started/your-first-extension`. The page header includes the Visual Studio Code logo and navigation links: Docs, Updates, Blog, API, Extensions, MCP, FAQ, and Dev Days. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header, a banner invites users to join a VS Code Dev Days event. The main content area is titled "Your First Extension" and includes an "Edit" button. The text explains that the guide teaches fundamental concepts for building extensions, requiring Node.js and Git. It suggests using Yeoman and the VS Code Extension Generator to scaffold a project. Two code blocks are provided: one for running a command locally using npx, and another for installing Yeoman globally using npm. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options like Overview, GET STARTED, and various guides. A right sidebar contains links for RSS, asking questions, following the account, reporting issues, and watching videos.

code.visualstudio.com/api/get-started/your-first-extension

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Join a [VS Code Dev Days event](#) near you to learn about AI-assisted development in VS Code.

Your First Extension

In this topic, we'll teach you the fundamental concepts for building extensions. Make sure you have [Node.js](#) and [Git](#) installed.

First, use [Yeoman](#) and [VS Code Extension Generator](#) to scaffold a TypeScript or JavaScript project ready for development.

- If you do not want to install Yeoman for later use, run the following command:

```
Bash  
npx --package yo --package generator-code -- yo code
```

- If you instead want to install Yeoman globally to ease running it repeatedly, run the following command:

```
Bash  
npm install --global yo generator-code  
yo code
```

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Building an Extension with Visual Studio Code “Your first Extension”

The VS Code Extension generator appears

Select “New Extension” →

```
C:\>cd work

C:\Work>npx --package yo --package generator-code -- yo code
Need to install the following packages:
generator-code@1.11.12
Ok to proceed? (y) y
```



Welcome to the Visual Studio Code Extension generator!

```
? What type of extension do you want to create? (Use arrow keys)
> New Extension (TypeScript)
  New Extension (JavaScript)
  New Color Theme
  New Language Support
  New Code Snippets
  New Keymap
  New Extension Pack
  New Language Pack (Localization)
  New Web Extension (TypeScript)
  New Notebook Renderer (TypeScript)
```

Building an Extension with Visual Studio Code “Your first Extension”

- Type a name
- The identifier is already proposed
- Description
- Initialize a git repo
- Bundler
- Package manager

```
? What type of extension do you want to create? New Extension (TypeScript)
? What's the name of your extension? PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA
? What's the identifier of your extension? pug-challenge-2025-valencia
? What's the description of your extension? A demo extension for the PUG Challenge 2025 in Valencia
? Initialize a git repository? No
? Which bundler to use? unbundled
? Which package manager to use? npm

(node:9900) [DEP0180] DeprecationWarning: fs.Stats constructor is deprecated.
(Use 'node --trace-deprecation ...' to show where the warning was created)
Writing in C:\Work\pug-challenge-2025-valencia...
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscode\extensions.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscode\launch.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscode\settings.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscode\tasks.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\package.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\tsconfig.json
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscodeignore
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\vsc-extension-quickstart.md
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\README.md
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\CHANGELOG.md
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\src\extension.ts
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\src\test\extension.test.ts
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\.vscode-test.mjs
  create pug-challenge-2025-valencia\eslint.config.mjs

Changes to package.json were detected.

Running npm install for you to install the required dependencies.
||
```

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```
npm warn deprecated inflight@1.0.6: This module is not supported, and leaks memory. Do not
  want a good and tested way to coalesce async requests by a key value, which is much more
npm warn deprecated glob@7.2.3: Glob versions prior to v9 are no longer supported
```

added 259 packages, and audited 260 packages in 12s

```
74 packages are looking for funding
  run 'npm fund' for details
```

found 0 vulnerabilities

Your extension pug-challenge-2025-valencia has been created!

To start editing with Visual Studio Code, use the following commands:

```
code pug-challenge-2025-valencia
```

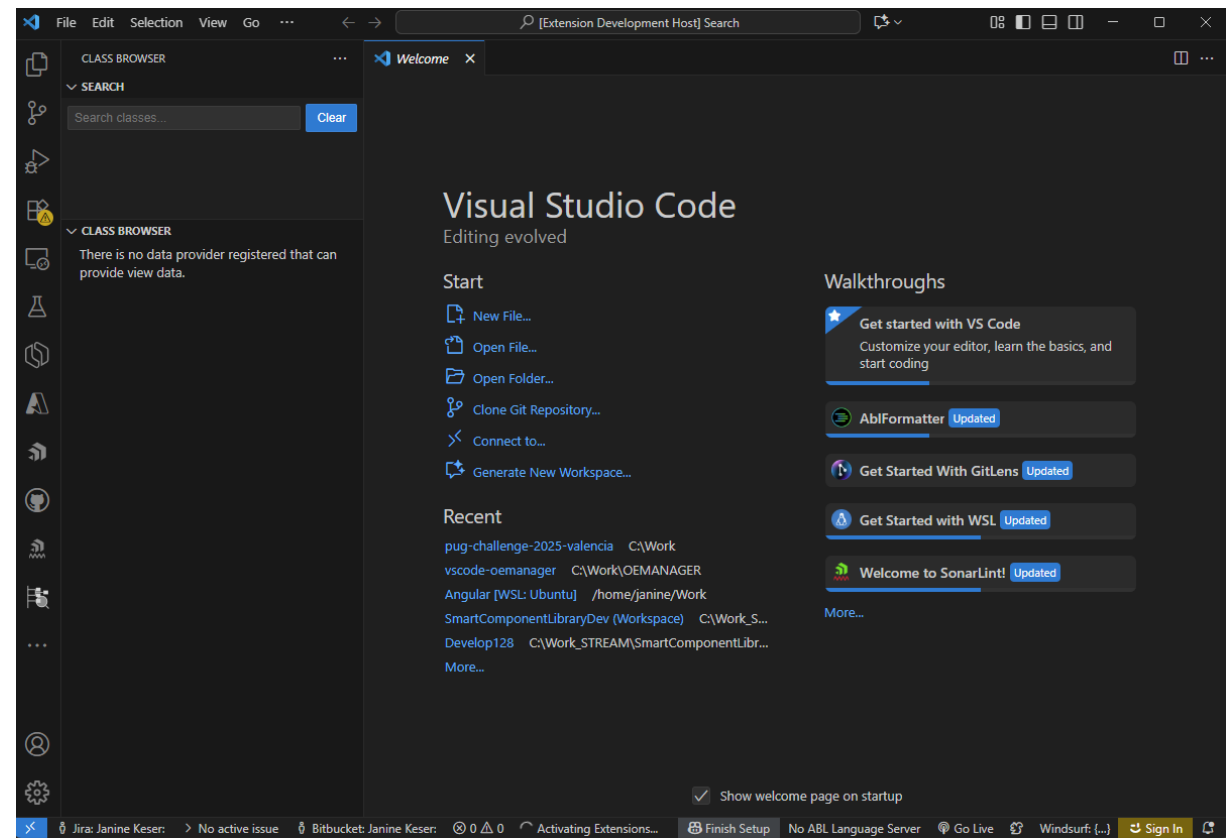
Open vsc-extension-quickstart.md inside the new extension for further instructions on how to modify, test and publish your extension.

For more information, also visit <http://code.visualstudio.com> and follow us @code.

- After Installation finished
- Select “Open with `code`”
- Press enter

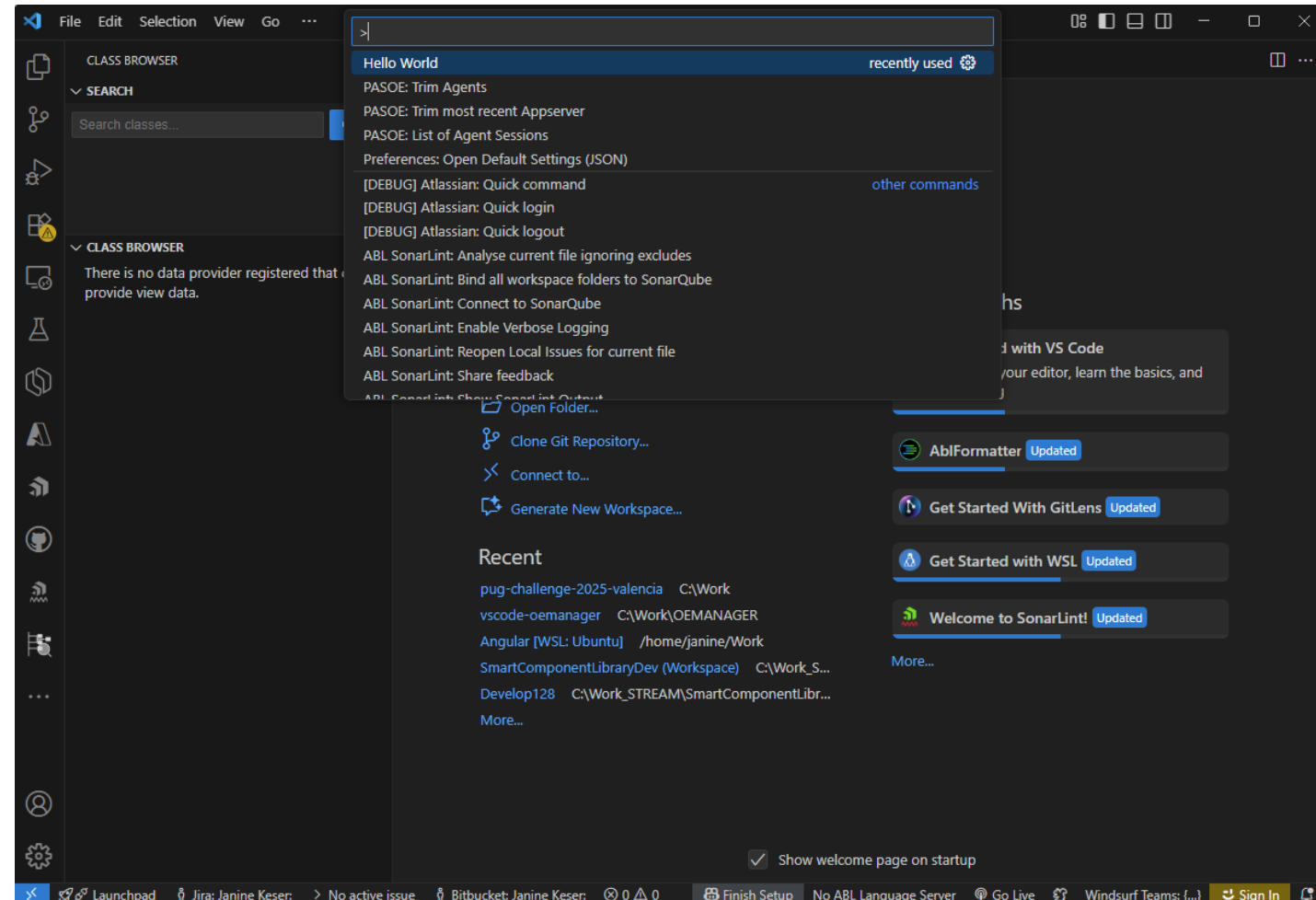
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- Open **src/extension.ts** in the editor
- Press **F5** or run **Debug: Start Debugging** from the Command Palette (**Ctrl + Shift + P**)
- Extension is compiled and runs in a new **Extension Development Host** window



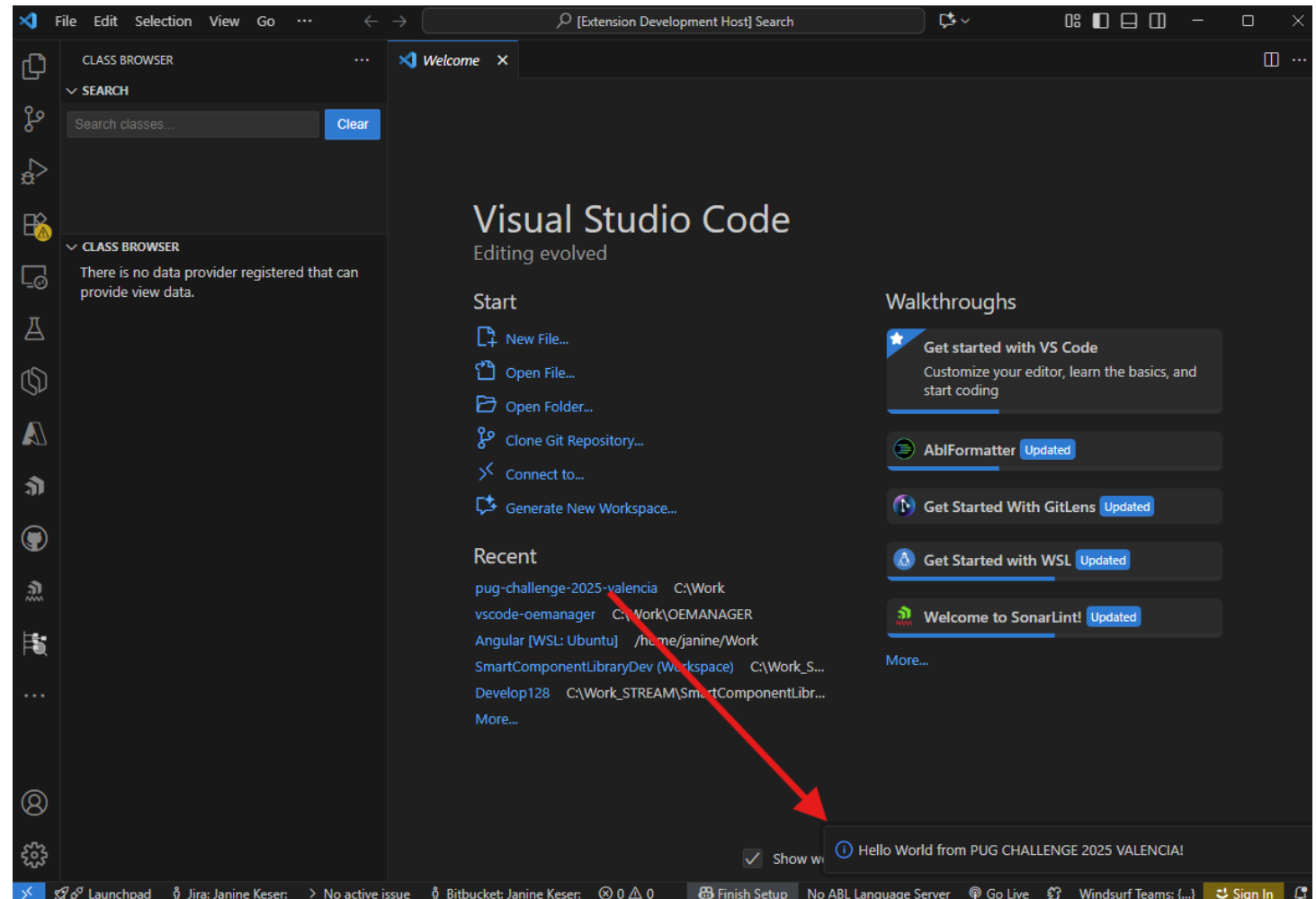
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- Run the Hello World command from the Command Palette (Ctrl+Shift+P) in the new window.
- This is the register command for your extension.



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- The registered command currently displays an information message in the bottom-right corner
- Uses:
`vscode.window.showInformationMessage('Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');`
- A simple and quick way to show a message in VS Code



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Everything that has happened so far is shown in the extension.ts file.

The code reflects the scaffold and the command we have registered.

```
1  import * as vscode from 'vscode';
2
3  Windsurf: Refactor | Explain | Generate JSDoc | X
4  export function activate(context: vscode.ExtensionContext) {
5      console.log('Congratulations, your extension "pug-challenge-2025-valencia" is now active!');
6
7      let disposable = vscode.commands.registerCommand('pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld', () => {
8          vscode.window.showInformationMessage('Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');
9      });
10
11     context.subscriptions.push(disposable);
12 }
13
14 export function deactivate() {}
```


Building an Extension with Visual Studio Code “Your first Extension”

- Default information message has **limited customization** (display, position, size)
- If you want **more customization**, you can build your own views using small HTML files
- Simply **add another command** to your code to display the custom view

```
5
6 let disposable = vscode.commands.registerCommand('pug-challenge-2025-valencia.showMyMessageBox', () => {
7     const panel = vscode.window.createWebviewPanel(
8         'messageBox',
9         'Message Box',
10        vscode.ViewColumn.One,
11        {
12            enableScripts: true
13        }
14    );
15    panel.webview.html = getWebviewContent(context, panel);
16    });
17    context.subscriptions.push(disposable);
18 }
19 Windsurf: Refactor | Explain | Generate JSDoc | X
20 function getWebviewContent(context: vscode.ExtensionContext, panel: vscode.WebviewPanel) {
21     const htmlPath = path.join(context.extensionPath, 'media', 'index.html');
22     let html = fs.readFileSync(htmlPath, 'utf8');
23
24     // Falls du lokale Skripte oder CSS einbindest, musst du URIs konvertieren:
25     html = html.replace(/(<script.*?src=")(.*?)"(.?>)/g, (match, p1, p2, p3) => {
26         const scriptPath = vscode.Uri.file(path.join(context.extensionPath, 'media', p2));
27         const scriptUri = panel.webview.asWebviewUri(scriptPath);
28         return `${p1}${scriptUri}${p3}`;
29     });
30
31     return html;
32 }
```

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- **Create and implement an HTML file** for your custom view
- In my example it is called index.html

```
<meta charset="UTF-8">
<style>
  body {
    display: flex;
    justify-content: center;
    align-items: center;
    height: 100vh;
    background-color: #1e1e1e;
    color: white;
    font-family: sans-serif;
    margin: 0;
  }

  .box {
    background: #205a7d;
    padding: 2rem;
    border-radius: 12px;
    box-shadow: 0 0 20px rgba(0,0,0,0.6);
    text-align: center;
    max-width: 400px;
  }

  button {
    margin-top: 1rem;
    padding: 0.5rem 1rem;
    border: none;
    border-radius: 6px;
    background: #a4a9ac;
    color: white;
    cursor: pointer;
  }

  button:hover {
    background: #f18926;
  }
</style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="box">
    <h2>Hello World!</h2>
    <p>From PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!</p>
    <button onclick="closeBox()">Schließen</button>
  </div>

  <script>
    const vscode = acquireVsCodeApi();

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    function closeBox() {
      vscode.postMessage({ command: 'close' });
    }
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

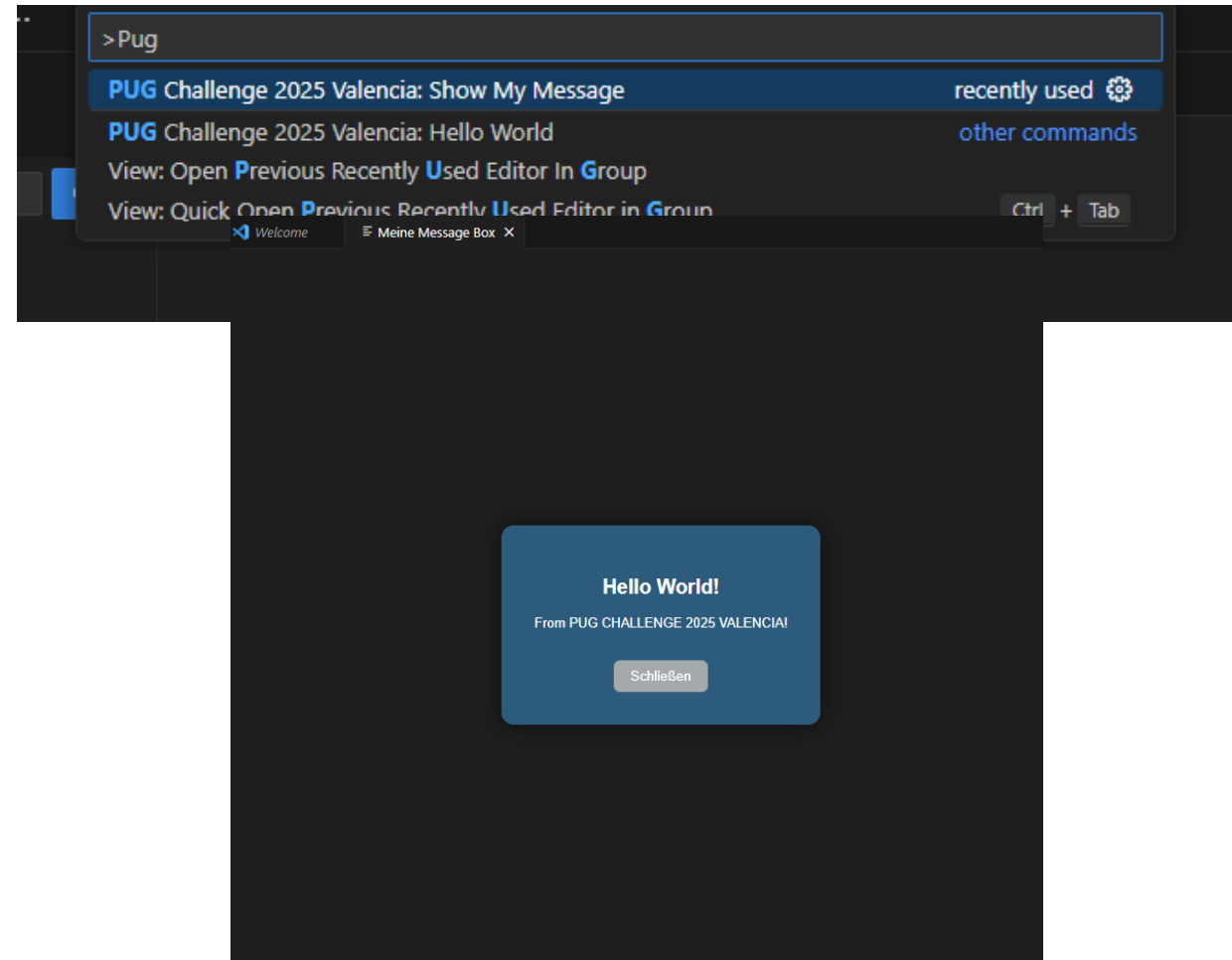
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You also need to register the command in the package.json commands area.

```
"contributes": {  
  "commands": [  
    {  
      "command": "pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld",  
      "title": "Hello World",  
      "category": "PUG Challenge 2025 Valencia"  
    },  
    {  
      "command": "pug-challenge-2025-valencia.showMyMessageBox",  
      "title": "Show My Message",  
      "category": "PUG Challenge 2025 Valencia"  
    }  
  ]  
},
```

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- Press **F5** to start the extension
- The new command appears in the **Command Palette**
- Select “**Show My Message**” to display your custom message box



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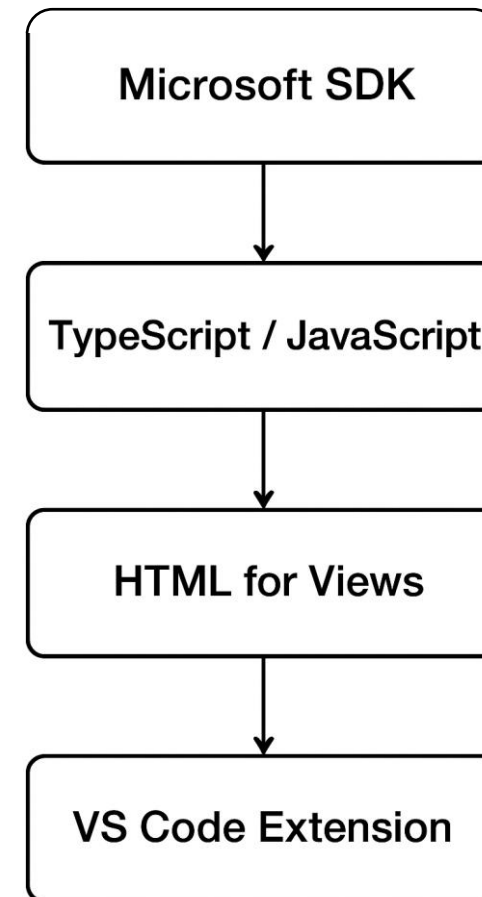
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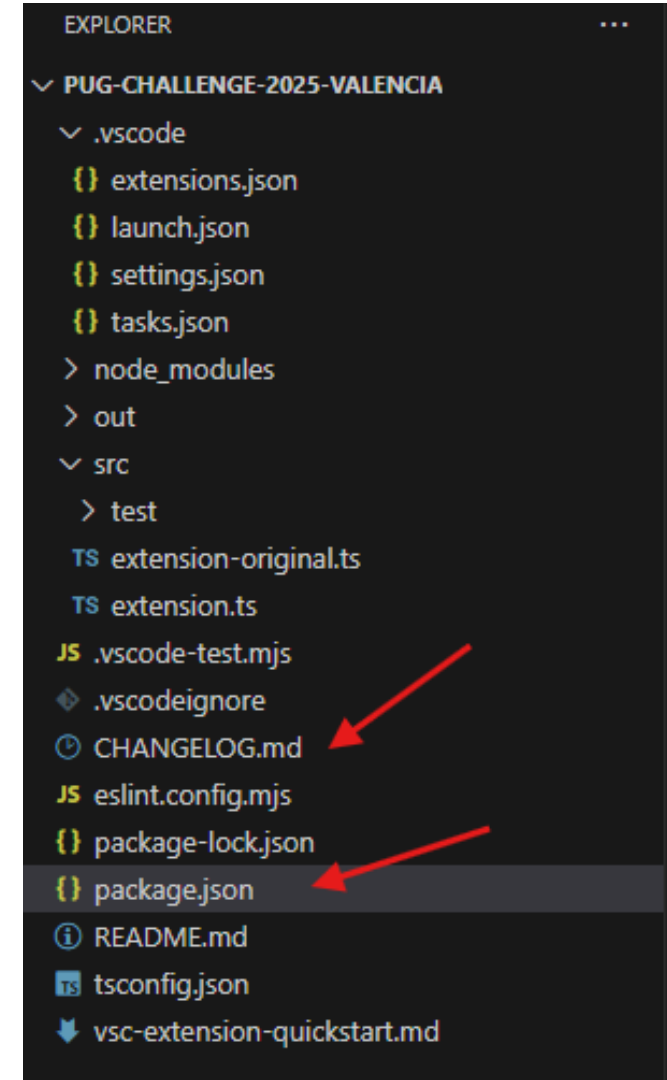
- Combine multiple file types and languages
- TypeScript / JavaScript – implement the core functionality and logic
- HTML – used for webviews or custom user interfaces within VS Code
- Together, they enable interactive and powerful extension features



Programming languages and file types used in a VS Code extension

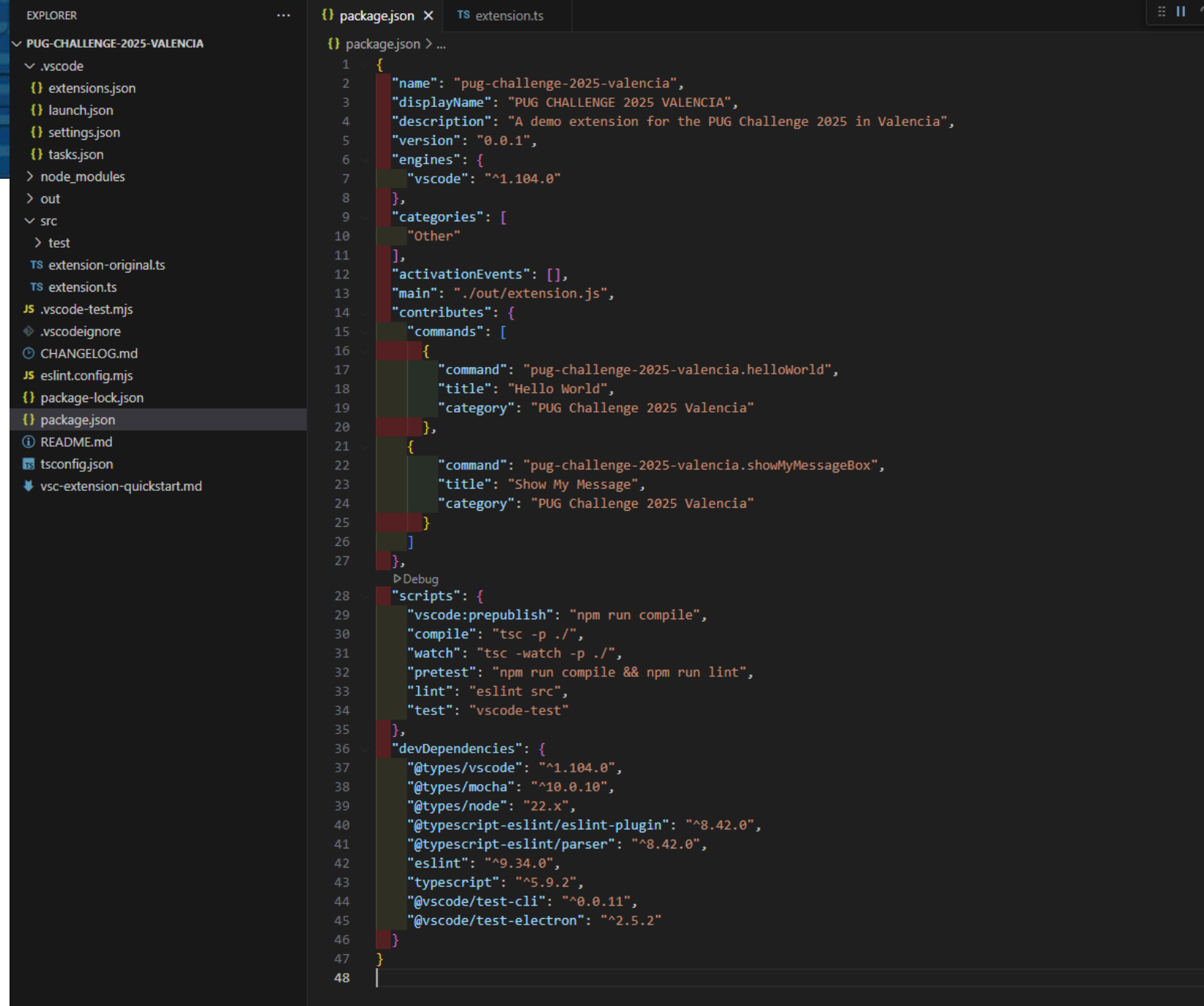
Let's take a look at the basic file structure of a VS Code extension:

- Most files are TypeScript (.ts) – they are automatically compiled into JavaScript (.js) files in the “out” folder
- .json files – define structure and configuration (e.g., package.json with metadata and activation rules)
- .md files (Markdown) – used for documentation, such as README or help texts
- The interaction of these different technologies creates a functional and user-friendly extension



The package.json

- Acts as the manifest of the extension
- Describes the project (metadata, name, version, etc.)
- Defines behavior (activation events, commands, contributions)



```
{} package.json X TS extension.ts
1 {
2   "name": "pug-challenge-2025-valencia",
3   "displayName": "PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA",
4   "description": "A demo extension for the PUG Challenge 2025 in Valencia",
5   "version": "0.0.1",
6   "engines": {
7     "vscode": "^1.104.0"
8   },
9   "categories": [
10    "Other"
11  ],
12  "activationEvents": [],
13  "main": "./out/extension.js",
14  "contributes": {
15    "commands": [
16      {
17        "command": "pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld",
18        "title": "Hello World",
19        "category": "PUG Challenge 2025 Valencia"
20      },
21      {
22        "command": "pug-challenge-2025-valencia.showMyMessageBox",
23        "title": "Show My Message",
24        "category": "PUG Challenge 2025 Valencia"
25      }
26    ]
27  },
28  "scripts": {
29    "vscode:prepublish": "npm run compile",
30    "compile": "tsc -p ./",
31    "watch": "tsc -watch -p ./",
32    "pretest": "npm run compile && npm run lint",
33    "lint": "eslint src",
34    "test": "vscode-test"
35  },
36  "devDependencies": {
37    "@types/vscode": "^1.104.0",
38    "@types/mocha": "^10.0.10",
39    "@types/node": "22.x",
40    "@typescript-eslint/eslint-plugin": "^8.42.0",
41    "@typescript-eslint/parser": "^8.42.0",
42    "eslint": "^9.34.0",
43    "typescript": "^5.9.2",
44    "@vscode/test-cli": "^0.0.11",
45    "@vscode/test-electron": "^2.5.2"
46  }
47 }
48 |
```

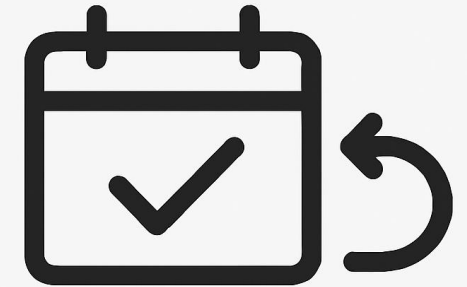

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Event Callbacks

- Event callbacks are a central component of VS Code extensions
- Allow extensions to respond to specific events in the development environment
 - Opening or saving a file
 - Changing the active editor
 - Executing a command
- An event callback is a function automatically called when the event occurs
- Enables extensions to be interactive and dynamic
 - Run analysis when a file is saved
 - Display content when a new file is opened
- Makes VS Code flexibly extensible, integrating seamlessly into the developer's workflow without manual intervention



**EVENT
CALLBACK**

Event Callbacks

A small example from our demo application:

- Customized message box created using a VS Code Webview
- Added a button: “Save in file”
- Clicking the button sends a message back to the extension code
- It acts as event handler
- Writes the text from the message box into a file

```
const onDidReceiveMessageEventHandler = async (message: any) => {
    if (message.command === 'saveText') {
        // Text from Webview
        const textToSave = message.text;

        // Path for file
        const filePath = path.join(context.globalStorageUri.fsPath,
            'messageBoxLog.txt');
        fs.mkdirSync(path.dirname(filePath), { recursive: true });
        fs.writeFileSync(filePath, textToSave + '\n', 'utf8');

        vscode.window.showInformationMessage(`Text saved in ${filePath}`)

        const fileUri = vscode.Uri.file(filePath);
        await vscode.env.openExternal(fileUri);
    }
    else if (message.command === 'close') {
        panel.dispose();
    }
};

// Get message from Webview
panel.webview.onDidReceiveMessage(
    onDidReceiveMessageEventHandler,
    undefined,
    context.subscriptions
);
```

Event Callbacks

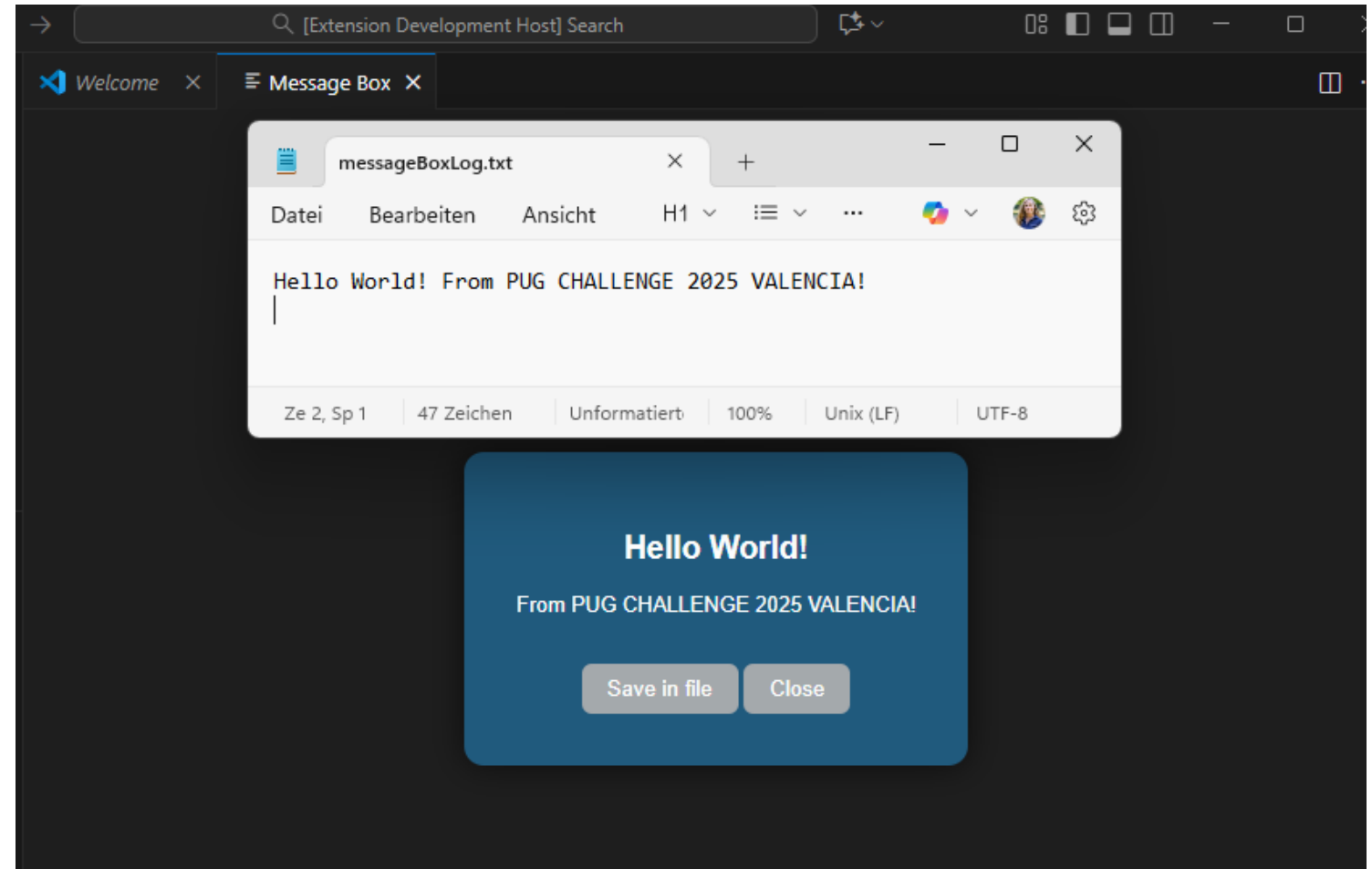
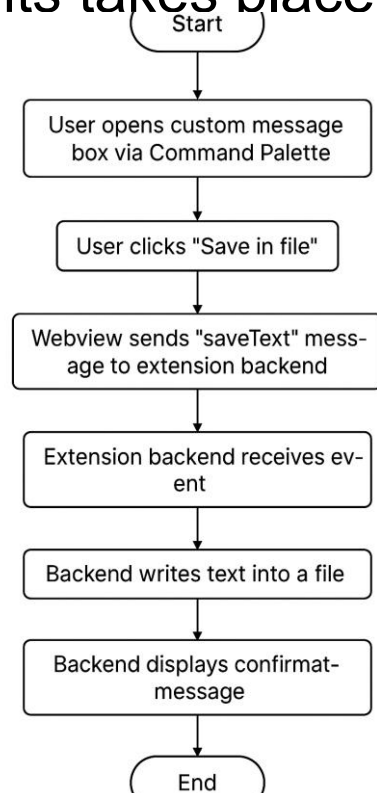
In the HTML file:

- Extend the custom message box with button
- Button calls a small function: `saveText()`
- Function collects text from `<h2>` and `<p>`
- Sends the text back via `vscode.postMessage()`
- HTML part actively triggers events in the extension

```
<body>
  <div class="box">
    <h2>Hello World!</h2>
    <p id="msg">From PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!</p>
    <button onclick="saveText()">Save in file</button>
    <button onclick="closeBox()">Close</button>
  </div>
  <script>
    const vscode = acquireVsCodeApi();
    Windsurf: Refactor | Explain | Generate Function Comment | ✕
    function saveText() {
      const heading = document.querySelector(".box h2").innerText;
      const paragraph = document.querySelector(".box p").innerText;
      const fullText = `${heading} ${paragraph}`;
      vscode.postMessage({ command: 'saveText', text: fullText });
    }
    Windsurf: Refactor | Explain | Generate Function Comment | ✕
    function closeBox() {
      vscode.postMessage({ command: 'close' });
    }
  </script>
</body>
```


Event Callbacks

When we run the extension, the following sequence of events takes place:



Event Callbacks

```
// Button Click
addEventListener("click", handleClick)

// Save File
function handleSaveClick()
    saveFile();
}

// Change Editor State
function handleEditorChange(newState)
    setEditorState(newState)
}
```

Why Event Callbacks are important:

- Central mechanism in VS Code extensions
- Enable the extension to react immediately to user interactions or system events
 - Examples: button clicks, saving a file, changing editor state
- Without callbacks, the extension wouldn't know when relevant events occur
- Demo insight: the button itself is simple, real functionality comes from the callback connecting the Webview to the extension logic
- Makes extensions interactive, dynamic, and useful

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OE Manager Web App of PASOE



The image shows a VS Code extension card for 'PASOE Manager Extension'. On the left is a small image of a fox's head. To the right of the image, the title 'PASOE Manager Extension' is displayed in bold. Below the title is the publisher 'Consultingwerk Application Modernization Solutions Ltd.' followed by statistics: '366 installs', a five-star rating with '(0)' reviews, and 'Free'. A description follows: 'VS Code Extension to maintain PASOE Instances using the OE Manager Rest Interfaces (https://docs.progress.com/de-DE/bundle/pas-for-openedge-reference/page/REST-API-Reference-for-oemanager.war.html)'. At the bottom, there is a green 'Install' button and a link 'Trouble Installing?' with an external link icon.

PASOE Manager Extension
Consultingwerk Application Modernization Solutions Ltd. | 366 installs | ★★★★★ (0) | Free

VS Code Extension to maintain PASOE Instances using the OE Manager Rest Interfaces
(<https://docs.progress.com/de-DE/bundle/pas-for-openedge-reference/page/REST-API-Reference-for-oemanager.war.html>).

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- PASOE Manager Extension links *VS Code* with the *OE Manager Web App*
- Brings monitoring and management features directly into the IDE
- OE Manager Web App offers real-time insights and tools to manage agents
- Extension integrates these features seamlessly into VS Code
- Enables efficient PASOE management without context switching
- Keeps developers focused on coding

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Configuring PASOE in VS Code

- Workspace Settings:
 - Path: Extensions → OEMANAGER
- Local Config File (oemanager.conf):
 - Project-specific, stored locally
 - Supports single and multiple application configurations
- Edit Connections Command:
 - PASOE: Edit Connections opens the config file in VS Code
 - File is automatically created if it doesn't exist

```
[
  {
    "url": "http://localhost:8820/oemanager",
    "applicationname": "oepas2",
    "username": "tomcat",
    "password": "tomcat",
    "pingurl": "http://localhost:8820/web/ping"
  },
  {
    "url": "http://localhost:8820/oemanager",
    "applicationname": "smartpas_stream",
    "username": "tomcat",
    "password": "tomcat",
    "pingurl": "http://localhost:8820/web/ping"
  }
]
```

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Register command:

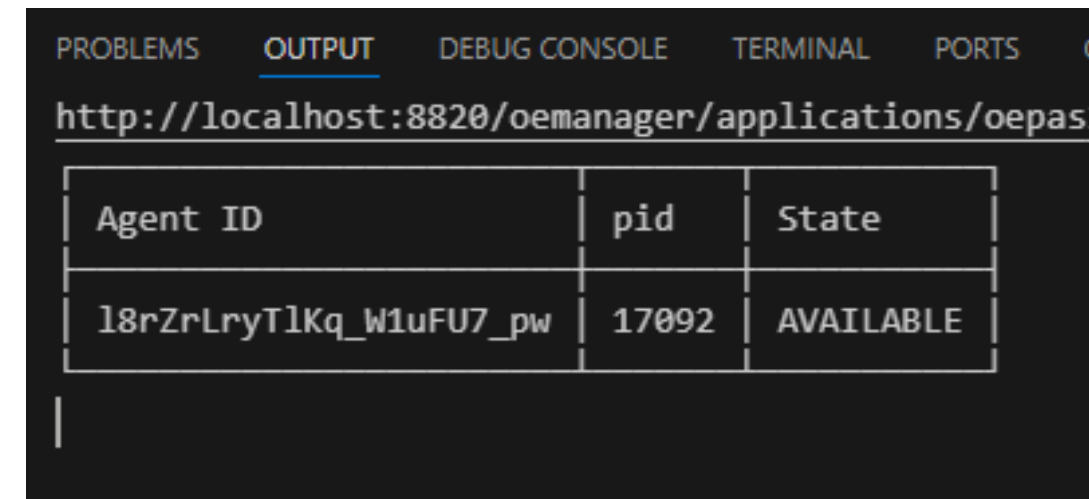
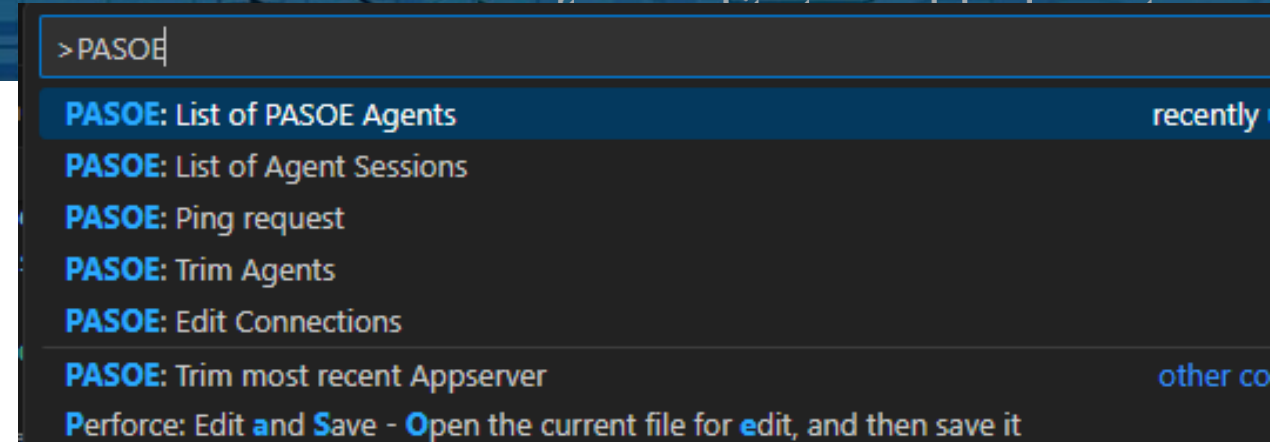
PASOE: List of Pasoe Agents

Purpose:

- Retrieve and display all active PASOE agents.
- Provides quick visibility into Agent ID, process ID (pid), and current state.
- Output is shown in the VS Code Output Channel

Technical Flow:

- Load extension
- Validate that application name is set in settings
- Construct GET request URL for /agents/ endpoint
- Fetch agent data safely with `errorSafeFetch`,
- Parse JSON response and extract agent list.



OE Manager Web App of PASOE – PASOE – trim agents

context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('oemanager.trimagents', trimagents));

- Registers the trimagents function as a VS Code command.
- Makes the command available in the Command Palette (Ctrl+Shift+P) under OEMANAGER.
- Connected to the PASOE Manager Extension functionality for trimming agents.

```
//register command for OEMANAGER: LIST OF PASOE Agents
context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('oemanager.listofpasoeagents', listofpasoeagents));

//register command for OEMANAGER: Trim Agents
context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('oemanager.trimagents', trimagents));

//register command for OEMANAGER: Ping Request
context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('oemanager.pingrequest', pingrequest));
```

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```
export default async function trimagents() {  
  const tableagents = new Table({  
    head: ['Agent ID', 'pid', 'State']  
  });  
  const oemanagerOutput = getOutputChannel();  
  oemanagerOutput.clear();  
  const extensionConfig = await getConfig();  
  if (extensionConfig.applicationname === '') {  
    vscode.window.showErrorMessage('Applicationname is empty, please check your settings with CTRL +  
    modal: true  
  });  
  return;  
}
```

- The function is asynchronous because HTTP requests (fetch) are used.
- Creates a table with the columns: Agent ID, Process ID, State.
- Retrieves the VS Code output channel 'oemanager'.
- Deletes previous entries.
- Reads the extension configuration.
- If applicationname is empty → display warning in VS Code (modal pop-up).
- Abort because no agent can be reached without an application name.

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Prepare API endpoint for agents

- Put the URL together,
- e.g.: `http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/`

Retrieve agents from the server

- Retrieve all agents via GET.
- Authentication with Basic Auth (username:password).
- If no response → return.

```
    } else {  
      const getAgentLink =  
        extensionConfig.protocol +  
        '://' +  
        extensionConfig.hostname +  
        ':' +  
        extensionConfig.portnumber +  
        '/oemanager/applications/' +  
        extensionConfig.applicationname +  
        '/agents/';  
      const response: any = await errorSafeFetch(  
        getAgentLink,  
        {  
          method: 'GET',  
          headers: {  
            Authorization: `Basic ${btoa(extensionConfig.username + ':' + extensionConfig.password)}`  
          }  
        },  
        { username: extensionConfig.username, password: extensionConfig.password }  
      );  
      if (!response) {  
        return;  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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Process reply

- Cast response to GetAgentsResponse format.
- Extract agents array.
- Calculate number of agents.
- Show output channel and clear it.
- If no agents are available → short message in the output.

```
//Getting Data from get request and make an output in "oemanagerOutput"
const data = (await response) as GetAgentsResponse;
const datas = data.result.agents; // this is an array of agent
const NumberOfAgents = datas.length;
oemanagerOutput.show();
oemanagerOutput.clear();
if (NumberOfAgents === 0) {
    oemanagerOutput.appendLine('No Agents available to trim!');
```

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Agents pass through and trim

- Iterate through all agents.
- Extract agent information (ID, PID, state).
- Insert the values into the table.
- Build the DELETE URL for the trim command.

```
for (const agent of data.result.agents) {  
  const agentId = agent.agentId;  
  const pid = agent.pid;  
  const state = agent.state;  
  //Table for agents data  
  tableagents.push([agentId, pid, state]);  
  //create TrimLink  
  const trimmedpid = pid;  
  const TrimAgentLink =  
    extensionConfig.protocol +  
    '://' +  
    extensionConfig.hostname +  
    ':' +  
    extensionConfig.portnumber +  
    '/oemanager/applications/' +  
    extensionConfig.applicationname +  
    '/agents/' +  
    pid;  
  const TrimLinkLowercase = TrimAgentLink.toLowerCase();  
}
```

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Execute trim request

- DELETE request is sent to the agent (terminates the process).
- Success: Log message 'Agent with pid ... is trimmed'.
- Error: Error message in the output channel.

Final output

- Summary in tabular form in the output channel.

```
const TrimLinkLowercase = TrimAgentLink.toLowerCase();
try {
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine(TrimLinkLowercase);
  await fetch(TrimAgentLink, {
    method: 'DELETE',
    headers: {
      Authorization: `Basic ${btoa(extensionConfig.username + ':' + extensionConfig.password)}`
    }
  });
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine('Agent with pid ' + trimmedpid + ' is trimmed!');
} catch (e) {
  oemanagerOutput.show();
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine('There was a problem, while trimming agent ' + pid);
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine((<Error>e).message);
  // show a message that there was a problem trimming agents
}
oemanagerOutput.appendLine('The following agents have been trimmed:');
oemanagerOutput.appendLine(tableagents.toString());
}
```

<http://localhost:8820/oemanager/applications/oepas2/agents/38648>

Agent with pid 38648 is trimmed!

The following agents have been trimmed:

Agent ID	pid	State
Rumg-KxEReSt7ah_xuBv-Q	38648	AVAILABLE

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Asynchronicity

- Handles time-consuming tasks (e.g. network, file I/O)
- Keeps VS Code responsive via async programming
- Uses async / await for smooth execution
- Example: trimagents() calls getConfig(),

```
import * as vscode from 'vscode';
import Table from 'cli-table';
import { errorSafeFetch, getConfig, getOutputChannel } from '../util';
import { GetAgentsResponse } from '../types/get-agents-response.interface';
/**
 * @returns {void}
 */
Windsurf: Refactor | Explain | X
export default async function trimagents() {
  const tableagents = new Table({
    head: ['Agent ID', 'pid', 'State']
  });
  const oemanagerOutput = getOutputChannel();
  oemanagerOutput.clear();
  const extensionConfig = await getConfig();
  if (extensionConfig.applicationname === '') {
    vscode.window.showErrorMessage('Applicationname is empty, please o
    modal: true
  });
}
```

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errorSafeFetch(), and
fetch()
asynchronously

- **Benefits:** non-blocking, better performance, cleaner code

```
} else {  
  const getAgentLink =  
    extensionConfig.protocol +  
    '://' +  
    extensionConfig.hostname +  
    ':' +  
    extensionConfig.portnumber +  
    '/oemanager/applications/' +  
    extensionConfig.applicationname +  
    '/agents/';  
  const response: any = await errorSafeFetch(  
    getAgentLink,  
    {  
      method: 'GET',  
      headers: {  
        Authorization: `Basic ${btoa(extensionCo  
      }  
    },  
    { username: extensionConfig.username, password:  
  });  
  if (!response) {  
    return;  
  }  
}
```

```
try {  
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine(TrimLinkLowercase);  
  await fetch(TrimAgentLink, {  
    method: 'DELETE',  
    headers: {  
      Authorization: `Basic ${btoa(extensionConfig.username  
    }  
  });  
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine('Agent with pid ' + trimmedpid + '  
} catch (e) {  
  oemanagerOutput.show();  
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine('There was a problem, while trimming  
  oemanagerOutput.appendLine((<Error>e).message);  
  // show a message that there was a problem trimming agents  
}  
  
anagerOutput.appendLine('The following agents have been trimmed:');  
anagerOutput.appendLine(tableagents.toString());
```

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Package and publish your extension

To install an extension manually, it must be packaged as a .vsix file. This can be done directly from the VS Code Terminal using the following command:

```
PS C:\Work\OEMANAGER\vscode-oemanager> vsce package
```

Install the package using the command:

```
code --install-extension oemanager-1.6.0.vsix
```

Installing extensions...

Extension 'oemanager-1.6.0.vsix' was successfully installed.

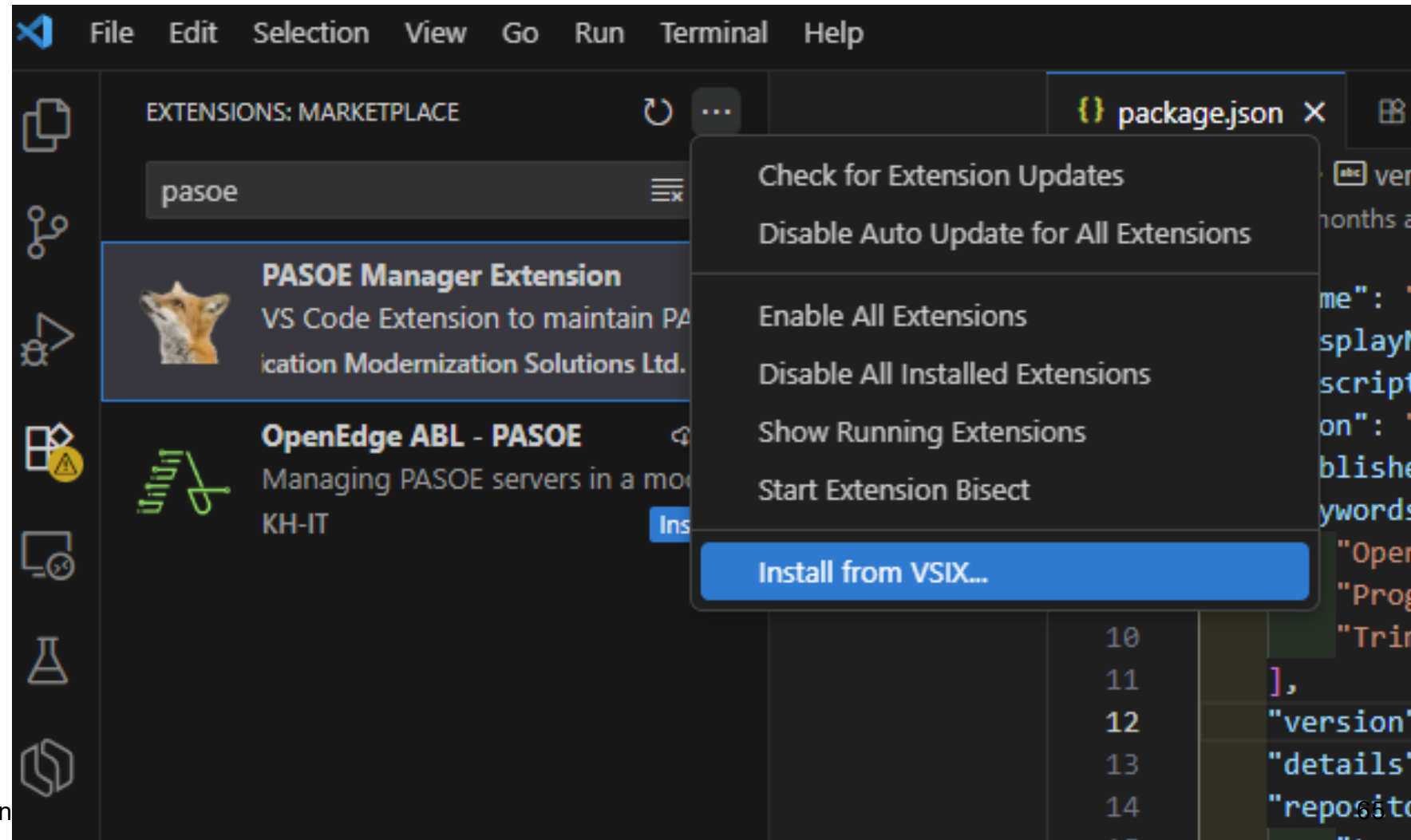
```
PS C:\Work\OEMANAGER\vscode-oemanager> vsce package
package.json [6.73 KB]
readme.md [2.91 KB]
images/
  BobSophia.png [43.52 KB]
  OEMANAGERWorkspacesettings.png [82.27 KB]
  PASOEManagerExtension.gif [1.54 MB]
  PASOEManagerExtensionCut.gif [5.36 MB]
  PASOEManagerExtensionconfigselect.gif [1.92 MB]
  information.png [2.46 KB]
node_modules/
  cli-table/ (5 files) [16.89 KB]
  colors/ (22 files) [106.59 KB]
  fs-extra/ (31 files) [53.99 KB]
  graceful-fs/ (7 files) [31.77 KB]
  jsonfile/ (6 files) [19.29 KB]
  universalify/ (4 files) [4.57 KB]
out/
  ListOfAgents.js [11.29 KB]
  globalState.js [0.22 KB]
  oemanagerSchema.json [0.67 KB]
  validateoemanagerSchema.js [3.21 KB]
  Extensions/ (39 files) [126.21 KB]
templates/
  oemanager.conf [0.23 KB]

=> Run vsce ls --tree to see all included files.

DONE Packaged: C:\Work\OEMANAGER\vscode-oemanager\oemanager-1.6.0.vsix (132 files, 8.47 MB)
WARNING The latest version of @vscode/vsce is 3.6.2 and you have 3.3.2.
Update it now: npm install -g @vscode/vsce
PS C:\Work\OEMANAGER\vscode-oemanager>
```

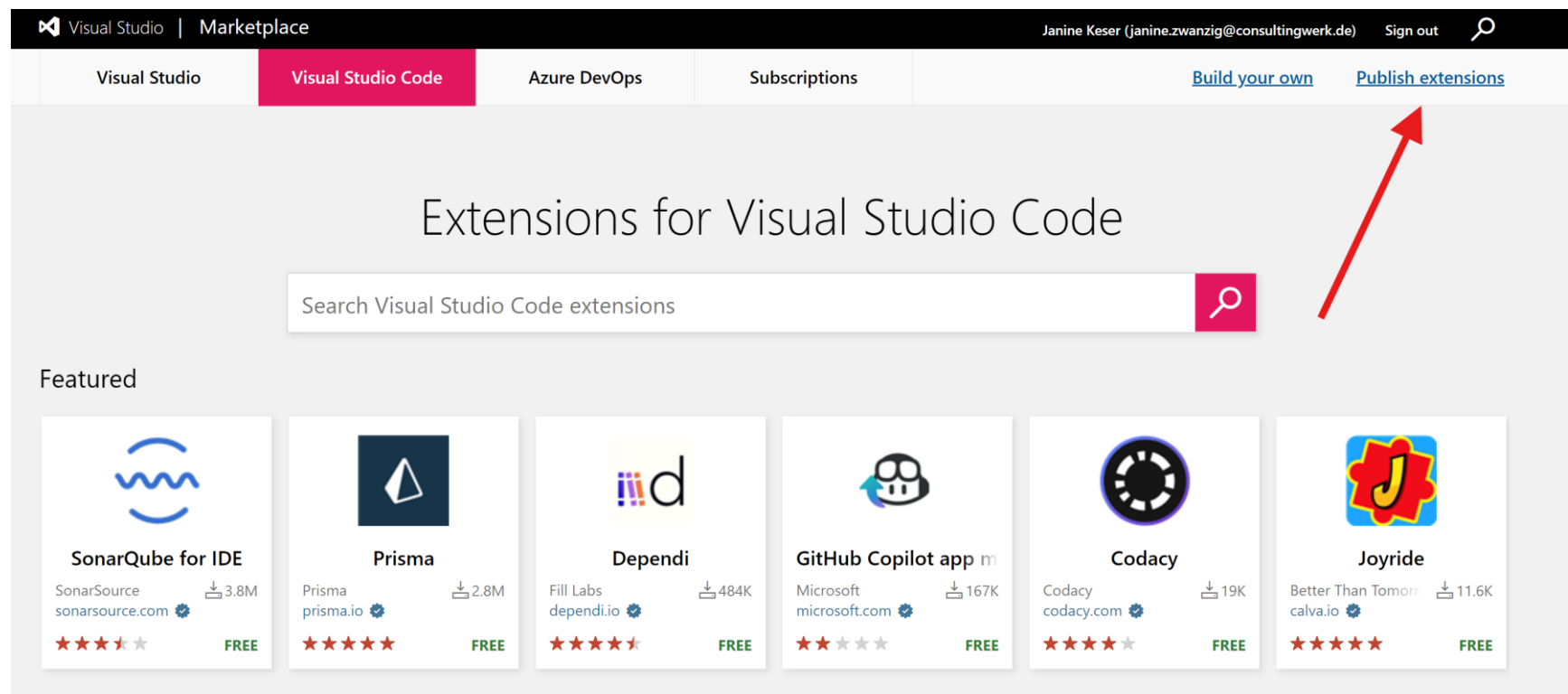

Package and publish your extension

- Alternative installation method: use the “Install from VSIX...” button in the Extensions view
- Select the .vsix file from a local folder
- Installs the extension directly into VS Code without using the terminal



Package and publish your extension

- VS Code Marketplace home page features the “Publish extensions” button
- Manage your own extensions: publish, update, and monitor usage



Package and publish your extension

Steps before publishing an extension:

Create a publisher

Publisher name

Unique ID

Basic information

Name * ⓘ

Name of the publisher

ID * ⓘ

Unique publisher identifier

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+ Create publisher



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Extensions Details Members Save View profile

Basic information

Name * ⓘ

Consultingwerk Application Modernization Solutions Ltd.

ID * ⓘ

ConsultingwerkApplicationModernizationSolutionsLtd

Verified domain ^

Verify ownership of a domain that affirms your identity or brand to become a verified publisher. Learn about [verifying ownership of a domain](#).

Domain name ⓘ

https://www.consultingwerk.com/

Verify

About you ^

We will use this information to populate your publisher profile page

Description

Consultingwerk supports both application partners and end customers by providing consulting services for every phase of application development and modernisation projects throughout the lifetime of a business application.

Logo ⓘ





Package and publish your extension

If you have created the publisher, you need to create members and you can select different roles for them.

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Extensions Details **Members** [+ Add](#)

User name ↑	Roles	Remove user from the publisher
 Janine Keser	Owner	
User Id <small>Please select a role</small>	<div>Select a role ▼</div>	

Where can I find User Id? [More info](#)

Package and publish your extension

Verify the newly created publisher using vsce. In your terminal, run the following command, and when prompted, type the Personal Access Token created in the previous step:

```
vsce login <publisher id>

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/manage/publishers/
Personal Access Token for publisher '<publisher id>': *****
*****

The Personal Access Token verification succeeded for the publisher '<publisher id>'.
```

Package and publish your own extension

You can then publish your extension.

There are three different ways to do this:

- Drag and drop into this window.
- Click to upload from a local folder.

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Upload Visual Studio Code extension

Ensure you have packaged your extension in a VSIX file format.



Drag and Drop a file here or [click](#) to upload.

Learn about [publishing to the Marketplace](#)

Upload

Package and publish your own extension

With the following command from VS Code Terminal

```
vsce publish
```

Automatically increment its version number
update an extension from 1.0.0 to 1.1.0,
you would specify:

```
vsce publish 1.1.0
```

Changes automatically the version attribute in the package.json before publishing with the new Version number

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Important Common Capabilities

Visual Studio Code extensions offer a variety of common features, help developers

- design user interactions,
- display data
- improve workflows.

Examples of frequently used capabilities

- Display notifications
- Quick Pick
- Custom output channels

Important Common Capabilities



Display
notifications



Quick
Pick



Custom
output channels

Important Common Capabilities

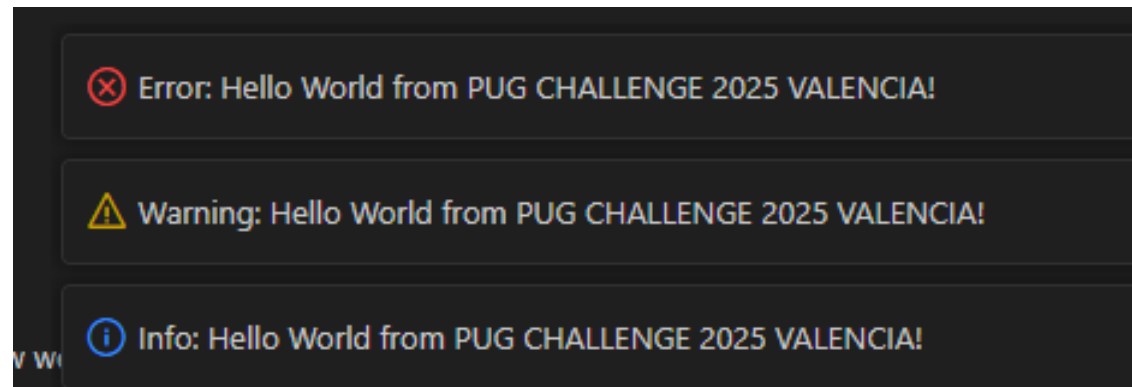
Display notifications:

There are three types of notifications that make it easy to display a message to the user:

- Info
- Warning
- Error

The picture shows the difference between the three notifications.

```
export function activate(context: vscode.ExtensionContext) {  
  
    console.log('Congratulations, your extension "pug-challenge-2025-valencia" is now active!');  
  
    context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld',  
        () => {  
            vscode.window.showInformationMessage('Info: Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');  
            vscode.window.showWarningMessage('Warning: Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');  
            vscode.window.showErrorMessage('Error: Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');  
        })  
    );  
}
```



Important Common Capabilities

Quick Picks

Our Hello World example is also a good way to demonstrate a Quick Pick.

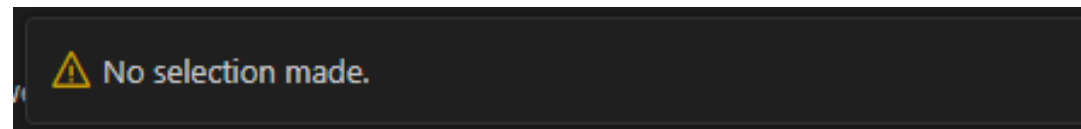
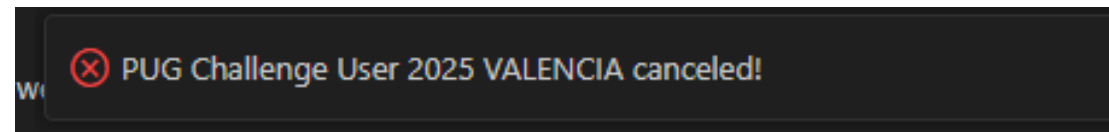
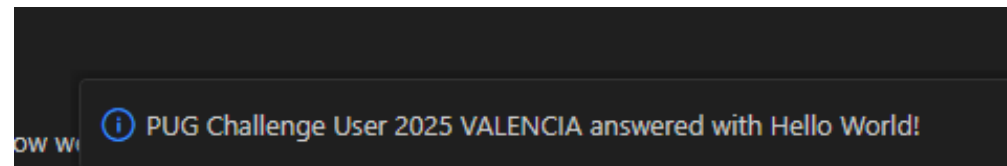
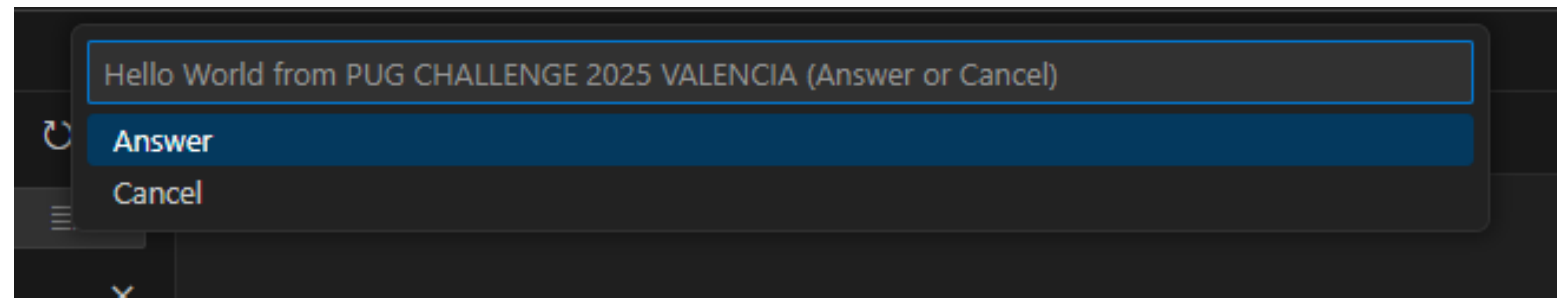
- We output our Hello World message in the command palette.
- The user has the option to select Answer or Cancel.
- Depending on the selection, the corresponding messages are displayed.

```
context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld',  
  
    // Options for a Quick Pick  
    const options = ['Answer', 'Cancel'];  
  
    // Show Quick Pick  
    const selected = await vscode.window.showQuickPick(options, {  
        placeholder: 'Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA (Answer or Cancel)',  
    });  
  
    // Selection actions  
    if (selected === 'Answer') {  
        vscode.window.showInformationMessage('PUG Challenge User 2025 VALENCIA answered with Hello');  
    } else if (selected === 'Cancel') {  
        vscode.window.showErrorMessage('PUG Challenge User 2025 VALENCIA canceled!');  
    } else {  
        vscode.window.showWarningMessage('No selection made.');
```

Important Common Capabilities

Quick Picks

Let's take a look
at this in practice:



Important Common Capabilities

Customized output channels

`vscode.window.createOutputChannel`

```
console.log('Congratulations, your extension "pug-challenge-2025-valencia" is now active!');

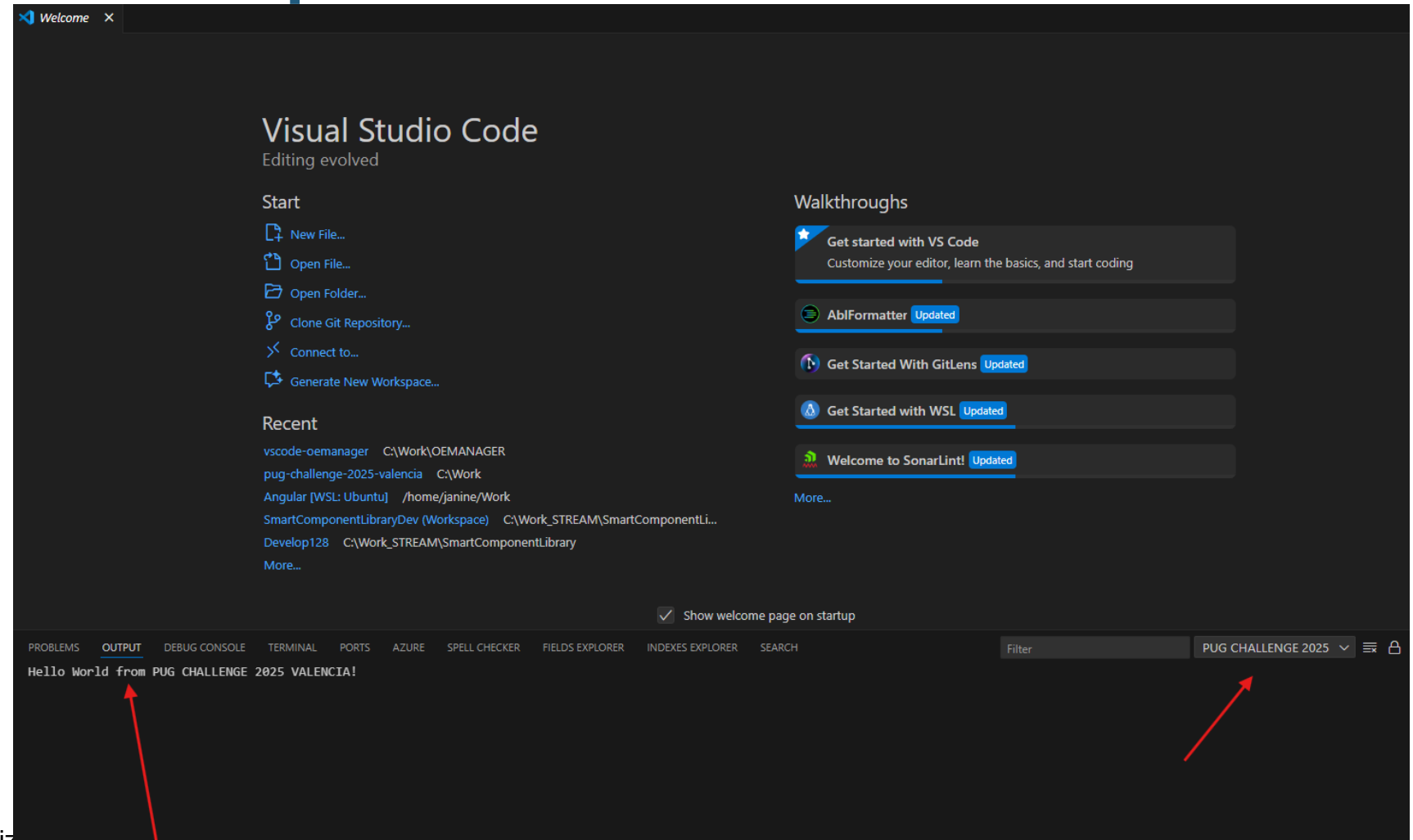
context.subscriptions.push(vscode.commands.registerCommand('pug-challenge-2025-valencia.helloWorld', async () => {

    // create a customized output channel

    const outputChannel = vscode.window.createOutputChannel('PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA');
    outputChannel.show();
    outputChannel.appendLine('Hello World from PUG CHALLENGE 2025 VALENCIA!');
});
```

Important Common Capabilities

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In Practice:



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