



# Downloading and Setting Up Markdown Editor for Visual Studio Code

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## Overview

This document will guide you on how to download and set up the Markdown Editor Extension for Visual Studio Code (VSCode). After completing this guide, you will be able to view your markdown files as they would be rendered on the web in the Visual Studio Code program and edit them in real time.

This document is intended for users who are unfamiliar with Visual Studio Code extensions. Real-time markdown editing allows for quick feedback on markdown syntax without the need to render the file in an external compiler. This guide will instruct the user on how to access Visual Studio Code extensions, how to install Markdown Editor, and how to open Markdown Editor in an existing markdown file

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## Before You Begin

Before you install Markdown Editor, you will:

- Have an up-to-date version of Visual Studio Code downloaded onto your computer. Find it [here](#).
  - Have a stable internet connection to access the Extensions Library in VSCode.
  - This tutorial is for computers running a Windows operating system, you must be updated to Windows 10 or 11 (64bit) to run VSCode.
  - It is recommended that a computer running VSCode has at least 500MB available, a 1.6GHz or faster processor, and at least 1GB of RAM.
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## Installing Markdown Editor and Setting Up a Document

The following section will provide you with instructions on how to install the Markdown Editor extension and how to use the Markdown Editor extension in an existing markdown file.

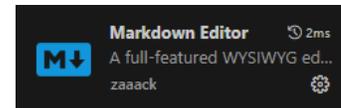
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### Installing Markdown Editor Extension into the VSCode Application

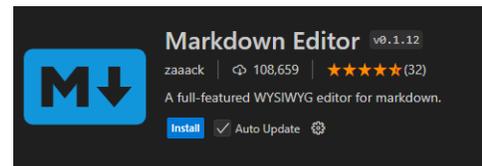
1. Open VSCode and select the Extensions tab (Shown in *Figure 1*) on the left side of the application.
2. A tab will open, find the search bar at the top and type in “Markdown Editor” into the search field, press enter on the keyboard to search.



4. Find “Markdown Editor” by zaaack and select the option shown in the image on the right (*Figure 2*).

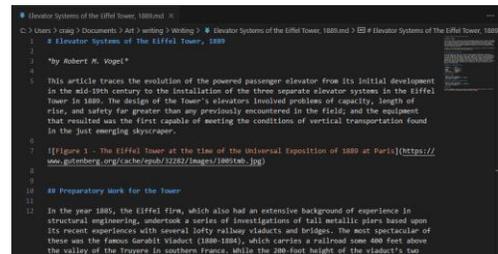


3. At the top of the page (Shown in *Figure 3*), select “Install”.

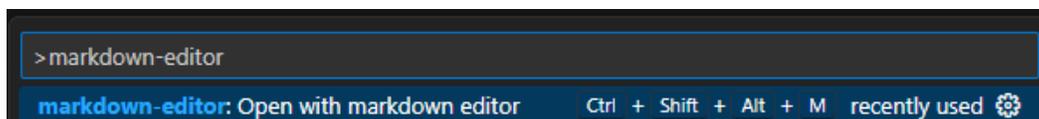


## Using Markdown Editor Extension on an Existing Markdown File

1. At the top bar on your VSCode application, select “File > Open File...”
2. Open the markdown file you would like to use.  
The markdown file will open as plain markdown code (Shown in *Figure 4*).



3. Type “Ctrl + Shift + P” together to open the search bar.
4. Type in “markdown-editor: Open with markdown editor” and select the option pictured below (*Figure 5*).



**Tip:** you can also open the file in markdown editor by pressing “Ctrl + Shift + Alt + M” on the keyboard.



**Note:** The document will then open in a new tab now in “Instant Rendering” mode.

## Additional Resources

For more information about Extensions in VSCode, follow this link:  
<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/editor/extension-marketplace>