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Software Development Practice

Handout #6

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C/C++ Software Development for Linux Platforms

Expected Learning Outcomes

- The students are expected to be able to:
  - build and automate the process of building Linux programs from source code using the make tool;
  - compile C/C++ source code using command line tools;
  - use VS Code for C/C++ software development using Ubuntu VM or WSL2;
  - develop C/C++ software on a remote machine using the VS Code IDE and VS Code Server;
  - debug C/C++ code during runtime execution.

C/C++ IDE of Choice

- **Option 1)** Using **Geany Code Editor**
  - Support various programming languages (C/C++, Python,...)
  - Installed by default for Raspbian OS / Raspberry Pi SBC
- **Option 2) Microsoft VS Code + C/C++ extension**
  - More professional and popular than Geany
  - Support both local and remote software development
  - Note: The C/C++ extension does not include a C/C++ compiler.

Ref.: - https://www.geany.org/
- https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/cpp

Open Source C/C++ Development Tools

- **Compiler Toolchain:**
  - The GNU Project C/C++ Compiler Collection: `gcc` / `g++`
  - The Clang / LLVM Project: `clang/clang++`
- **Debuggers:**
  - GNU debugger: `gdb`
  - LLVM debugger: `lldb`
- **Build Tools:**
  - GNU Make / Makefile (https://www.gnu.org/software/make/)
  - CMake (https://cmake.org/)

Practical Activities (1)

- Build and install Geany code editor and its plug-ins from source code, targeting the Linux Ubuntu platform.
  - Learn to write a Bash script to automate the build and installation process.
- Use the Geany editor running on Linux Desktop
  - Edit and compile C/C++ code.
  - Run or debug the compiled binary file.
  - Set / unset breakpoints or watch values of variables.

Practical Activities (2)

- Install Microsoft Visual Code for C/C++ developments on a Windows machine, including some extensions such as
  - C/C++ Extension Pack
    - C/C++ language support, IntelliSense and debugging
    - CMake support
  - Remote Development Extension Pack

Ref.: - https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/cpp
- https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/cpp-debug

Practical Activities (3)

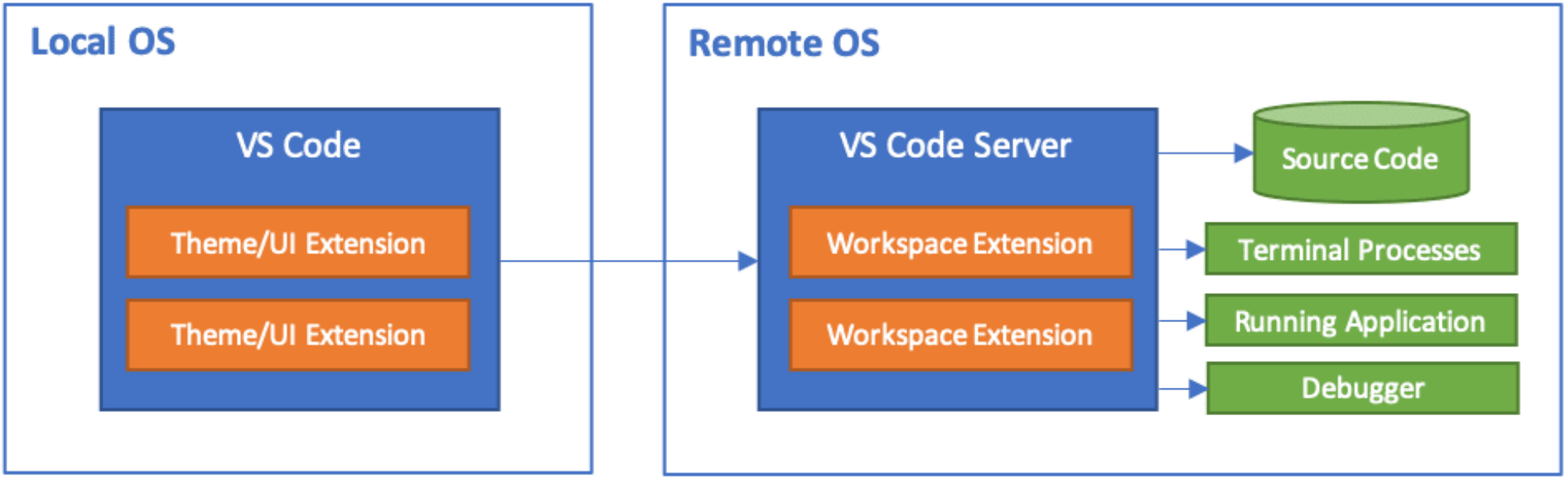
- Use the VS Code IDE on a local machine to access the VS Code Server on a remote headless Linux machine via SSH to build a C/C++ project.
  - Edit and compile source code.
  - Build and debug the project’s program.

VS Code Remote Development

- This **VS Code extension pack** includes three extensions:
  - **Remote – SSH**: Work with source code in any location by opening folders on a remote machine / VM using SSH.
  - **Remote – Containers**: Work with a separate toolchain or container-based application by opening any folder mounted into or inside a Docker container.
  - **Remote – WSL**: Work the Windows Subsystem for Linux.

Ref.: - https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/remote/remote-overview

VS Code Remote Development



Two options for practical training:

- use **Windows** as a local host and access **Ubuntu VM** as a remote host on the same machine.
- use **Windows** as a local host and access **Ubuntu – WSL2** a remote host on the same machine.

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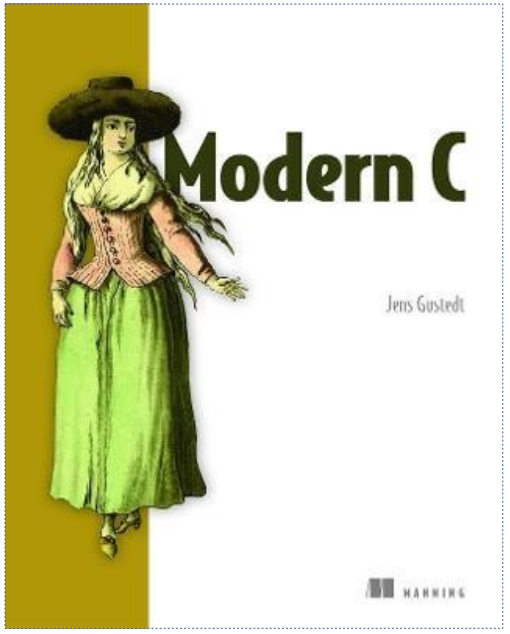

- **Modern C** by Jens Gustedt, 2020.
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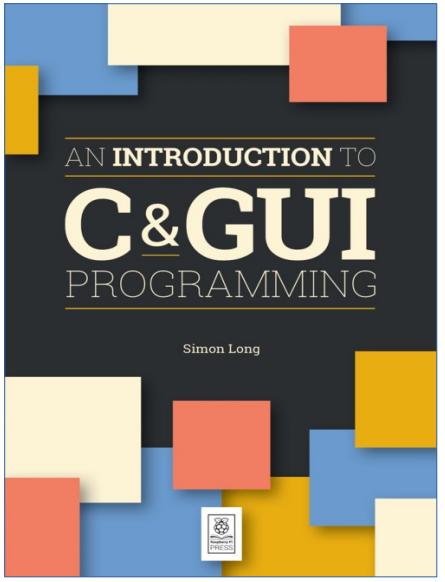

- **An Introduction to C & GUI Programming**
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Simple C Demo Code

```c
// File: hello.c
// Compile: gcc -std=c99 -g -Wall -o ./hello hello.c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    printf( "Hello World!\n" );
    return 0;
}
```

Compilation options: Invoking the gcc command from a Linux terminal.

`-std=c99`	Use the C99 standard for compilation.
`-Wall`	Show all warnings during the compilation process.
`-g`	Add debug information that can be used by the GDB debugger.
`-o` <output-file>	Save the compiler output in a binary file.

Simple C++ Demo Code

```
// File: hello.cpp
// Compile: g++ -std=c++11 -g -Wall -o ./hello hello.cpp
#include <iostream>

int main() {
  std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
  return 0;
}
```

The `build-essential` package

- The "build-essential" package for a Ubuntu or Debian-based Linux Distro is a meta-package necessary for compiling software written in C/C++.
- It includes the GNU compiler collection, debugger, and other development libraries and tools required for compiling software.
- The command installs a lot of packages, including `gcc`, `g++`, `libc`, `make`, etc.

What is Clang ?

- The Clang project (https://clang.llvm.org/) provides an open-source language front-end for the LLVM compiler providing a tooling infrastructure for languages in the C language family (such as C/C++, Objective C/C++, OpenCL, CUDA, ...)
- Its goal is to offer a replacement to the GCC.
- Clang implements all of the ISO C++ 1998, 11 and 14 standards and also provides most of the support of C++17.
- Clang version 14 is the latest major version of Clang as of March 2022.

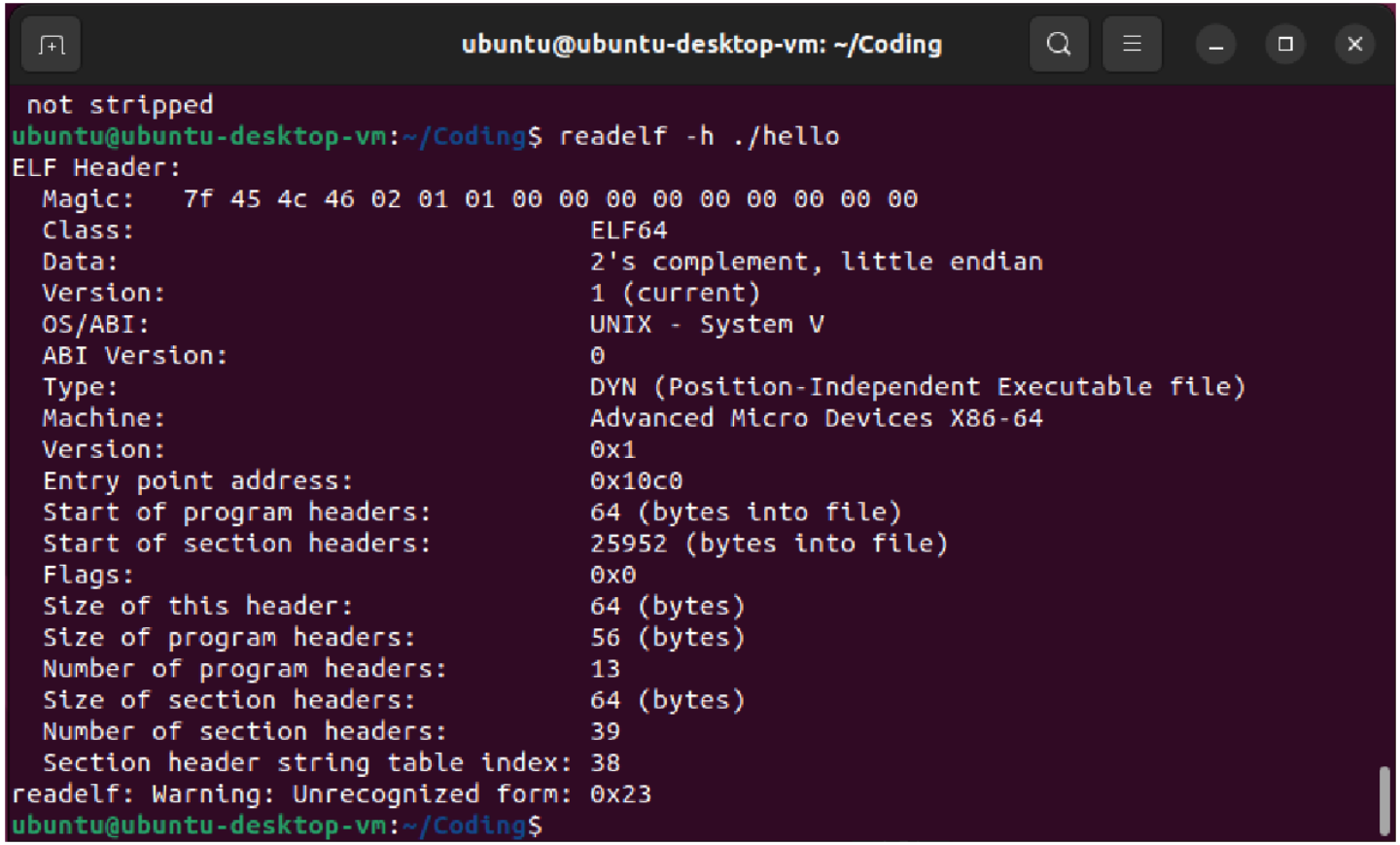
Installation of Clang

```
# install the 'clang' package
$ sudo apt install clang -y

# check the version of clang
$ clang --version | head -n 1
Ubuntu clang version 14.0.0-1ubuntu1

# compile the C++ source code file with clang
$ clang++ -std=c++11 -g -Wall hello.cpp -o hello
```

Check the output file

```
$ file ./hello | tr ',' '\n'

./hello: ELF 64-bit LSB pie executable
 x86-64
 version 1 (SYSV)
 dynamically linked
 interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
 BuildID[sha1]=b2d401c737fb579919481a9281e2991085d256f7
 for GNU/Linux 3.2.0
 with debug_info
 not stripped
```

To display the ELF file header



Geany Code Editor

- Geany (https://www.geany.org/) is a **small and lightweight** integrated development environment (IDE).
- It was developed to provide a small and fast IDE, which has only a few dependencies from other packages.
- It is using only the GTK3 toolkit, which therefore requires only the GTK3 runtime libraries to run Geany.

Geany Code Editor

- [Manual Steps] Build and install **Geany code editor** and the `geany-plugin-debugger` on Ubuntu 22.04.

```
# remove pre-installed or existing Geany packages.
$ sudo apt autoremove geany-common geany-plugins-common

# install necessary packages to build Geany's source code:
$ sudo apt-get install -y build-essential gdb \
  libgtk-3-dev autoconf automake autopoint gettext \
  libvte-2.91-dev intltool

# install cppcheck (a static code analysis tool).
$ sudo apt install -y cppcheck
```

Steps to Building the Geany editor

```
# set the version of Geany
$ GEANY_VERSION=1.38
$ ARCHIVE_FILE=geany-${GEANY_VERSION}.tar.gz
# download the archive file of Geany source code (.tar.gz)
$ wget https://download.geany.org/${ARCHIVE_FILE} \
  -O ${ARCHIVE_FILE}
# extract the compressed archive file
$ tar xvfz ${ARCHIVE_FILE}
# change the working directory
$ cd geany-${GEANY_VERSION}/
# configure and build the source code
$ ./configure && make -j $(nproc)
# install the binary file of Geany
$ sudo make install
```

Building Geany’s plug-ins

```
$ GEANY_VERSION=1.38
$ ARCHIVE_FILE=geany-plugins-${GEANY_VERSION}.tar.gz
$ wget https://plugins.geany.org/geany-plugins/${ARCHIVE_FILE} \
  -O ${ARCHIVE_FILE}
$ tar xvfz ${ARCHIVE_FILE}
$ cd ./geany-plugins-${GEANY_VERSION}
$ ./configure --enable-debugger
$ make -j $(nproc) && sudo make install
$ sudo ldconfig -v
```

See: https://iot-kmutnb.github.io/blogs/training/geany_editor/

To run Geany from a command line

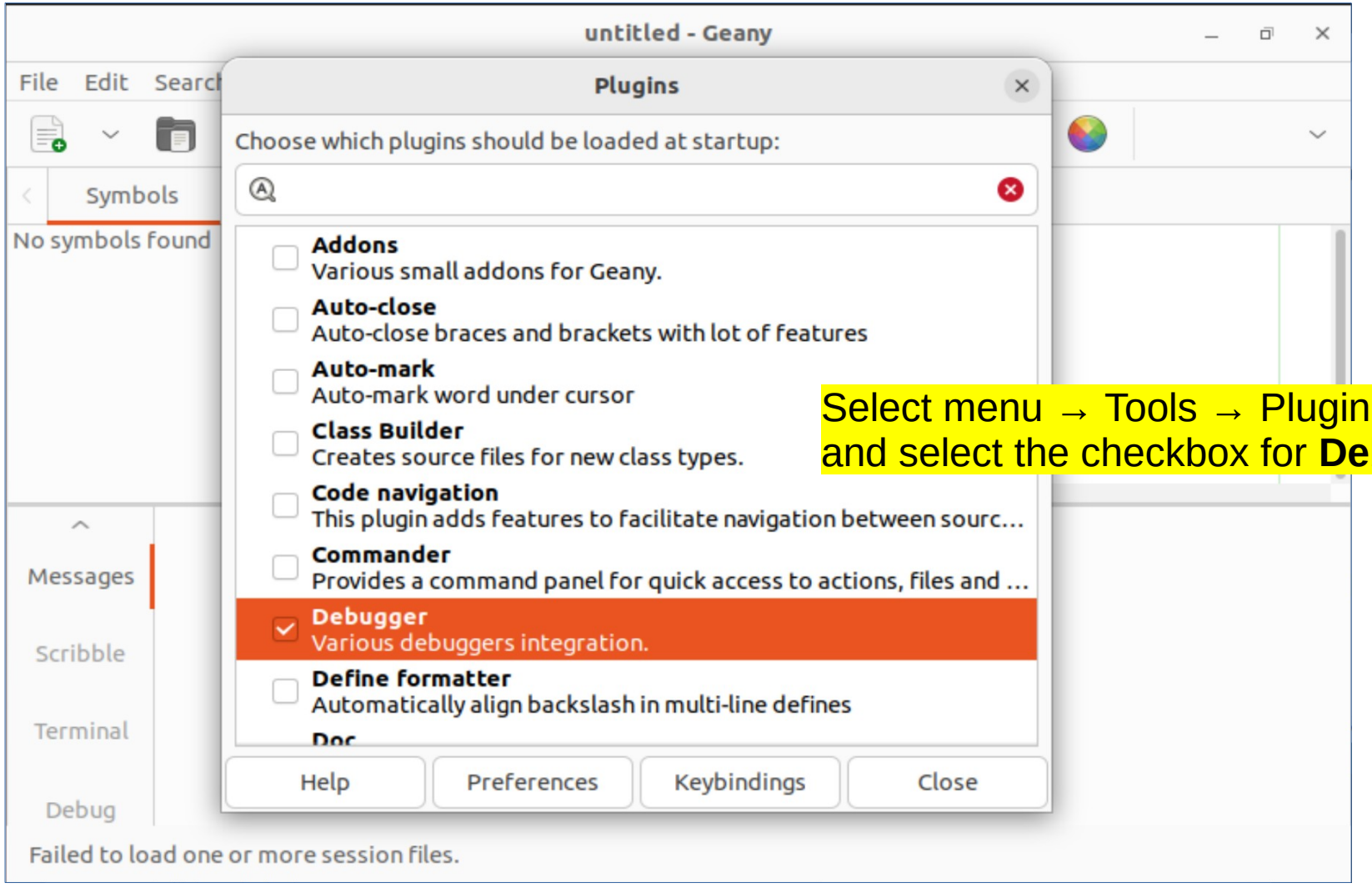
```
# check the version of geany
$ `which geany` --version
geany 1.38 (built on 2022-08-14 with GTK 3.24.33, GLib 2.72.1)

# Run/call the geany program in background mode
$ geany 2> /dev/null &
```

Redirects the output to 'stderr' to '/dev/null'

```
$ geany >/dev/null 2>&1 &
```

Redirects the output to 'stdout' and ‘stderr’ to '/dev/null'

Use the Geany code editor on a Ubuntu Desktop VM (not headless).
Note: If using WSL2 + Ubuntu Desktop, then either GWSL or Remote Desktop is required.

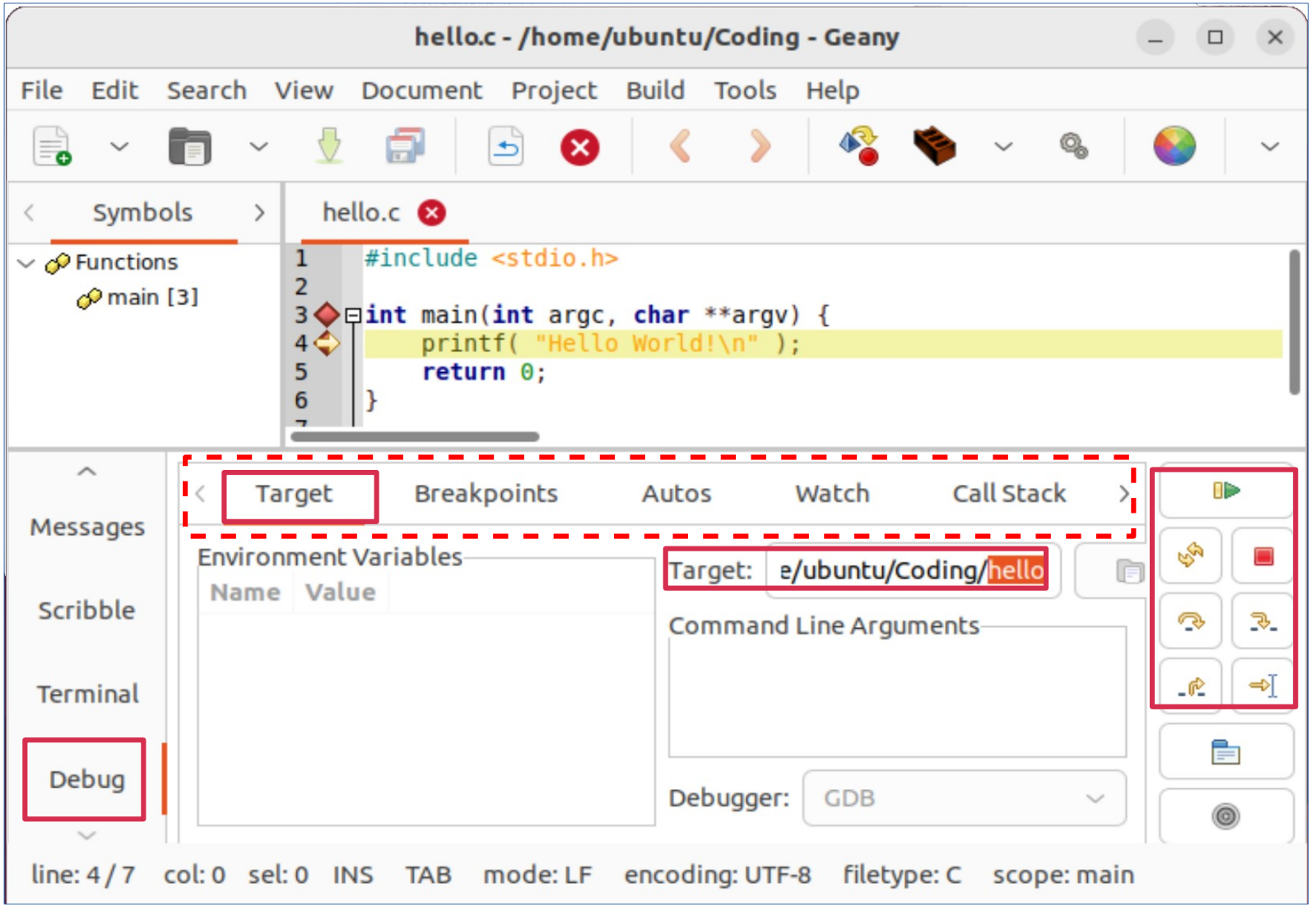


Select menu → Tools → Plugin Manager and select the checkbox for **Debugger**.

Build Command Settings

In the menu, select **Build → Build Commands (for C code)**

- Compile command: `gcc -g -Wall -c "%f"`
- Build command: `gcc -g -Wall -o "%e" "%f"`
- Lint command: `cppcheck --language=c --enable=warning,style --template=gcc "%f"`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main [3]
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2
3 int main(int argc, char **argv) {
4 printf("Hello World!\n");
5 return 0;
6 }
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Breakpoints
Autos
Watch
Call Stack
Messages
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Terminal
Debug
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Target: e/ubuntu/Coding/hello
Command Line Arguments
Debugger: GDB
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Verilator – Verilog Simulator

- Verilator is a free and open-source software tool which converts Verilog (a hardware description language) to a cycle-accurate behavioral model in C++.
- It outputs single- or multi-threaded .cpp and .h files, the "Verilated" code.
- The Verilated C++ files are then compiled by a C++ compiler.

https://www.veripool.org/verilator/

Installation of Verilator

Option 1)

```
# Install verilator and gtkwave on Ubuntu.
$ sudo apt install verilator gtkwave
# Show the version of verilator installed locally.
$ verilator --version
Verilator 4.038 2020-07-11 rev v4.036-114-g0cd4a57ad
```

Option 2)

```
# Run verilator in a Docker container (for Ubuntu).
$ docker run -it verilator/verilator:latest --version
Verilator 4.211 devel rev v4.210-59-g3ec3c2c2
```

```
$ docker run -it -v ${PWD}:/work \
  --user $(id -u):$(id -g) verilator/verilator:latest \
    -Wall --cc counter.v --exe --trace
```

Installation of GTKWave

```
# Install verilator and gtkwave on Ubuntu.
$ sudo apt install gtkwave \
  libcanberra-gtk-module libcanberra-gtk3-module
```

Verilog Code Demo:

counter.v

```
module counter #(
    parameter NUM_LEDS  = 6, // set the number of LEDs
    parameter BIT_WIDTH = 8  // set the bit width of the register
) (
    input wire clk,    // Clock input
    input wire nrst,   // Active-low reset input
    input wire en,     // Clock enable input
    output wire [NUM_LEDS-1:0] leds // LED array output
);


  localparam CNT_MSB = BIT_WIDTH-1;
  reg [BIT_WIDTH-1:0] cnt_reg;


  always @(posedge clk or negedge nrst)
  begin
    if (!nrst)
      cnt_reg <= 0;
    else if (en)
      cnt_reg <= cnt_reg + 1;
  end
  assign leds = cnt_reg[CNT_MSB:CNT_MSB-(NUM_LEDS-1)];
endmodule
```

C++ Testbench Example

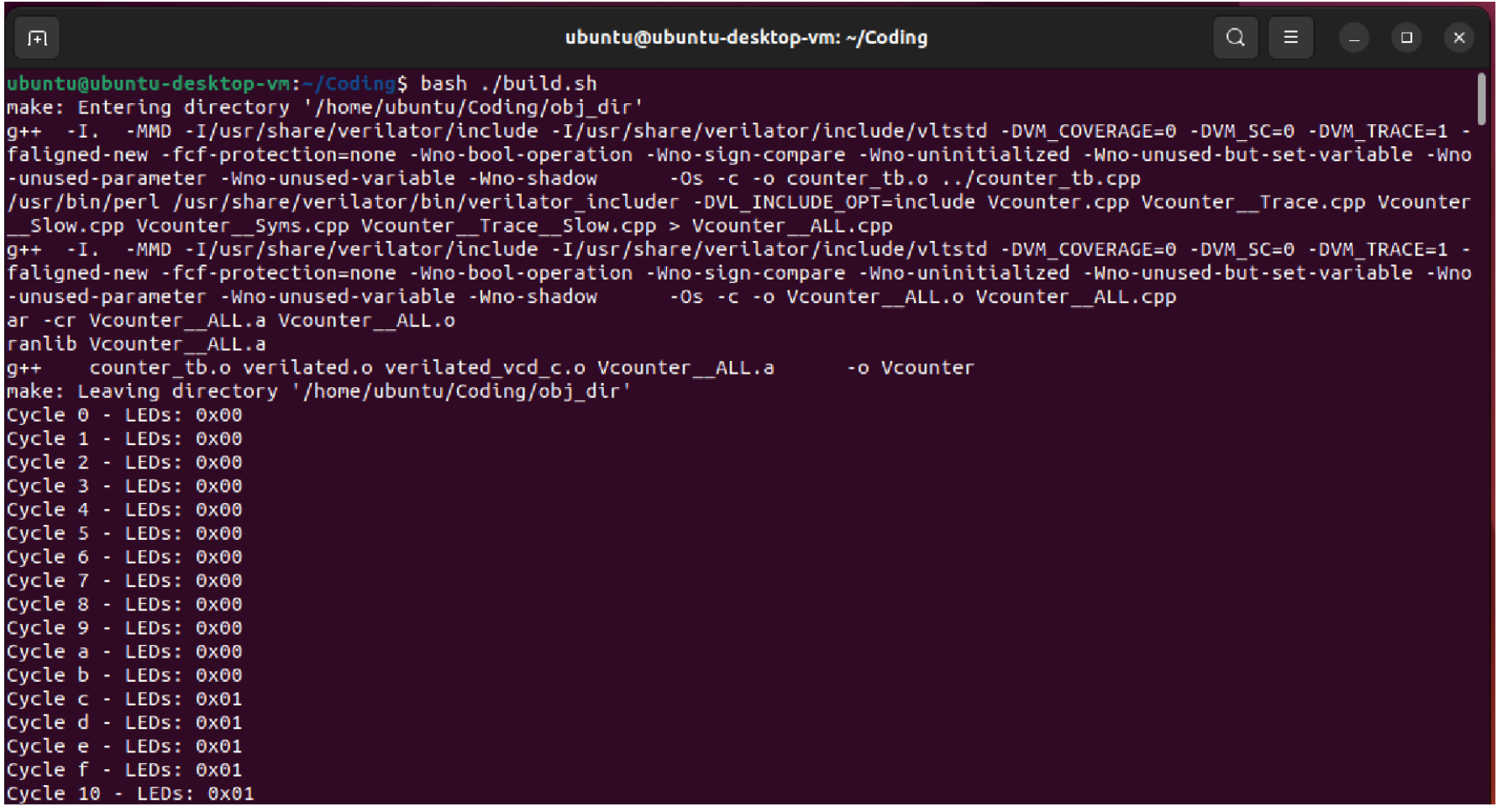
counter_tb.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip> // Include for std::hex manipulator
#include <verilated.h>
#include "Vcounter.h"
#include <verilated_vcd_c.h> // Include the VCD header

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Verilated::commandArgs(argc, argv);
    // Create an instance of the module
    Vcounter* top = new Vcounter;
    // Create a VCD trace
    Verilated::traceEverOn(true);
    VerilatedVcdC* vcdTrace = new VerilatedVcdC;
    top->trace(vcdTrace, 2); // 2 is the trace level
    vcdTrace->open("waveform.vcd"); // Open the VCD file
    // Insert the code block on the next page...
    vcdTrace->close(); // Close VCD file
    top->final(); // Clean up
    delete top;
    return 0;
}
```

```
    // Initialize inputs
    top->clk  = 0;
    top->nrst = 0;
    top->en   = 0;
    // Simulate for a 3000 clock cycles
    for (int i = 0; i < 3000; ++i) {
        top->clk = !top->clk; // Toggle the clock
        if (i == 2) { top->nrst = 1; }
        if (i == 5) { top->en = 1;   }
        top->eval();
        // Print the LED values in hex string
        std::cout << "Cycle " << i << " - LEDs: 0x"
                  << std::hex << std::setw(2)
                  << std::setfill('0')
                  << (int)top->leds << std::endl;
        vcdTrace->dump(i); // Dump signal values to VCD
        if (Verilated::gotFinish())
            break;
    }
```

build.sh

```
#!/bin/env bash

# Remove the output object directory and the VCD file.
rm -fr obj_dirs *.vcd
# Compile Verilog source code.
verilator -Wall --cc counter.v --exe --trace
# Compile Verilog source code and C++ testbench.
verilator -Wall --trace -cc counter.v \
  --exe counter_tb.cpp --timescale 1ns/1ns
# Build the executable file for the simulator.
make -C ./obj_dir -f Vcounter.mk Vcounter
# Run the simulator
./obj_dir/Vcounter
```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ubuntu@ubuntu-desktop-vm:~/Coding$ bash ./build.sh
make: Entering directory '/home/ubuntu/Coding/obj_dir'
g++ -I. -MMD -I/usr/share/verilator/include -I/usr/share/verilator/include/vltstd -DVM_COVERAGE=0 -DVM_SC=0 -DVM_TRACE=1 -faligned-new -fcf-protection=none -Wno-bool-operation -Wno-sign-compare -Wno-uninitialized -Wno-unused-but-set-variable -Wno-unused-parameter -Wno-unused-variable -Wno-shadow   -Os -c -o counter_tb.o ../counter_tb.cpp
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Cycle 1 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 2 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 3 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 4 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 5 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 6 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 7 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 8 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle 9 - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle a - LEDs: 0x00
Cycle b - LEDs: 0x00
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Cycle d - LEDs: 0x01
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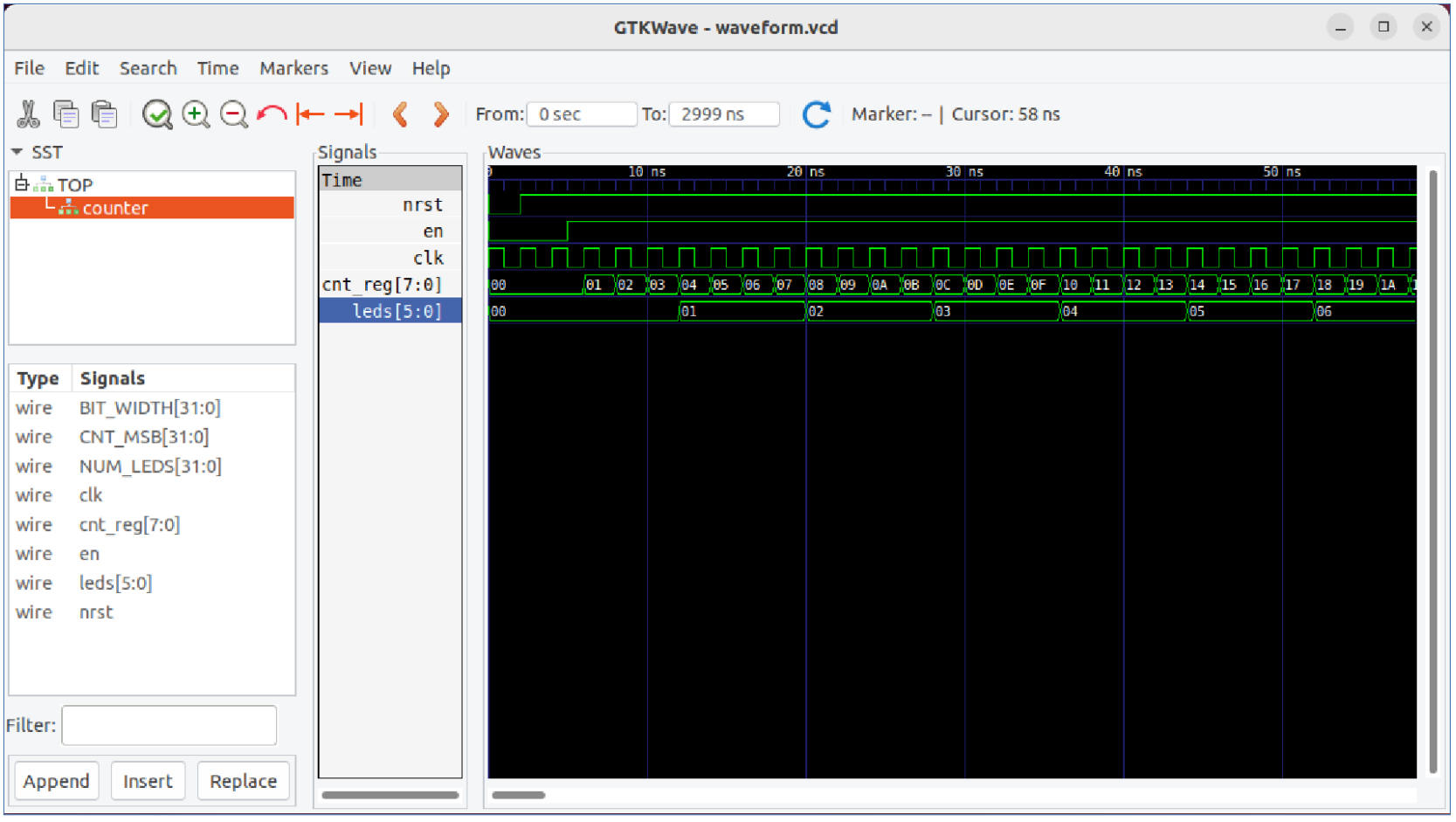
Cycle f - LEDs: 0x01
Cycle 10 - LEDs: 0x01

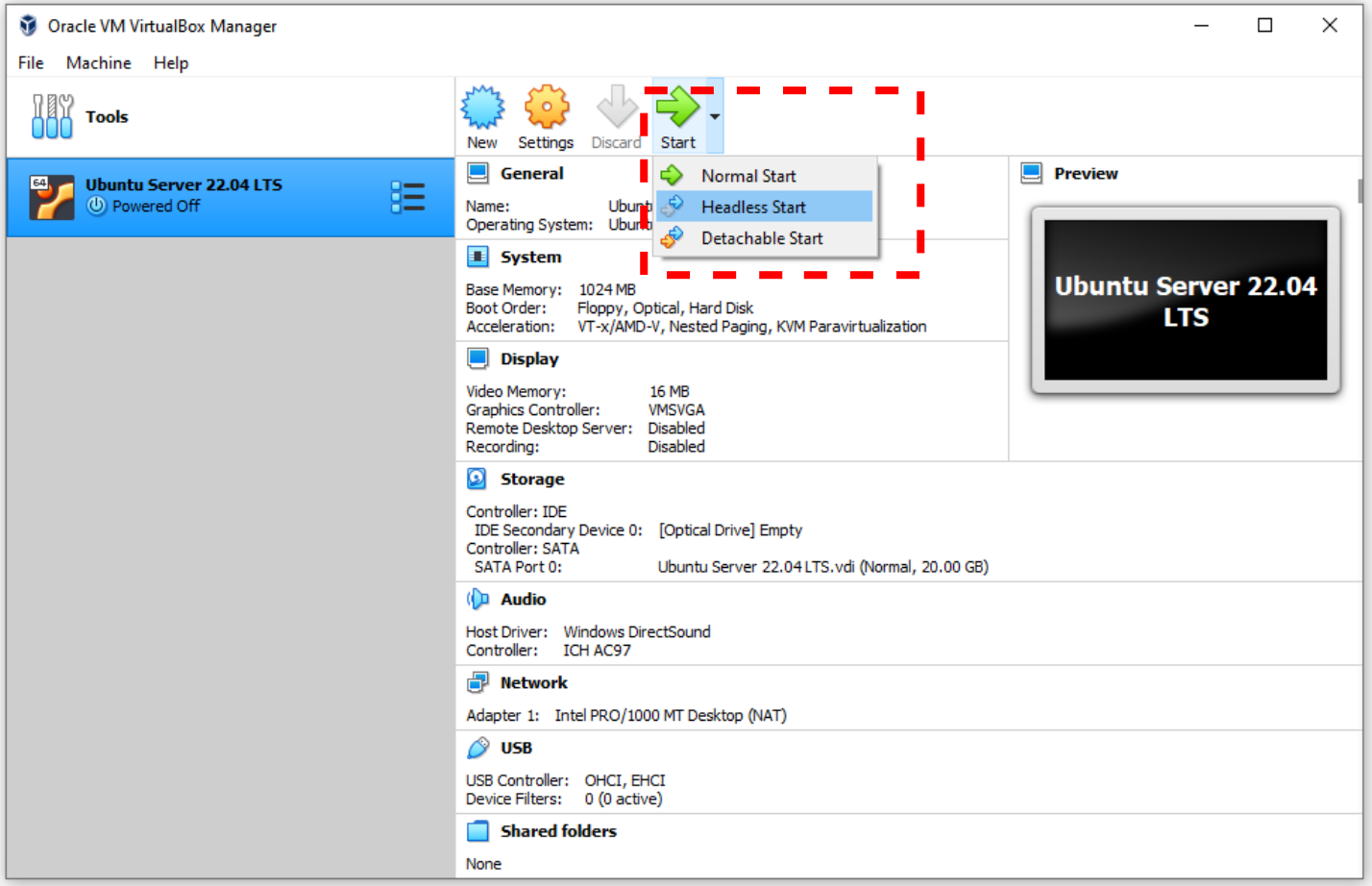



```
$ gtkwave waveform.vcd &
```

Remote Code Development

- Open Oracle VM VirtualBox in Host OS (Windows).
- Run Ubuntu VM in headless mode.
- Enable SSH port forwarding to the Ubuntu VM.
- Install / Open VS Code IDE in Host OS.
- Install VS Code Extension Pack for Remote Development.
- Install C/C++ Extension Pack on the remote VS code server.

Ubuntu VM (Headless)



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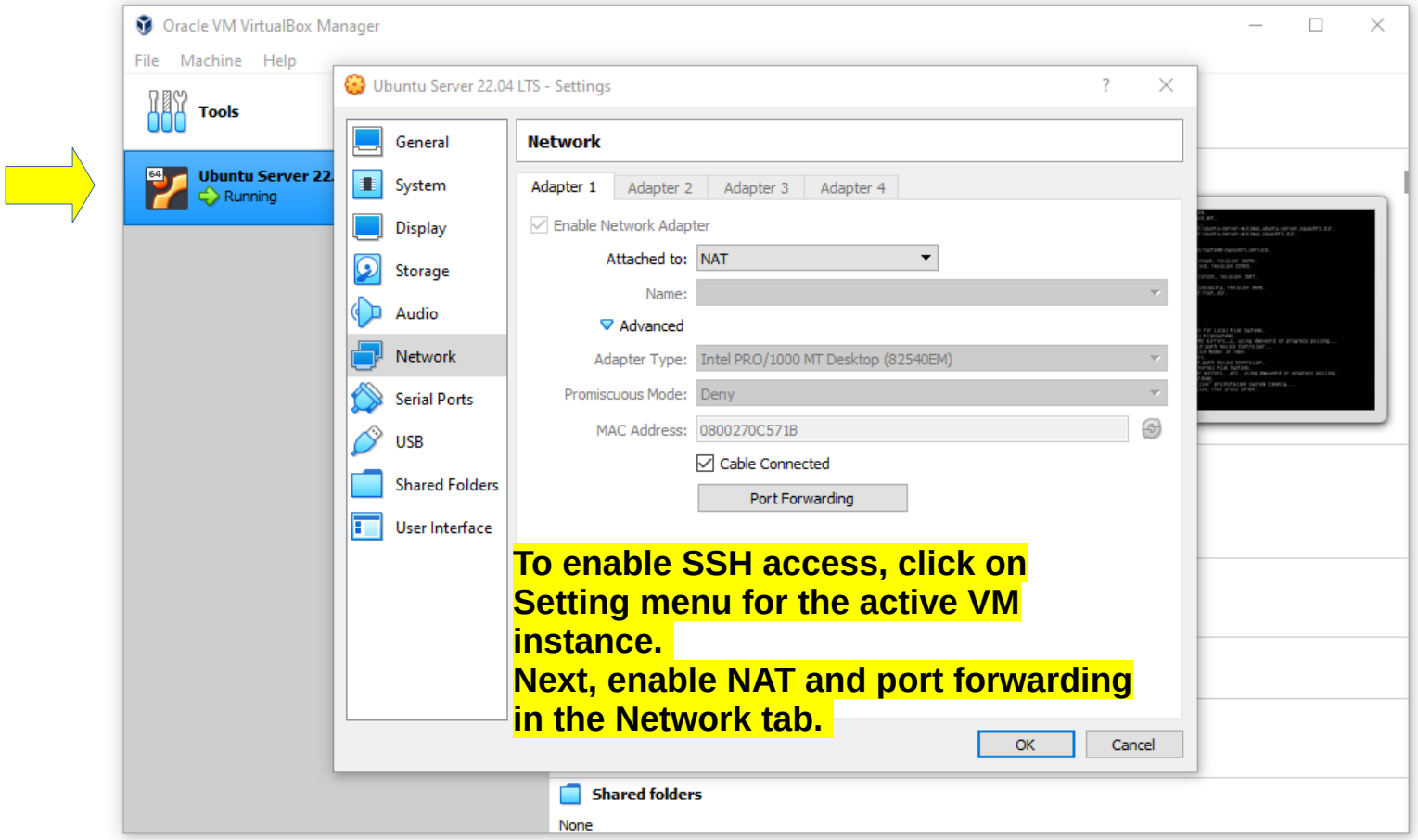

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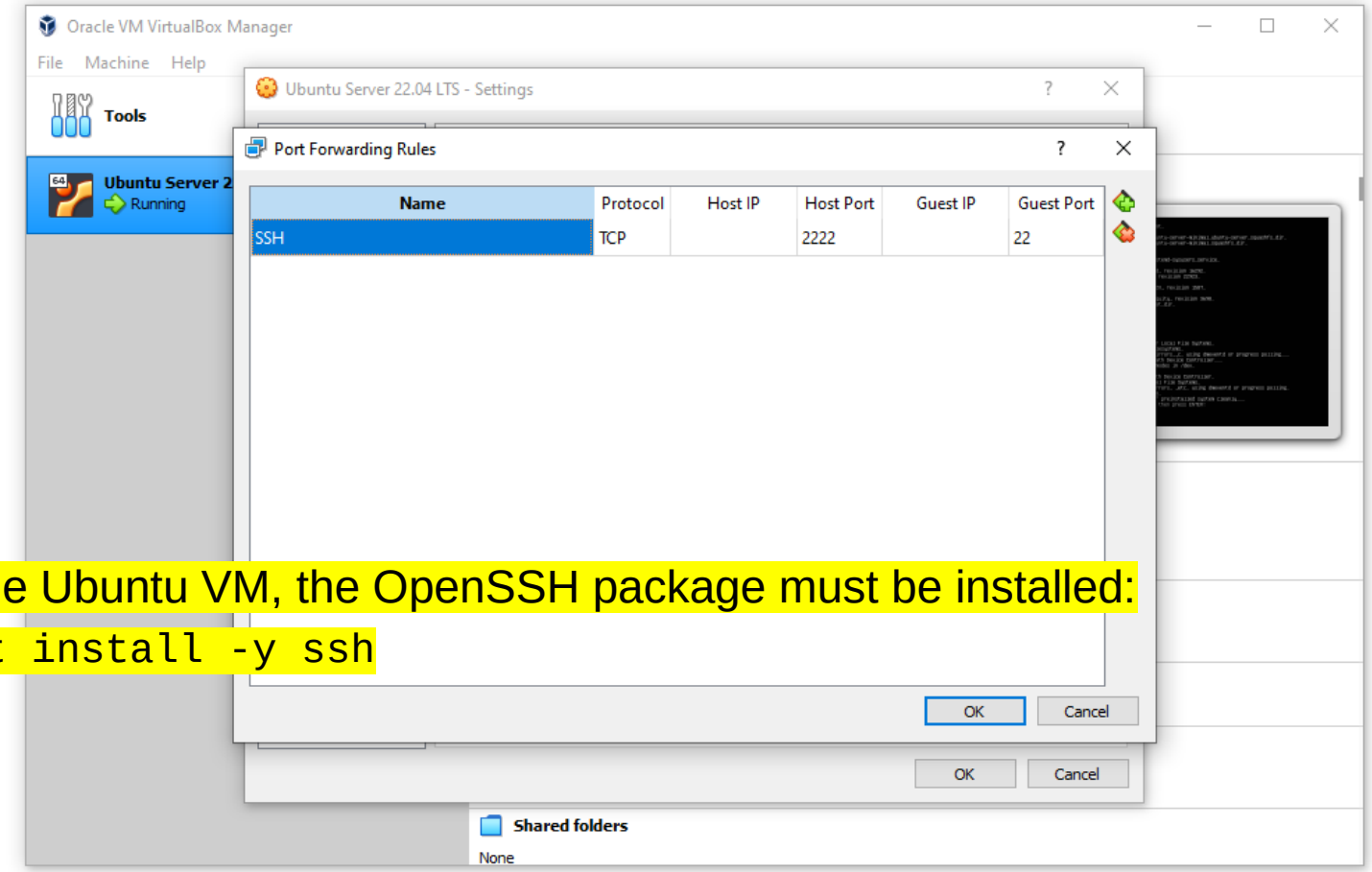
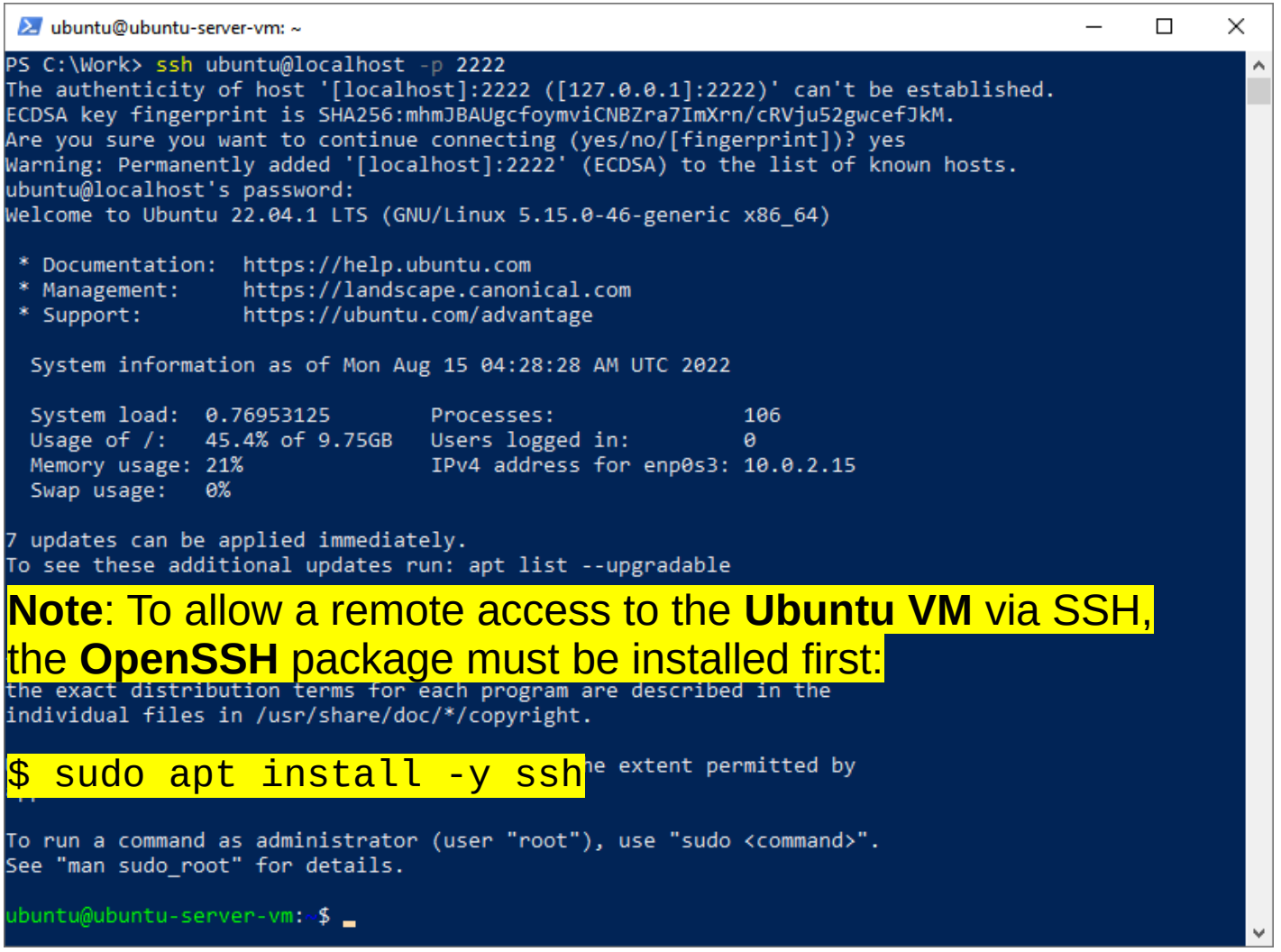


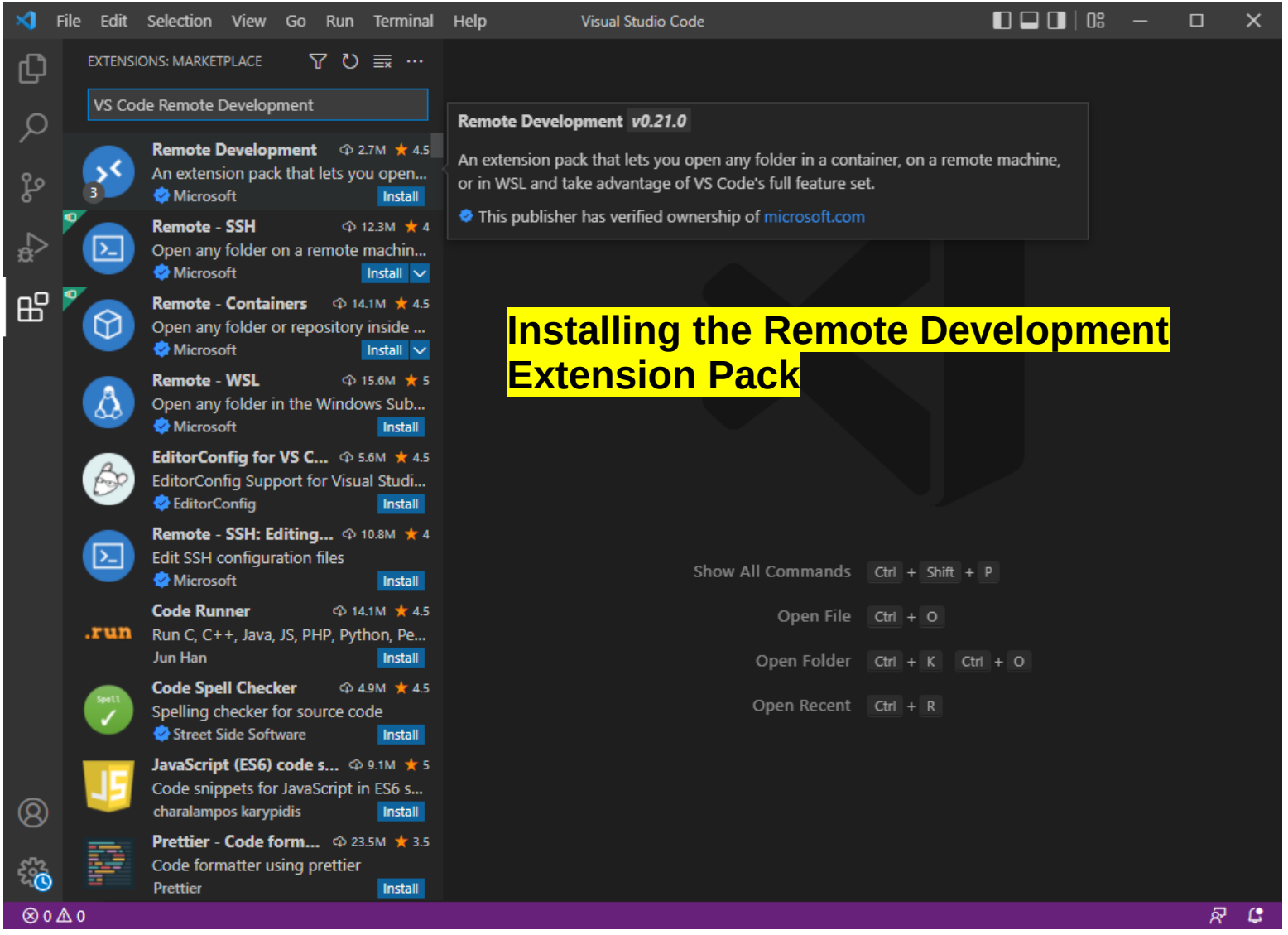
Note: On the Ubuntu VM, the OpenSSH package must be installed:

```
$ sudo apt install -y ssh
```

Try to use Windows PowerShell to access the Ubuntu VM via SSH.



Open VS Code IDE (on Windows)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An extension pack that lets you open any folder in a container, on a remote machine, or in WSL and take advantage of VS Code's full feature set.
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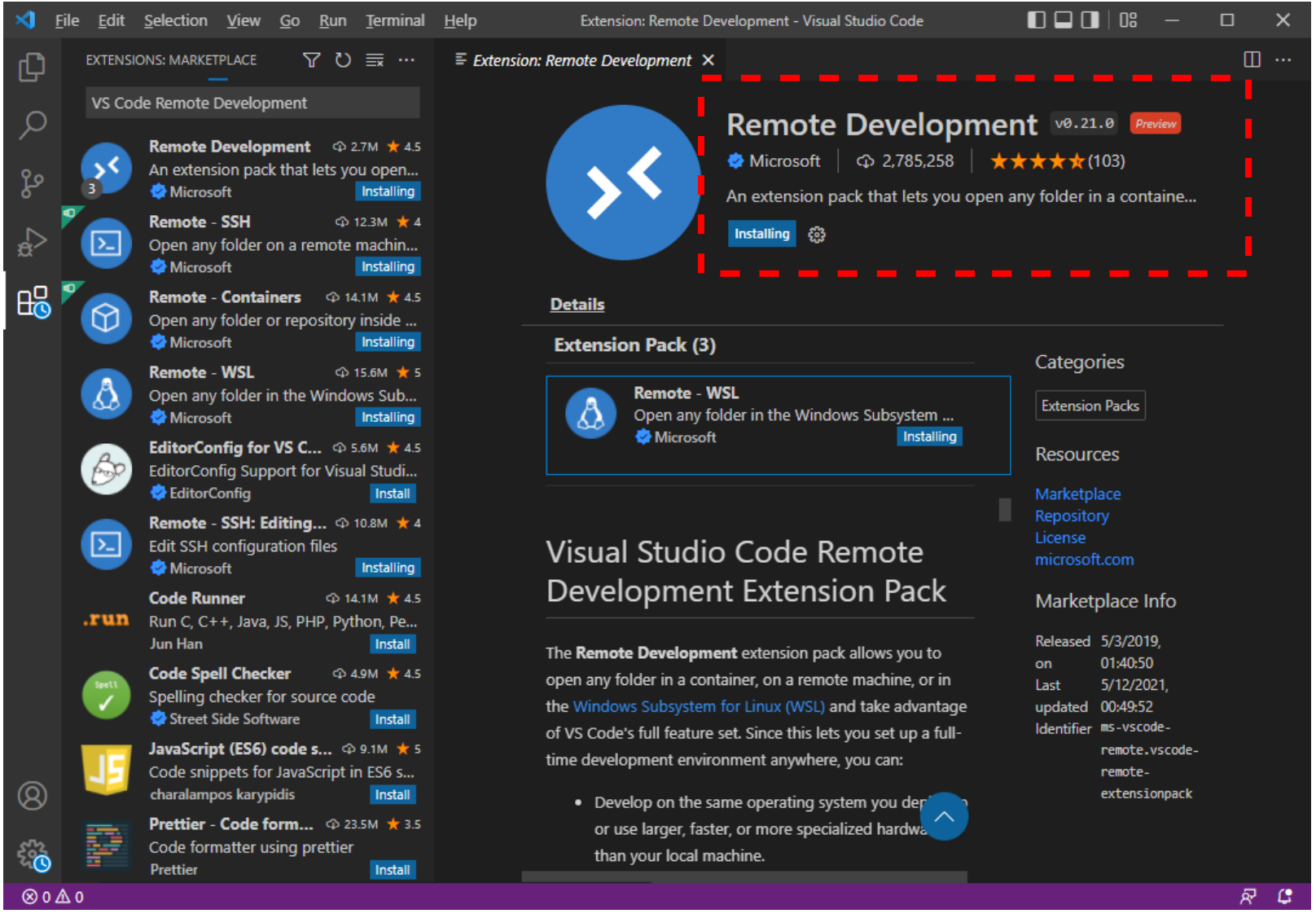
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The Remote Development extension pack allows you to open any folder in a container, on a remote machine, or in the Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) and take advantage of VS Code's full feature set. Since this lets you set up a full-time development environment anywhere, you can:
Develop on the same operating system you de
or use larger, faster, or more specialized hardwa
than your local machine.
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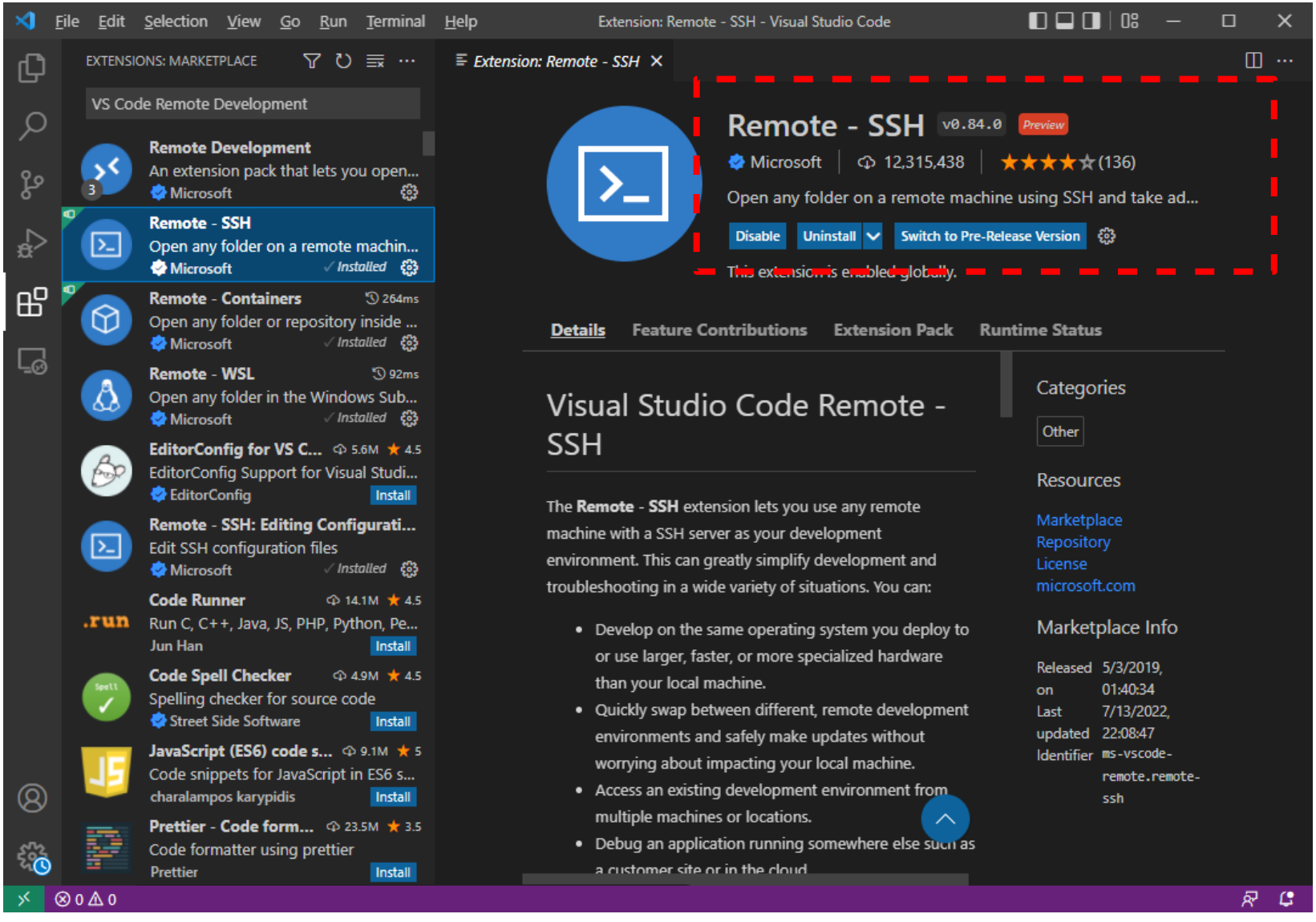
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Extension: Remote - SSH - Visual Studio Code
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3.5
Code formatter using prettier
Prettier
Install
Extension: Remote - SSH
Remote - SSH
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Disable
Uninstall
Switch to Pre-Release Version
This extension is enabled globally.
Details
Feature Contributions
Extension Pack
Runtime Status
Visual Studio Code Remote - SSH
The Remote - SSH extension lets you use any remote machine with a SSH server as your development environment. This can greatly simplify development and troubleshooting in a wide variety of situations. You can:
Develop on the same operating system you deploy to or use larger, faster, or more specialized hardware than your local machine.
Quickly swap between different, remote development environments and safely make updates without worrying about impacting your local machine.
Access an existing development environment from multiple machines or locations.
Debug an application running somewhere else such as a customer site or in the cloud
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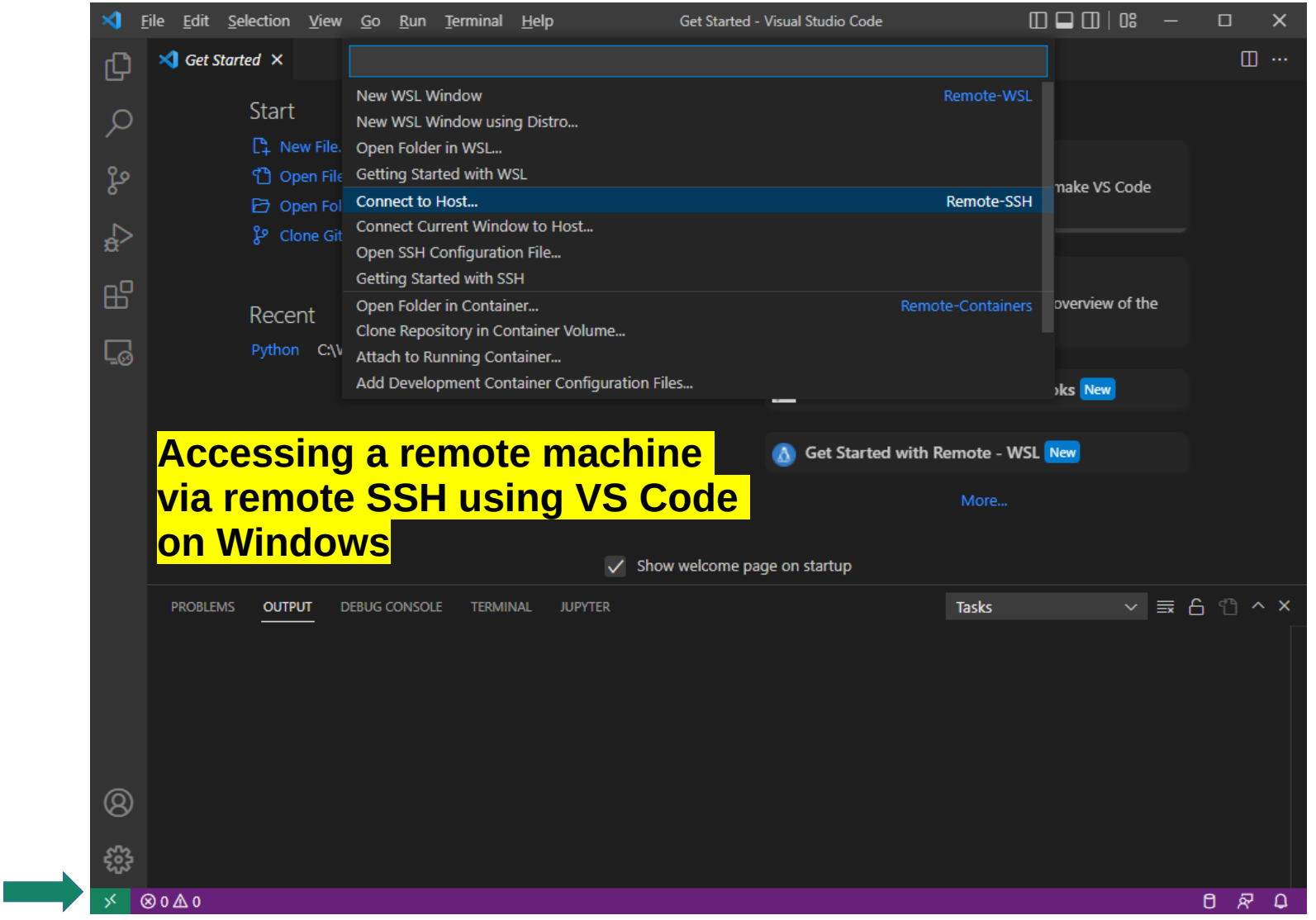
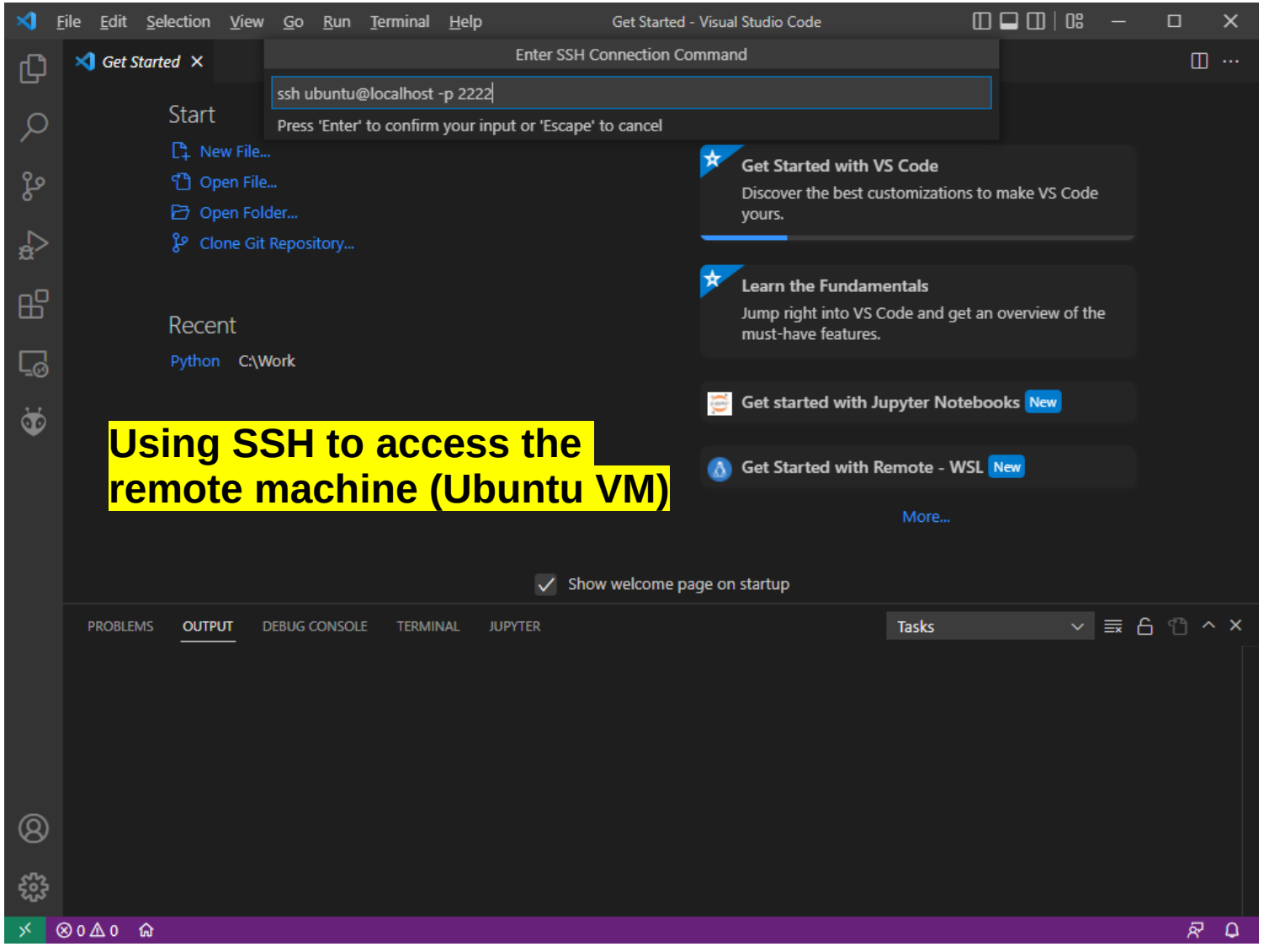


Accessing a remote machine via remote SSH using VS Code on Windows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Get Started - Visual Studio Code
Get Started
Enter SSH Connection Command
ssh ubuntu@localhost -p 2222
Press 'Enter' to confirm your input or 'Escape' to cancel
Start
New File...
Open File...
Open Folder...
Clone Git Repository...
Recent
Python C:\Work
Get Started with VS Code
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Jump right into VS Code and get an overview of the must-have features.
Get started with Jupyter Notebooks New
Get Started with Remote - WSL New
More...
Show welcome page on startup
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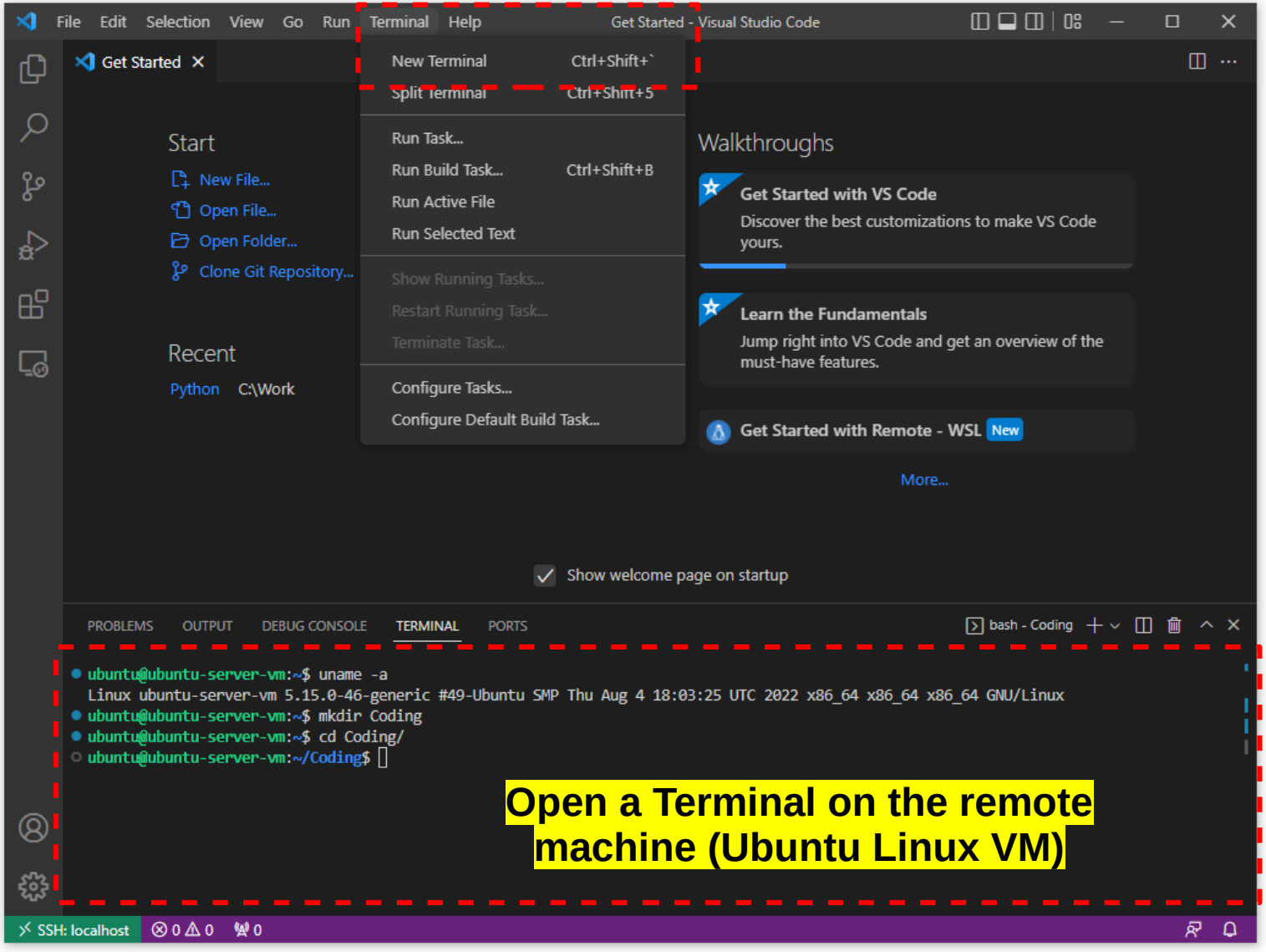
Tasks
Using SSH to access the remote machine (Ubuntu VM)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Run Task...
Run Build Task... Ctrl+Shift+B
Run Active File
Run Selected Text
Show Running Tasks...
Restart Running Task...
Terminate Task...
Configure Tasks...
Configure Default Build Task...
Get Started
Start
New File...
Open File...
Open Folder...
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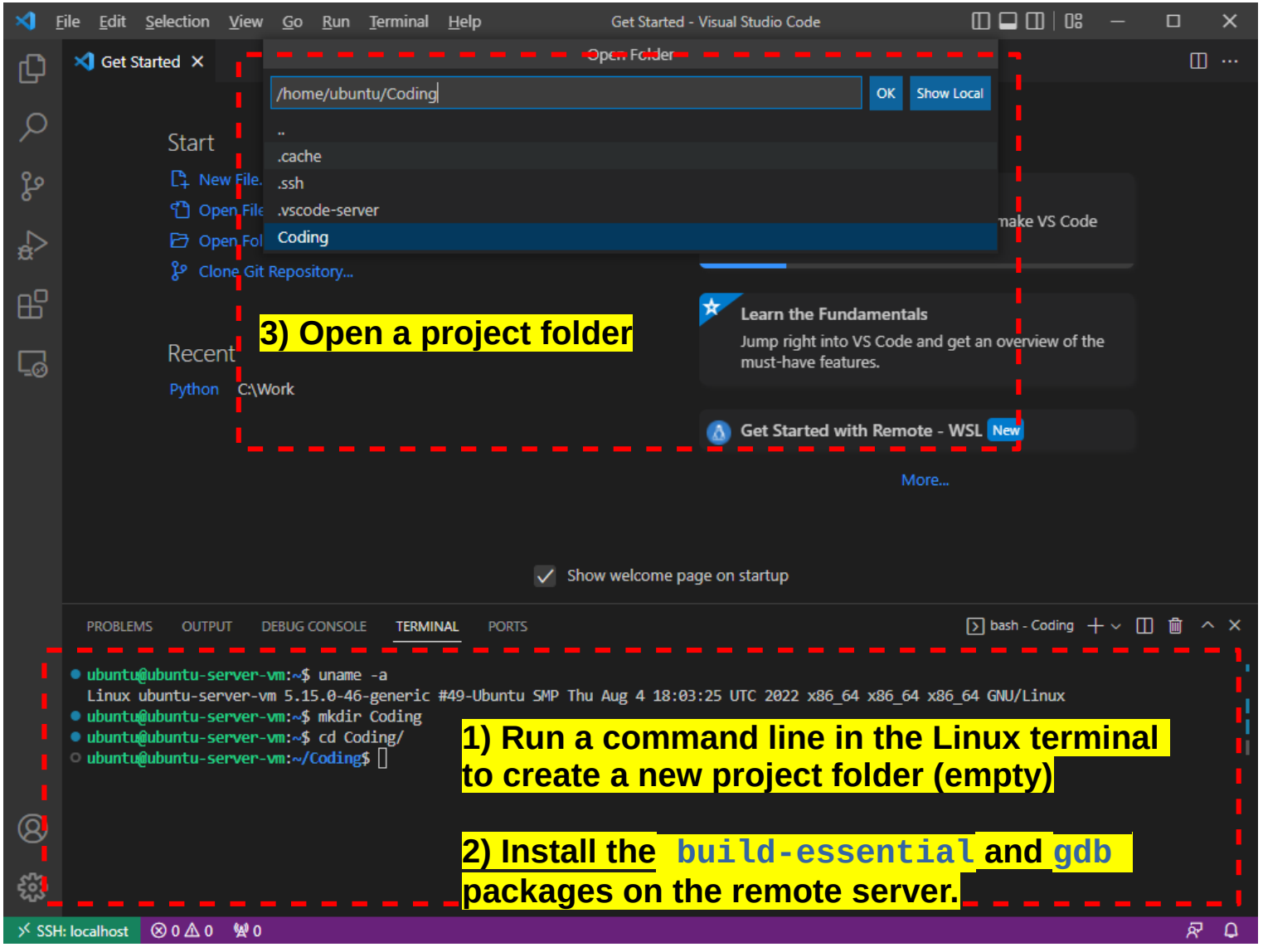
Get Started with Remote - WSL New
More...
Show welcome page on startup
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
bash - Coding
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~$ uname -a
Linux ubuntu-server-vm 5.15.0-46-generic #49-Ubuntu SMP Thu Aug 4 18:03:25 UTC 2022 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~$ mkdir Coding
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~$ cd Coding/
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$
Open a Terminal on the remote machine (Ubuntu Linux VM)
SSH: localhost


File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help
Get Started - Visual Studio Code
Get Started
Open Folder
/home/ubuntu/Coding
OK
Show Local
..
.cache
.ssh
.vscode-server
Coding
Start
New File...
Open File...
Open Folder...
Clone Git Repository...
3) Open a project folder
Recent
Python C:\Work
Learn the Fundamentals
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Get Started with Remote - WSL New
More...
Show welcome page on startup
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
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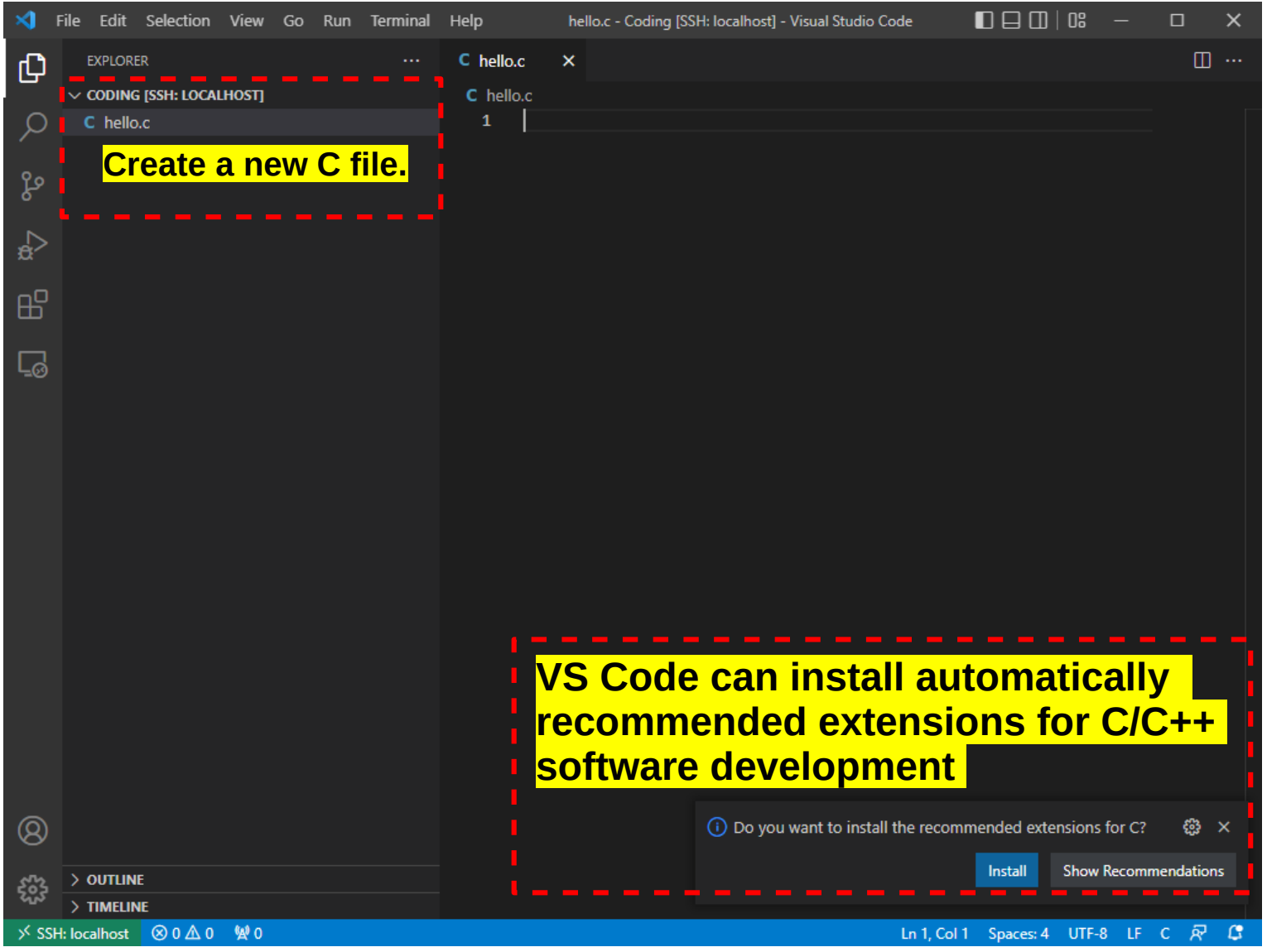
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~$ mkdir Coding
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~$ cd Coding/
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$
1) Run a command line in the Linux terminal to create a new project folder (empty)
2) Install the build-essential and gdb packages on the remote server.
SSH: localhost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hello.c - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Studio Code
EXPLORER
CODING [SSH: LOCALHOST]
hello.c
Create a new C file.
hello.c
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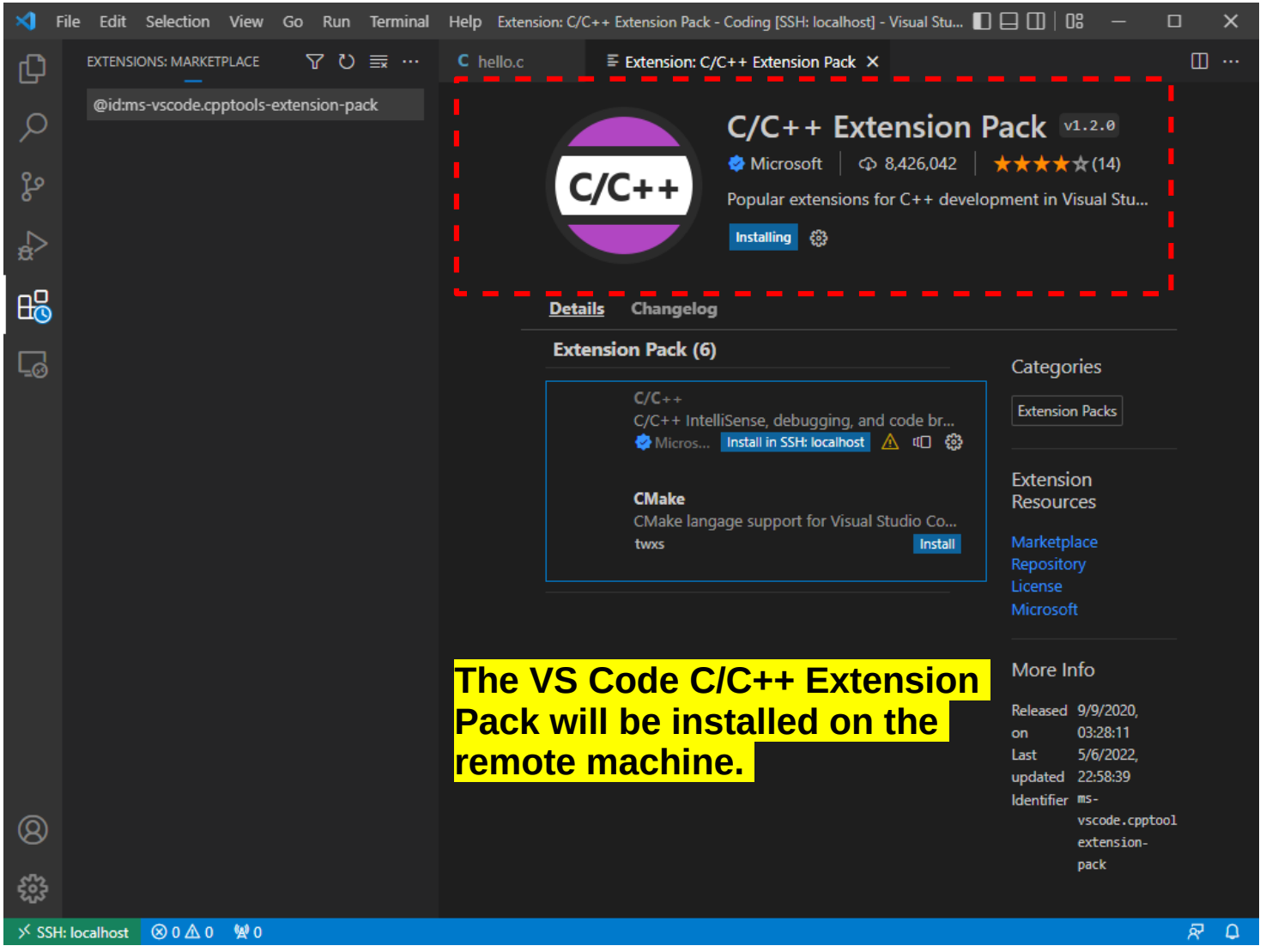
VS Code can install automatically recommended extensions for C/C++ software development
Do you want to install the recommended extensions for C?
Install
Show Recommendations
OUTLINE
TIMELINE
SSH: localhost
Ln 1, Col 1
Spaces: 4
UTF-8
LF
C


File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help Extension: C/C++ Extension Pack - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Stu...
EXTENSIONS: MARKETPLACE
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hello.c
Extension: C/C++ Extension Pack
C/C++ Extension Pack v1.2.0
Microsoft 8,426,042 ★★★★☆(14)
Popular extensions for C++ development in Visual Stu...
Installing
Details Changelog
Extension Pack (6)
C/C++
C/C++ IntelliSense, debugging, and code br...
Micros... Install in SSH: localhost
CMake
CMake langage support for Visual Studio Co...
twxs Install
Categories
Extension Packs
Extension Resources
Marketplace
Repository
License
Microsoft
More Info
Released on 9/9/2020, 03:28:11
Last updated 5/6/2022, 22:58:39
Identifier ms-vscode.cpptool extension-pack
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SSH: localhost
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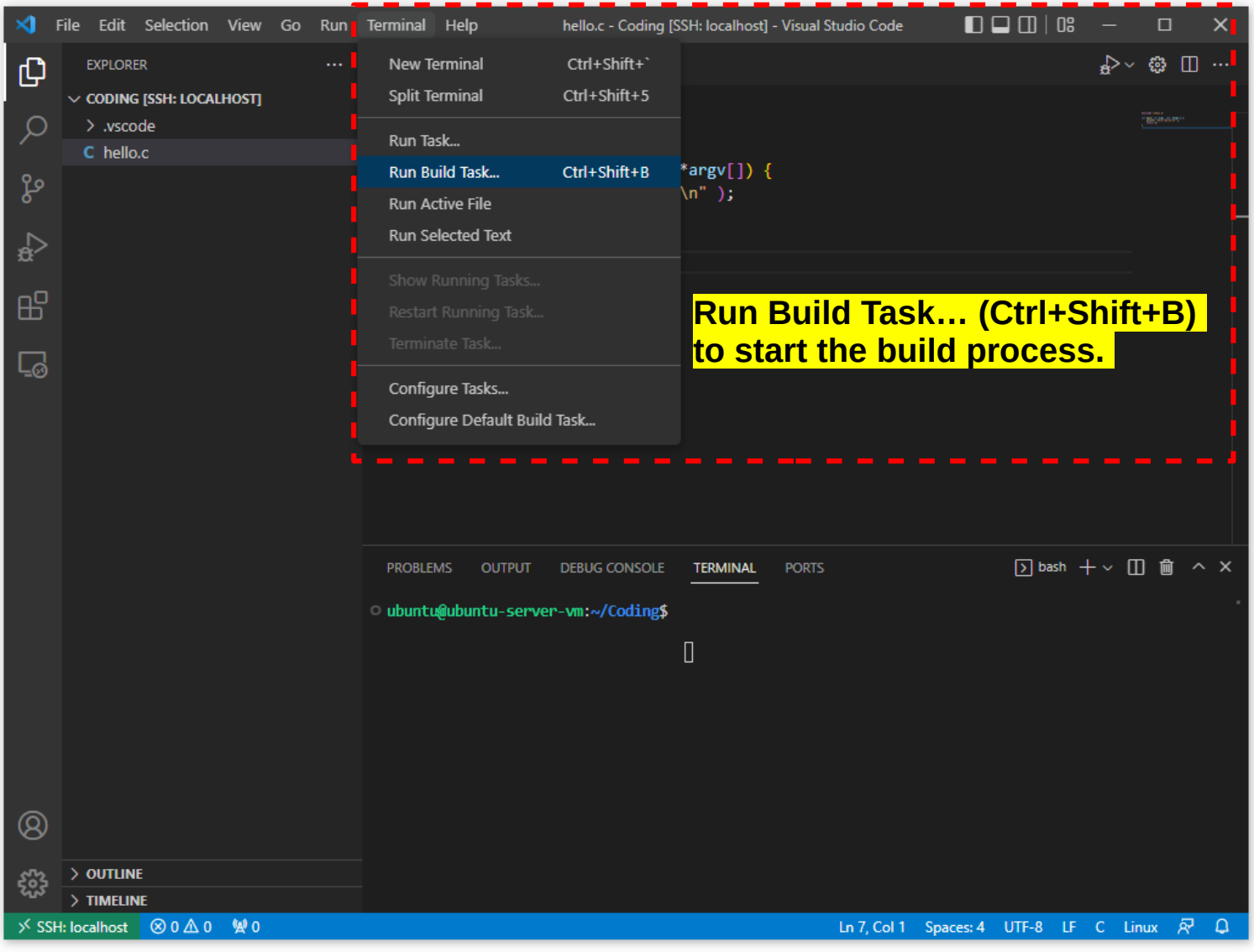
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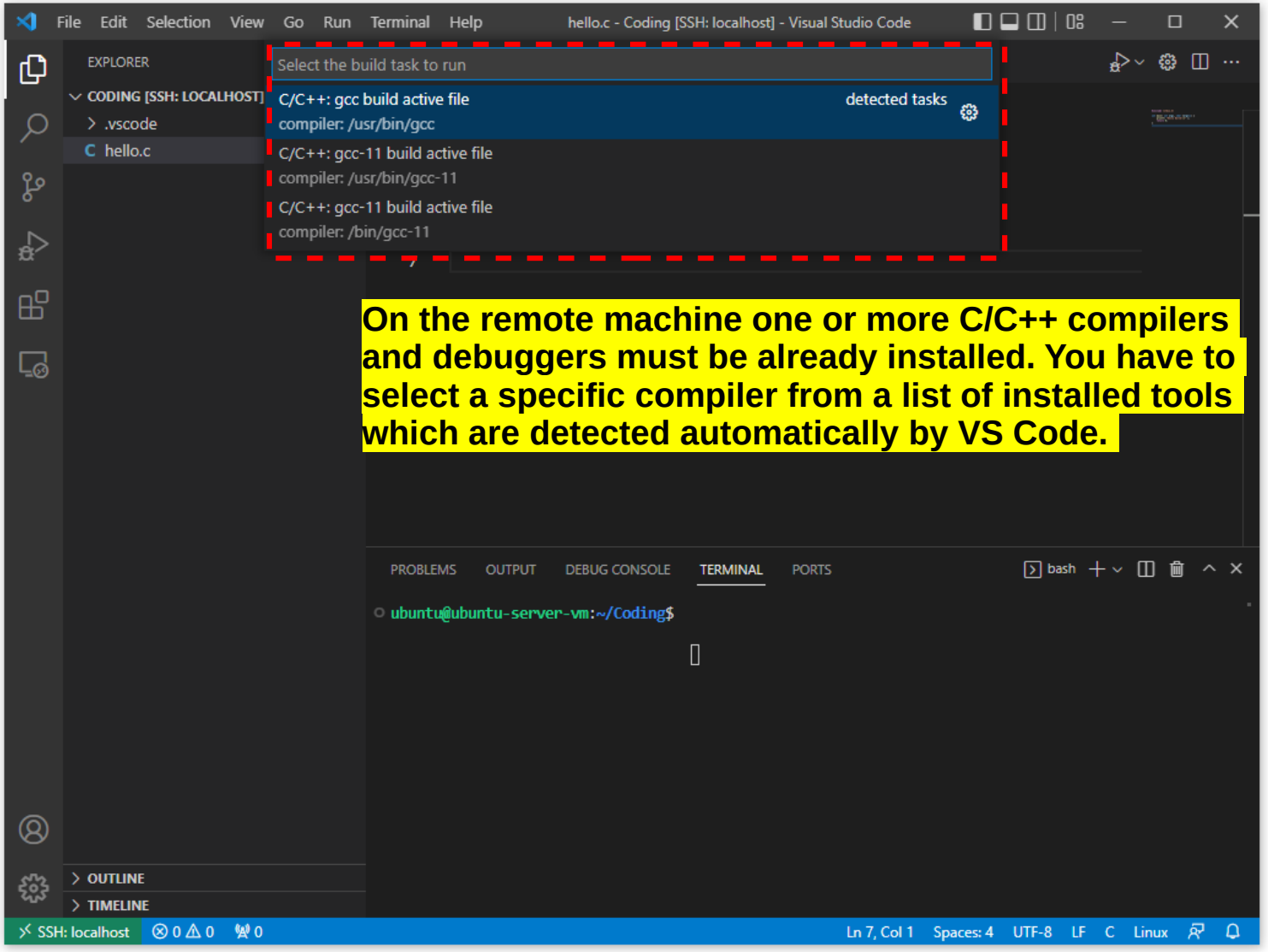
hello.c - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Studio Code
EXPLORER
CODING [SSH: LOCALHOST]
.vscode
hello.c
New Terminal Ctrl+Shift+`
Split Terminal Ctrl+Shift+5
Run Task...
Run Build Task... Ctrl+Shift+B
Run Active File
Run Selected Text
Show Running Tasks...
Restart Running Task...
Terminate Task...
Configure Tasks...
Configure Default Build Task...
*argv[]) {
\n");
Run Build Task... (Ctrl+Shift+B)
to start the build process.
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
bash
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$
OUTLINE
TIMELINE
SSH: localhost
Ln 7, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF C Linux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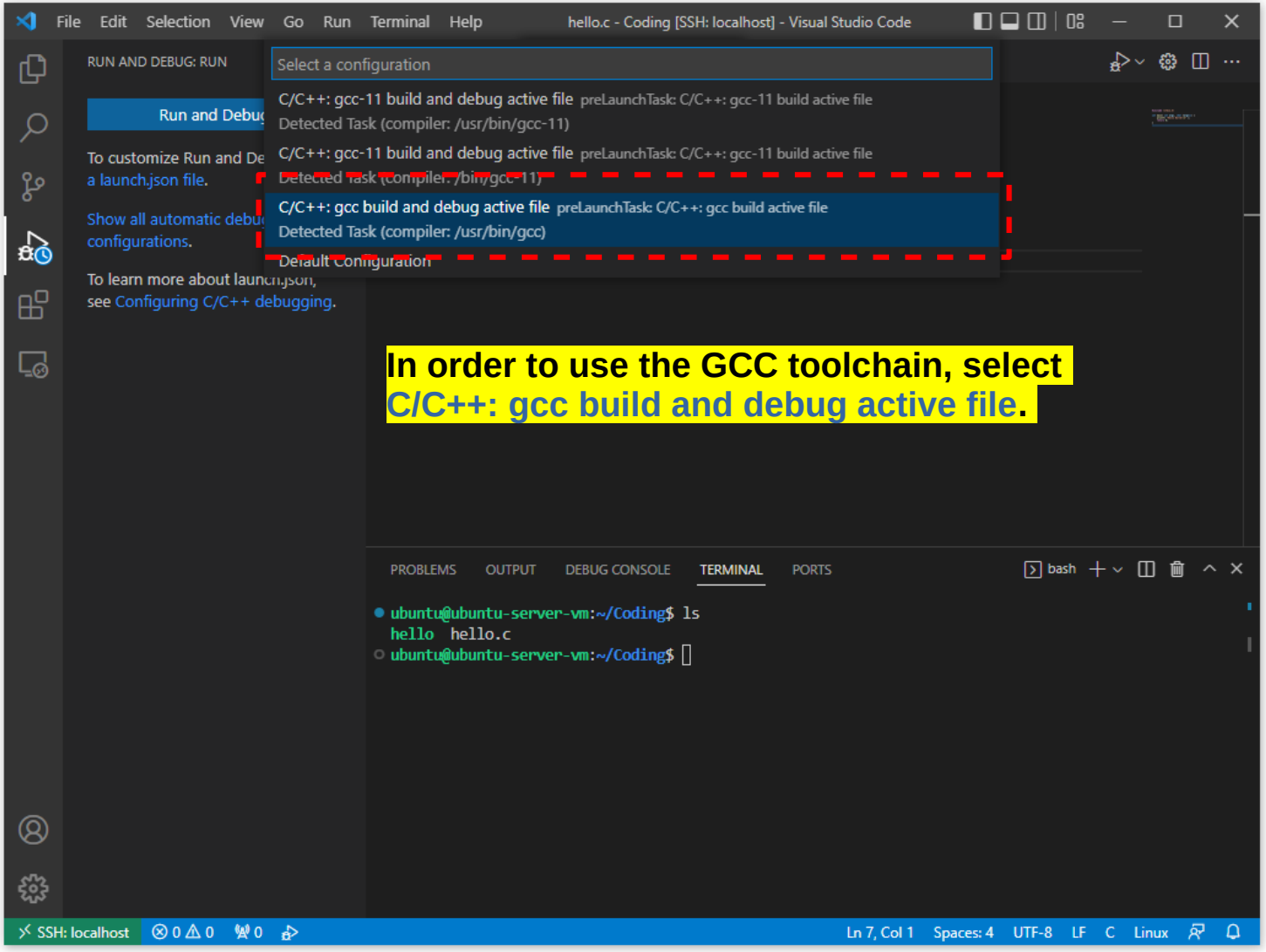
hello.c - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Studio Code
EXPLORER
CODING [SSH: LOCALHOST]
.vscode
hello.c
Select the build task to run
C/C++: gcc build active file
compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
detected tasks
C/C++: gcc-11 build active file
compiler: /usr/bin/gcc-11
C/C++: gcc-11 build active file
compiler: /bin/gcc-11
On the remote machine one or more C/C++ compilers and debuggers must be already installed. You have to select a specific compiler from a list of installed tools which are detected automatically by VS Code.
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
bash
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$
OUTLINE
TIMELINE
SSH: localhost
Ln 7, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF C Linux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hello.c - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Studio Code
RUN AND DEBUG: RUN
Run and Debu
To customize Run and De
a launch.json file.
Show all automatic debu
configurations.
To learn more about launch.json,
see Configuring C/C++ debugging.
Select a configuration
C/C++: gcc-11 build and debug active file preLaunchTask: C/C++: gcc-11 build active file
Detected Task (compiler: /usr/bin/gcc-11)
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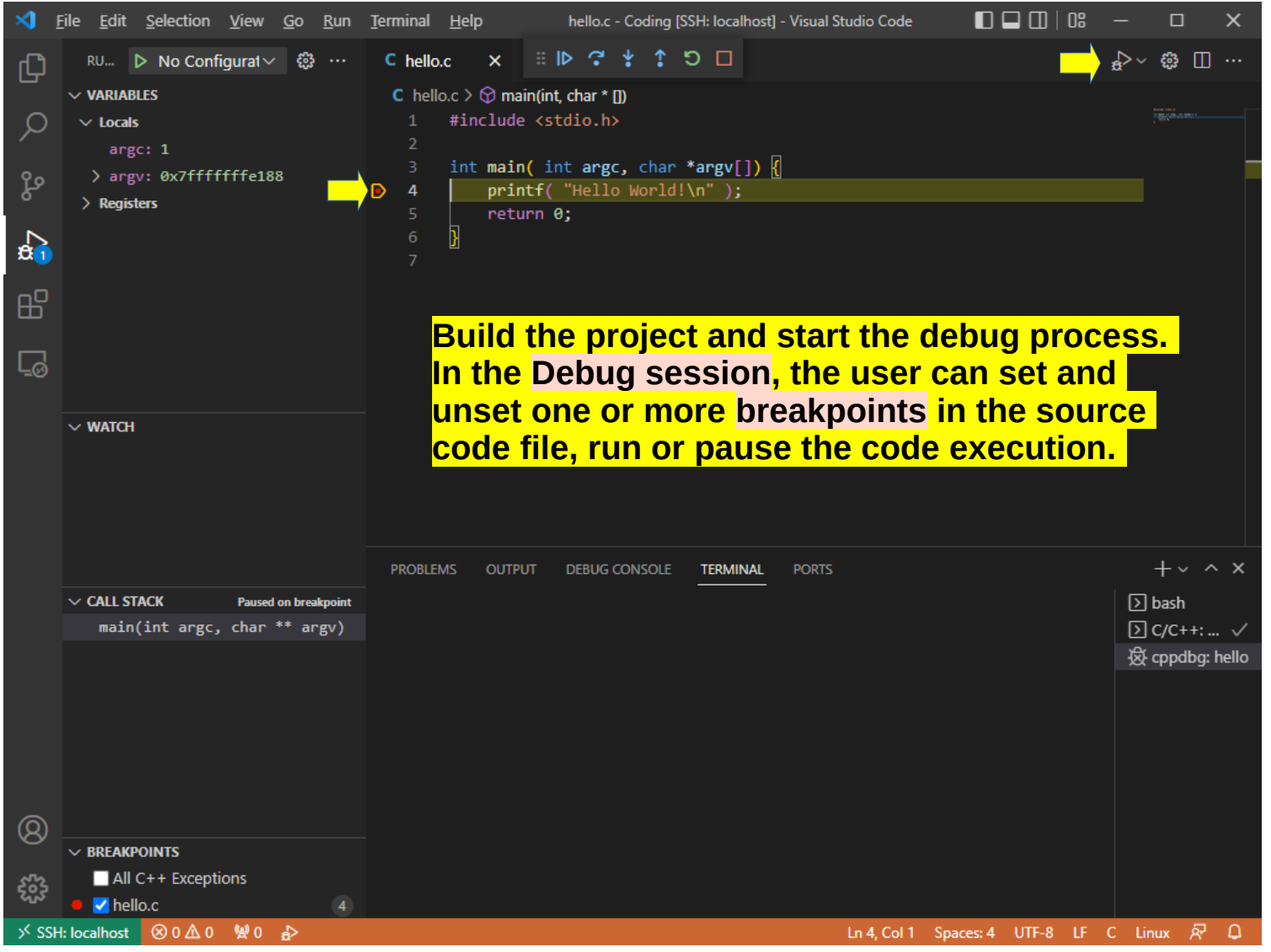
Detected Task (compiler: /bin/gcc-11)
C/C++: gcc build and debug active file preLaunchTask: C/C++: gcc build active file
Detected Task (compiler: /usr/bin/gcc)
Default Configuration
In order to use the GCC toolchain, select
C/C++: gcc build and debug active file.
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
bash
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$ ls
hello hello.c
ubuntu@ubuntu-server-vm:~/Coding$
SSH: localhost
Ln 7, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF C Linux


File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help
hello.c - Coding [SSH: localhost] - Visual Studio Code
No Configurat
hello.c
VARIABLES
Locals
argc: 1
argv: 0x7fffffffe188
Registers
hello.c > main(int, char * [])
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
printf("Hello World!\n");
return 0;
}
WATCH
CALL STACK
Paused on breakpoint
main(int argc, char ** argv)
BREAKPOINTS
All C++ Exceptions
hello.c
PROBLEMS
OUTPUT
DEBUG CONSOLE
TERMINAL
PORTS
bash
C/C++: ...
cppdbg: hello
SSH: localhost
Ln 4, Col 1
Spaces: 4
UTF-8
LF
C
Linux
Build the project and start the debug process.
In the Debug session, the user can set and unset one or more breakpoints in the source code file, run or pause the code execution.

GNU Make

- A **Makefile** consists of a set of **rules** in a file called **Makefile**.
  - Each **rule** starting with its name and a colon symbol (**:**) specifies one or more **targets** (i.e., file names) in the same line.
  - Each **rule** may have some prerequisites (also called **dependencies**), which are also file names, separated by spaces, and need to exist before the **commands** for the target are run.
  - Commands represent a series of steps typically used to make the target(s).
  - Note that each command per line starts with a **Tab** character, not spaces.
  - A line **comment** is a text that follows a **sharp** symbol (#).

Note that there are a number of popular **C/C++ build systems** such as **GNU Make**, **Ninja** and **CMake**.

File: Makefile

```
# use the GCC C compiler
CC=gcc
# enable compilation warning and turn on debug info
CFLAGS=-std=gnu99 -Wall -g3

all: main
    @echo "done..."
main: main.o
    @echo "Link the object file."
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) main.o -o main
main.o: main.c
    @echo "Compile the main.c file."
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c main.c
clean:
    @echo "Remove the object file and the binary file."
    rm -f main.o main
```

```
$ make --version | head -n2
GNU Make 4.3
Built for x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
$ make clean all -f Makefile
```

GNU Make

- The `make` command updates a target if it depends on the prerequisite files that have been modified since the target was last modified, or if the target does not exist.
- If make is executed without parameters it updates the first target listed in the `Makefile`.
- The @ symbol can be used to suppress echoing a command line to the standard output.
- Like a bash script, variables can be used in the `Makefile`.
  - Variables can be defined by using the = operator.
  - Variables can be accessed by using the @ symbol followed by the variable name enclosed with parentheses (…) or curly brackets {...}.

GNU Makefile

- There are some **Automatic Variables** such as:
  - $@ the target filename without the file extension.
  - $< the first prerequisite filename.
  - $^ the filenames of all the prerequisites, separated by spaces, discard duplicates.
  - $? the names of all prerequisites that are newer than the target, separated by spaces.

File: `Makefile` (revised)

```
# use the GCC C compiler
CC=gcc
# enable compilation warning and turn on debug info
CFLAGS=-std=gnu99 -Wall -g3
# define Phony targets (which are not file names)
.PHONY: all clean
all: main
    @echo "done..."
main: main.o
    @echo "Link the object file."
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) $^ -o $@
main.o: main.c
    @echo "Compile the $< file."
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
clean:
    @echo "Remove the object file and the binary file."
    rm -f *.o main
```

Estimation of Pi

- Demo: Estimating the value of Pi using Monte Carlo simulation method.
  - The idea is to generate a large number of uniformly distributed random points in a 2D plane with domain as a 1×1 square.
  - Then, the estimated value of Pi is defined as the ratio of number points that lied inside the circle and total number of generated points, multiplied by 4.
  - Note that the ratio of these two areas is pi/4.

Estimation of Pi

File: `estimate_pi.c`

```
#include "estimate_pi.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdint.h>

double estimate_pi( uint64_t num_iters ) {
  double x,y;
  uint64_t count = 0;
  for( uint64_t i=0; i < num_iters; i++ ) {
    x = ((double)rand()) / RAND_MAX;
    y = ((double)rand()) / RAND_MAX;
    if (x*x + y*y <= 1.0) {
        count++; // increment the counter
    }
  }
  return (4.0*count)/num_iters;
}
```

File: `estimate_pi.h`

```
#ifndef __ESTIAMTE_PI_H
#define __ESTIMATE_PI_H

#include <stdint.h>

double estimate_pi(
         uint64_t num_iters );

#endif
```

Estimation of Pi

File: `main.c`

```
#include <stdio.h>         // for printf()
#include <time.h>          // for time()
#include <stdlib.h>        // for srand()
#include <stdint.h>        // for uint64_t
#include "estimate_pi.h"   // for estimate_pi()

int main( int argc, char *argv[] ) {
  // initialize the pseudo-random number generator
  srand( time(NULL) );
  uint64_t n = 1000000L;
  for ( int i=0; i < 10; i++ ) {
     printf( "%2d) Estimation of Pi = %lf\n",
             (i+1), estimate_pi(n) );
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Estimation of Pi

```
$ gcc ./estimate_pi.c main.c -Wall -I./ -o estimate_pi
$ ./estimate_pi
 1) Estimation of Pi = 3.141948
 2) Estimation of Pi = 3.141832
 3) Estimation of Pi = 3.141008
 4) Estimation of Pi = 3.139972
 5) Estimation of Pi = 3.139968
 6) Estimation of Pi = 3.143260
 7) Estimation of Pi = 3.142628
 8) Estimation of Pi = 3.141756
 9) Estimation of Pi = 3.140880
10) Estimation of Pi = 3.141488
```

Makefile for Multiple Source Files

```
# use the GCC C compiler
CC=gcc
# enable compilation warning and turn on debug info
CFLAGS +=-std=gnu99 \
    -Wall -Og -g3
# define object files
OBJ_FILES = main.o estimate_pi.o
# define Phony targets
.PHONY: all clean
all: main
    @echo "done..."
main: $(OBJ_FILES)
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) $^ -o $@
%.o: %.c # use pattern rules
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
clean:
    rm -f *.o main
```

Questions

Q1) Why do we need to include the C header file in the following code?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char **argv ) {
  unsigned int n=0;
  printf( "Please enter a positive number: " );
  scanf( "%u", &n );
  if ( n > 10 ) { n = 10; }
  for ( int i=1; i <= n; i++ ) {
    printf( "%d) Hello world!\n", i );
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q2) Explain the difference between the following three code snippets.
Are they syntactically correct code in the C programming language?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  printf( "Hello world!\n" );
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
  printf( "Hello world!\n" );
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void main(void) {
  printf( "Hello world!\n" );
}
```

Questions

Q3) Rewrite the for loop statement in the following C code using a while loop statement.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(void) {
  srand( time(NULL) );
  int n = 1 + rand() % 10;
  printf( "n = %d\n", n );
  for (int i=n; i >= 0; i--) {
    printf( "Count down %d\n", i );
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q4) What is wrong with the C code given below? Debug this code with breakpoints.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef unsigned char byte;

int main(void) {
  srand( time(NULL) );
  byte n = 1 + rand() % 10;
  printf( "n = %d\n", n );
  for ( byte i=n; i >= 0; i-- ) {
    printf( "Count down %d\n", i );
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q5) Rewrite the nested if-else statement in the following C code using a switch statement.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[] ) {
  if ( argc != 2 ) {
     printf( "Please specify an integer!\n" );
     return -1;
  }
  int n = atoi( argv[1] );
  char *str;
  if ( n==0 ) { str = "Zero"; }
  else if ( n==1 || n==-1 ) { str = "Plus or minus one"; }
  else {  str = "Others"; }
  printf( "%s\n", str );
  return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q6) Modify the `main()` function so that it produces a hex string of random data of n bytes.

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int get_random_data( int *rng ) {
  int fd = open( "/dev/random",
                 O_RDONLY );
  if (fd) {
    read( fd, rng, sizeof(int) );
    close( fd );
    return 0; // ok
  }
  return -1; // error
}
```

```
int main( void ) {
   int x;
   if ( !get_random_data( &x ) ) {
     printf( "0x%08x (%d)\n",x,x );
   } else {
     printf( "error!!!\n" );
   }
   return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q7) Consider the C code given below. Explain what happens when executing this code.

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int get_random_data( size_t n, int *buf )
{
  FILE *fd = fopen("/dev/urandom","rb");
  if ( fd ) {
    for ( size_t i=0; i < n; i++ ) {
      fread( &buf[i],sizeof(int),1,fd );
    }
    fclose( fd );
    return 0;
  }
  return -1;
}
```

```c
int main( void ) {
  int data[8];
  size_t n = sizeof(data)/sizeof(int);
  if ( !get_random_data(n, data) ) {
    for ( int i=0; i < n; i++ ) {
      printf( "%02X", data[i] );
    }
    printf("\n");
  } else {
    printf( "error!!!\n" );
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Questions

Q8) Write a C program that is functionally equivalent to the Python script given below:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

# convert an integer to a hex string
def to_hex( value ):
    HEX_DIGITS = '0123456789abcdef'
    s = ''
    if (value < 0):
        value += (1 << 32)  # note for a 32-bit value
    while True:
        d = HEX_DIGITS[ value & 0xf ]
        s = d + s
        value >>= 4
        if value == 0:
            break
    s = '0x' + s
    return s
```

Code continues on the next page..

Questions

Code continues on the previous page..

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    import sys
    if  len(sys.argv) > 1:
        for s in sys.argv[1:]:
            try:
                if s.lower().startswith('0x'):
                    x = int(s,16)
                elif s.lower().startswith('0b'):
                    x = int(s,2)
                else:
                    x = int(s)
            except ValueError:
                print( 'Value error' )
                continue
            print( s, to_hex(x) )
    else:
        print( 'Please specify an integer number.' )
```