

Vibe Coding

The gap between your idea and working code just collapsed

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“VIBE CODING” — WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

- The term was first coined by Andrej Karpathy in a February 2025 social media post:
 - Andrej Karpathy - AI researcher, OpenAI co-founder, former Tesla AI Director
 - <https://karpathy.ai/>
- It went viral almost overnight, signaling a new shift in how we code
 - A shift comparable to:
 - Assembly → Python / Java
- *From writing code → expressing intent*

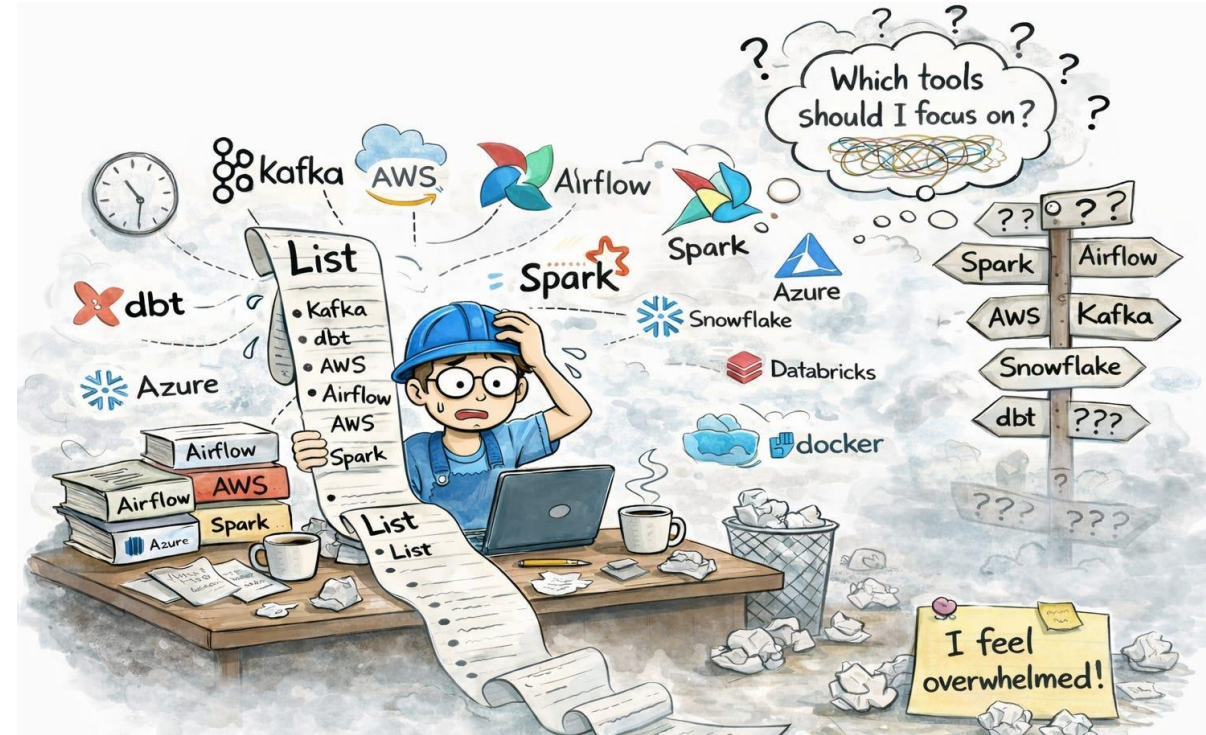


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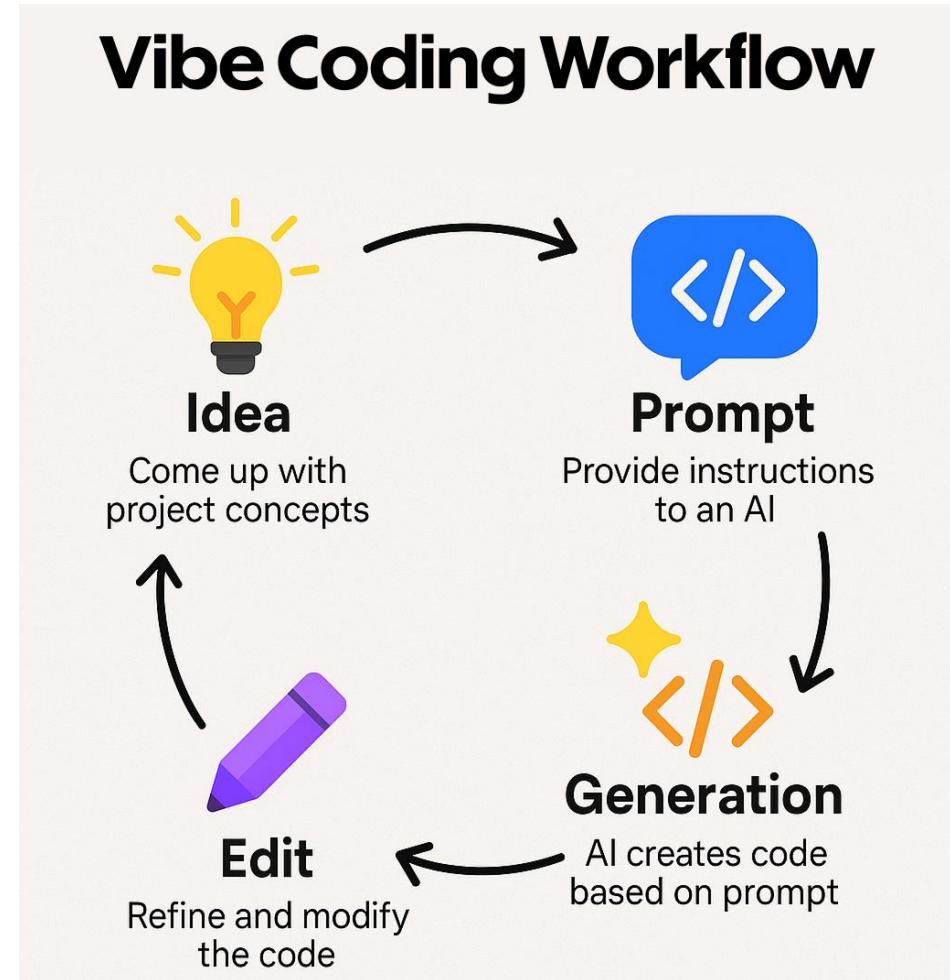
TRADITIONAL CODING (OLD WAY)

- You have a great idea → but first:
 - decide on framework
 - learn:
 - new languages
 - new tools etc.
 - fight syntax and debugging
- The idea waits...
 - while tooling slows you down.



VIBE CODING (NEW WAY)

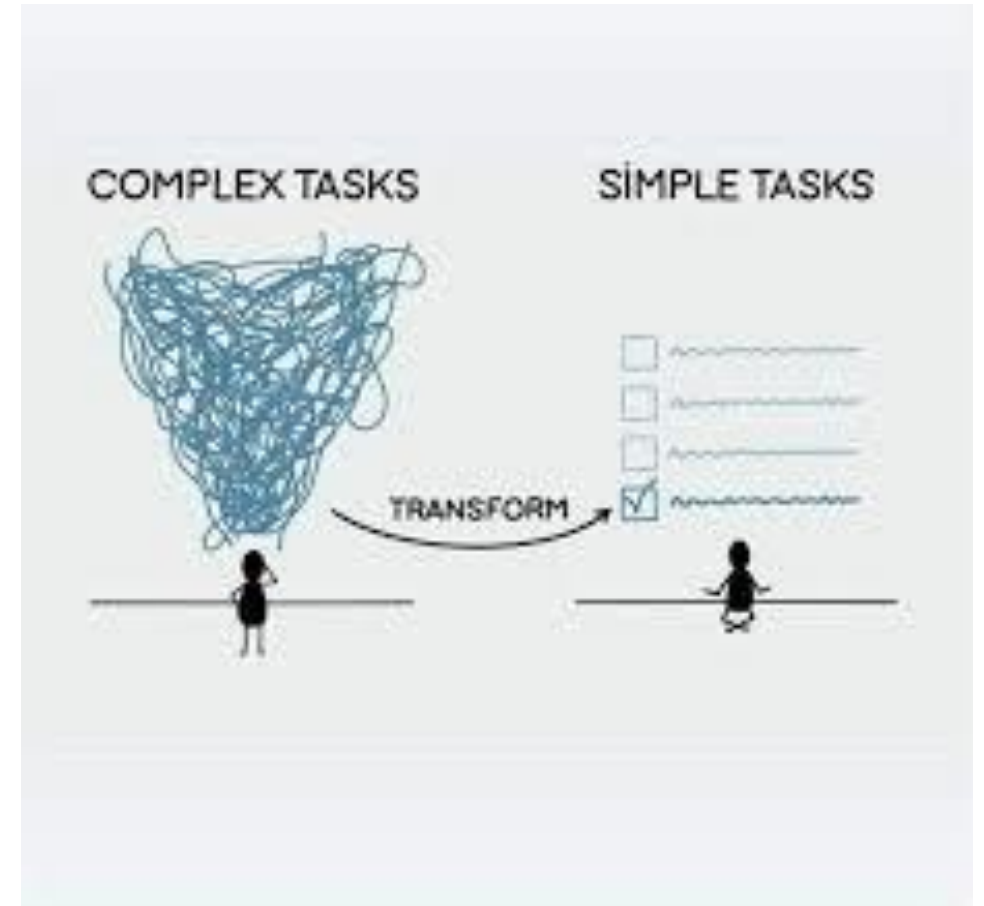
- Just need one skill:
 - Clearly explaining what you want to AI
- Ideas go straight from mind → execution
- Languages & tools fade into the background
- Focus shifts from *how to code* → *what to build*



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WHY PHYSICISTS WIN HERE

- Physicists already think in the language AI understands:
 - Break complex systems into simple parts
 - Define relationships precisely
 - Work from models, not syntax
- That's essentially prompt engineering.
- Your mental models map directly to AI systems.



Good Physicist = Great AI Collaborator

SO THE CONCLUSION IS..

- Vibe coding removes engineering friction.
- You focus on intent, not implementation.
- ***Less coding. More thinking.***
- Which is exactly why this is so powerful for physicists.
- *Let's look at what they've already built with it.*



WHEN PHYSICISTS VIBE

Accelerator physics collision simulator

- Simulates electron–positron beam collisions in a particle accelerator.
 - Beam offset interactions
 - Focusing forces
 - Instability behavior
- *Why tiny misalignments can destabilize entire collisions*

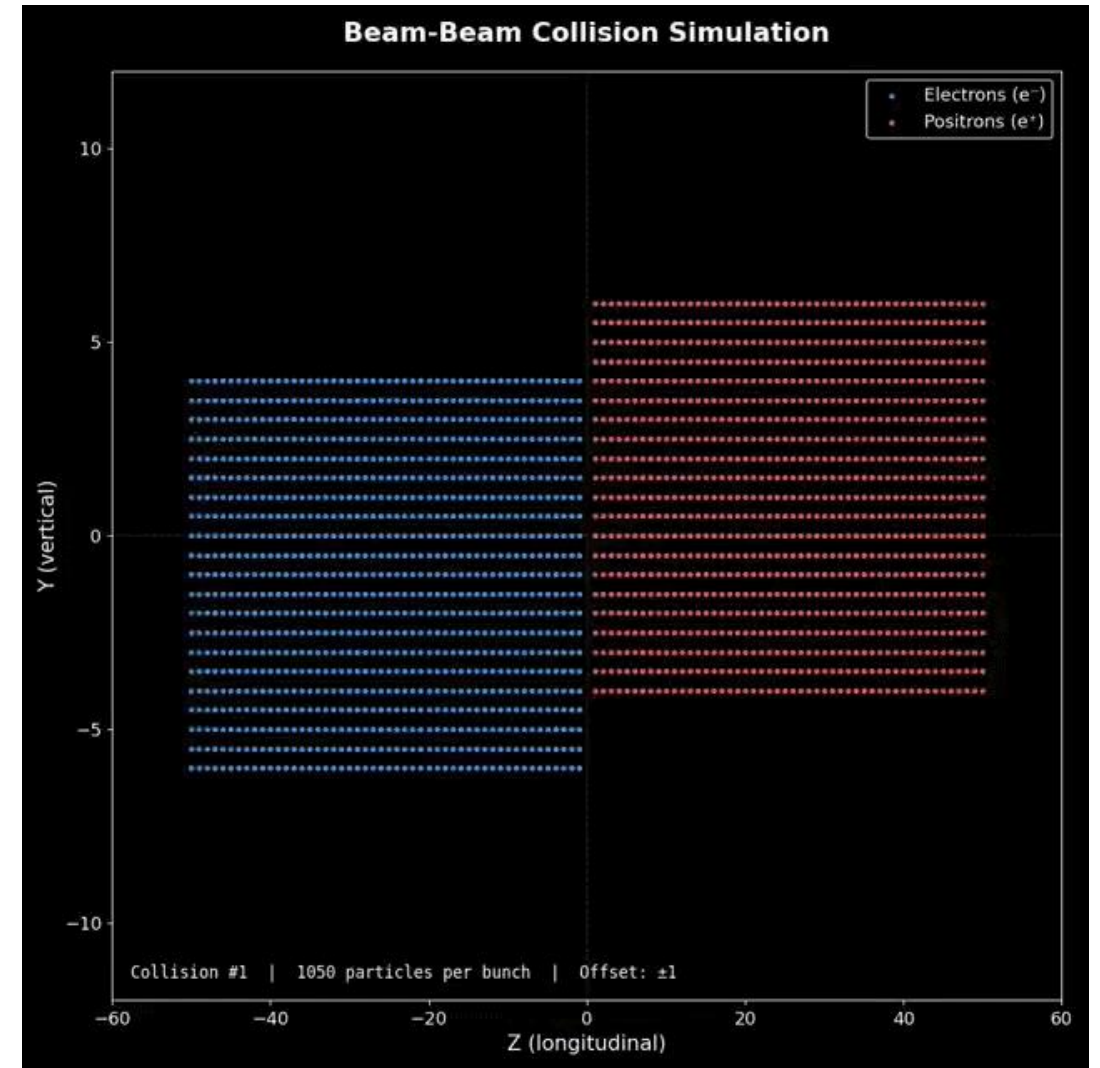
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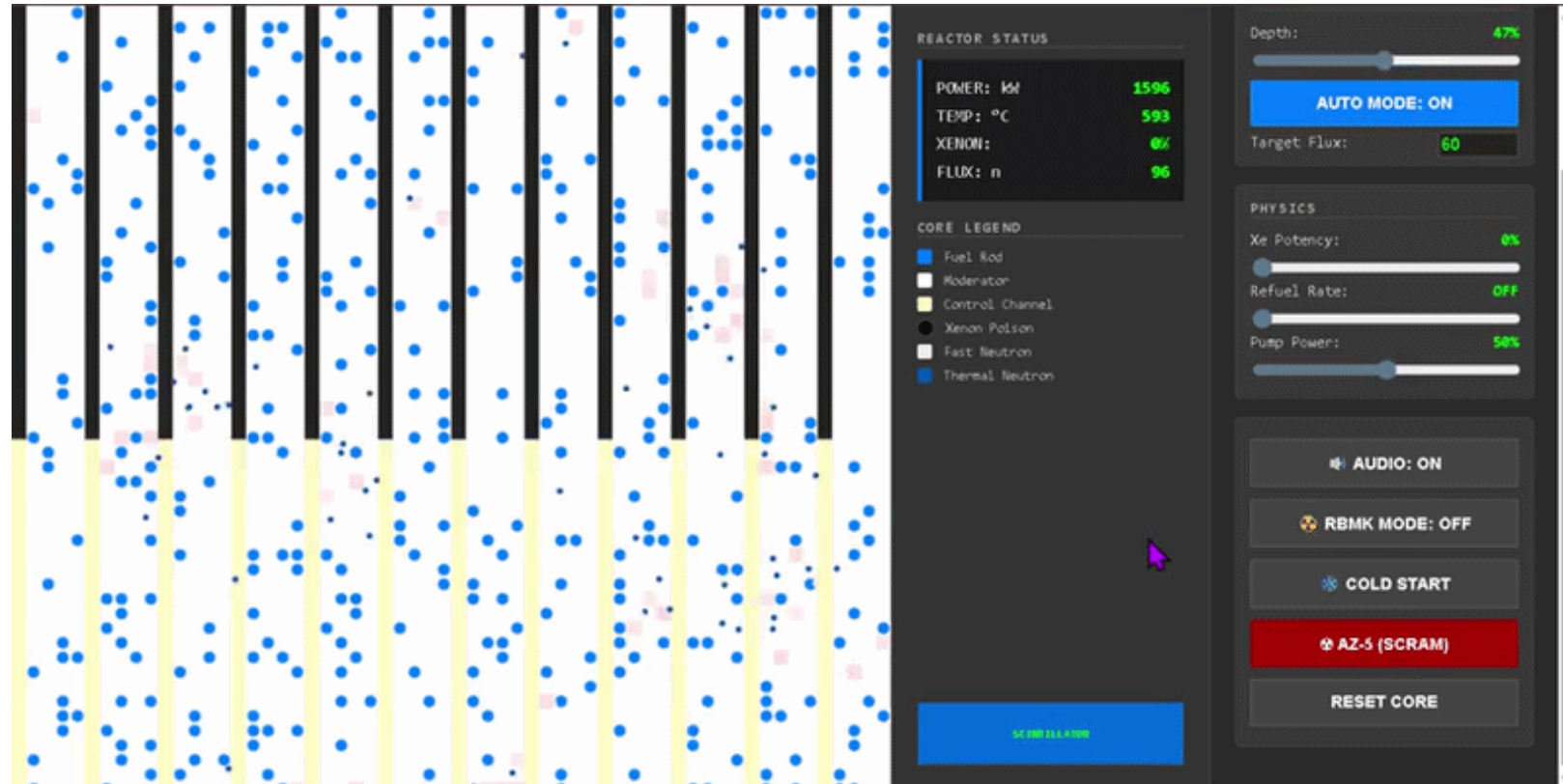


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WHEN PHYSICISTS VIBE

Nuclear reactor simulation tool

- A vibe-coded browser-based sandbox simulating nuclear fission in real time.
 - Models neutron movement, fuel rods, moderation, and chain reactions
- Lets users control reactor behavior via control rods, coolant flow, and fission rate
- Visual, interactive system for exploring reactor dynamics



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WHEN PHYSICISTS VIBE

Three-body orbital simulator

- A vibe-coded simulation inspired by *The Three-Body Problem*.
 - Models three stars interacting under gravity
- Lets you vary mass, size, and initial conditions
- Shows how small changes can lead to stability or chaos
- Explores why some celestial systems remain stable while others collapse

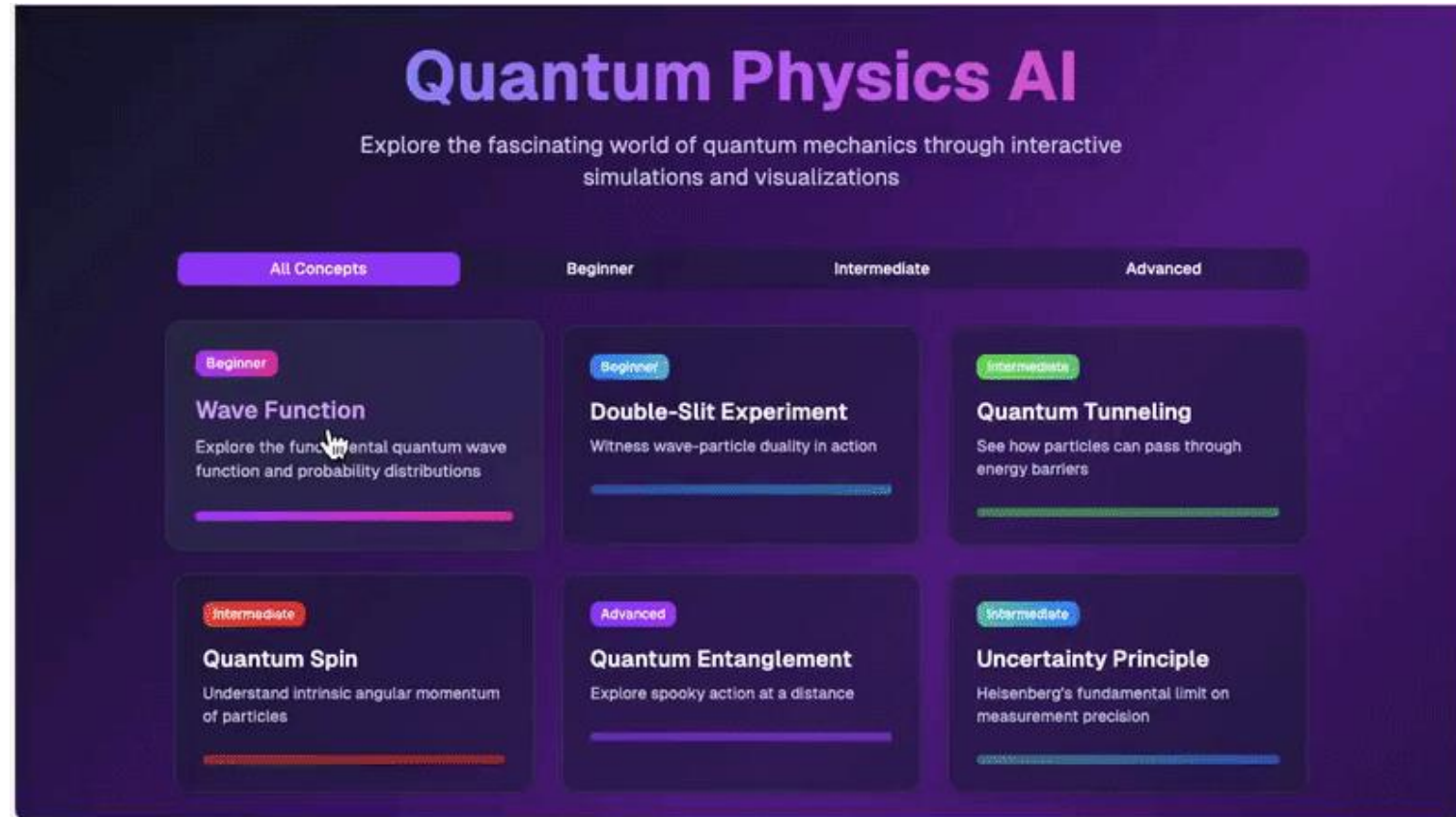


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WHEN PHYSICISTS VIBE

Quantum Mechanics Visualizer

- A vibe-coded platform that makes quantum mechanics visually explorable.
 - Visualizes superposition, entanglement, tunneling, and wave-particle duality
- Real-time animations for intuitive learning
- Turns abstract quantum theory into interactive experience



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WHEN PHYSICISTS VIBE

Vibe physics: The AI grad student

- An AI-assisted research workflow followed by a high-energy physicist Matthew Schwartz
 - AI helped with derivations, simulations, and paper drafting
 - Rapid research iteration with AI assistance
 - Continuous human verification and scientific oversight was required
- Fast acceleration of research, but not independent scientific reasoning

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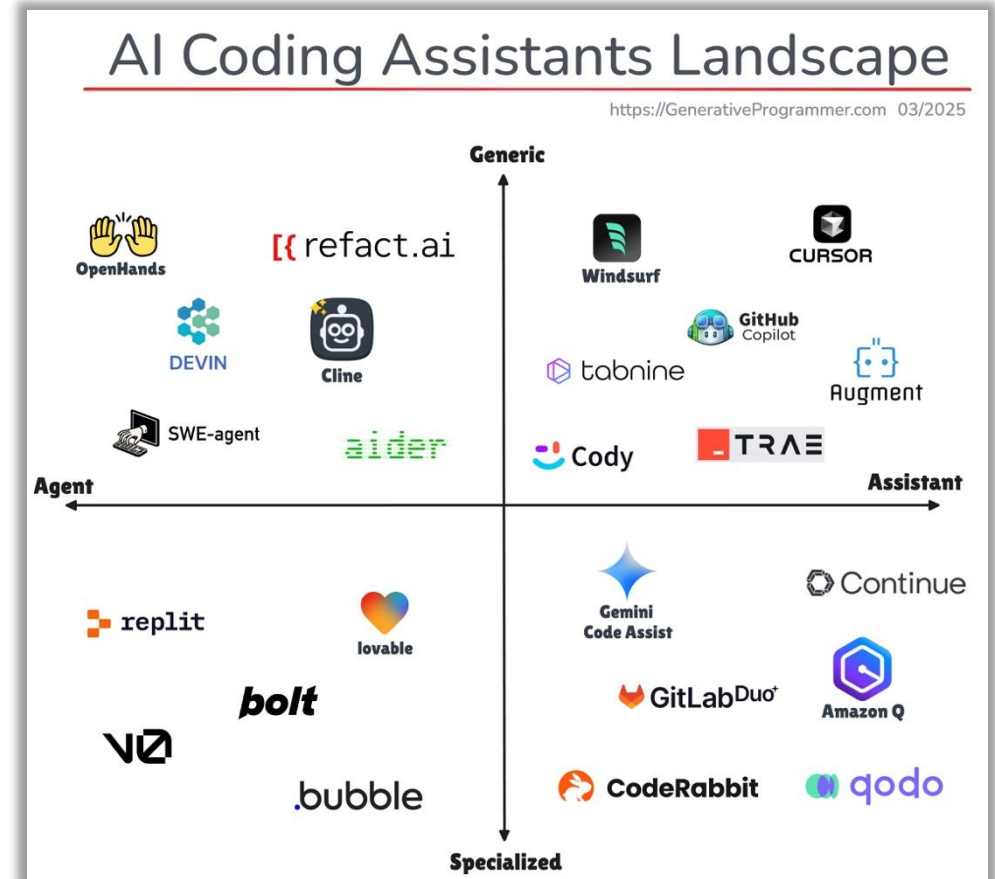
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<https://www.anthropic.com/research/vibe-physics>

AI CODING TOOLS - CLASSIFICATION

- AI coding tools are evolving rapidly
 - New ones appear almost daily
- There's no single "correct" classification
- However, these two broad dimensions can help you pick tools based on your workflow needs:
 1. Specialized vs. Generic
 2. Autonomous vs. Assistant



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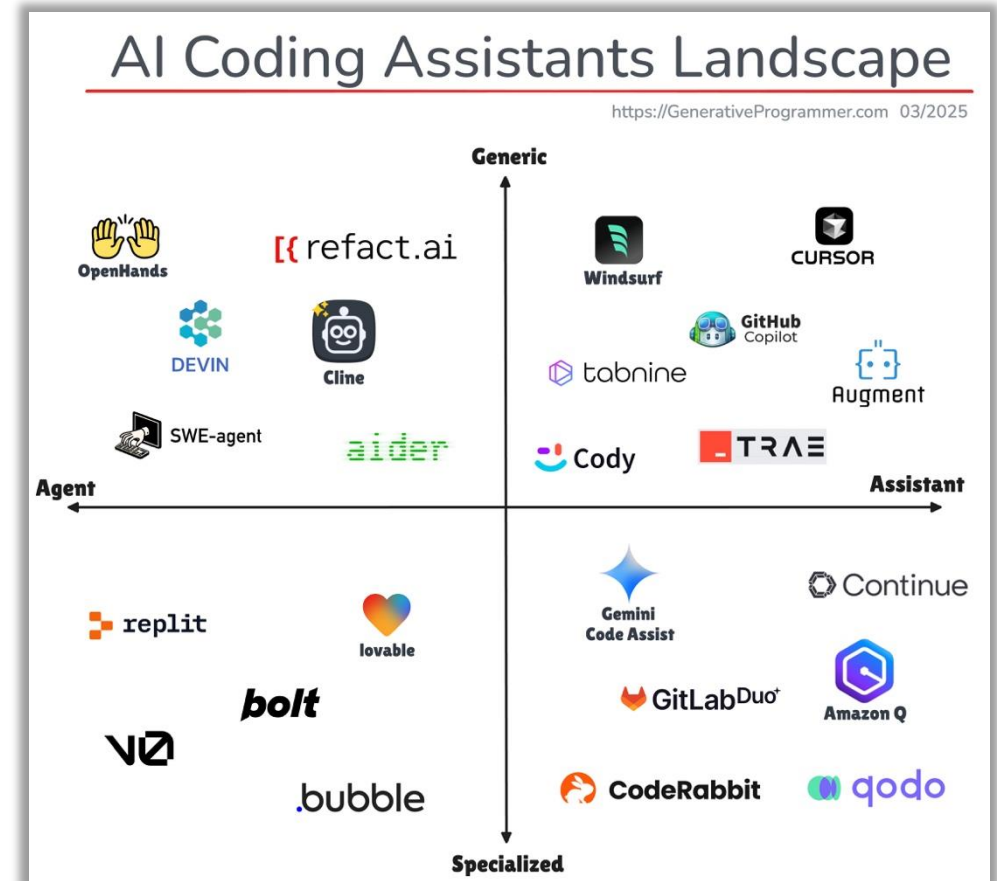
1. Specialized vs. Generic

○ Specialized Tools

- Built for specific tasks
- Examples: test generation, PR reviews, UI scaffolding, cloud workflows
- Best when you need to solve a narrow problem quickly

○ Generic Tools

- Broad, all-purpose assistants (IDE, CLI, chat)
- Support: completion, refactoring, search, explanations
- Best for day-to-day development across projects



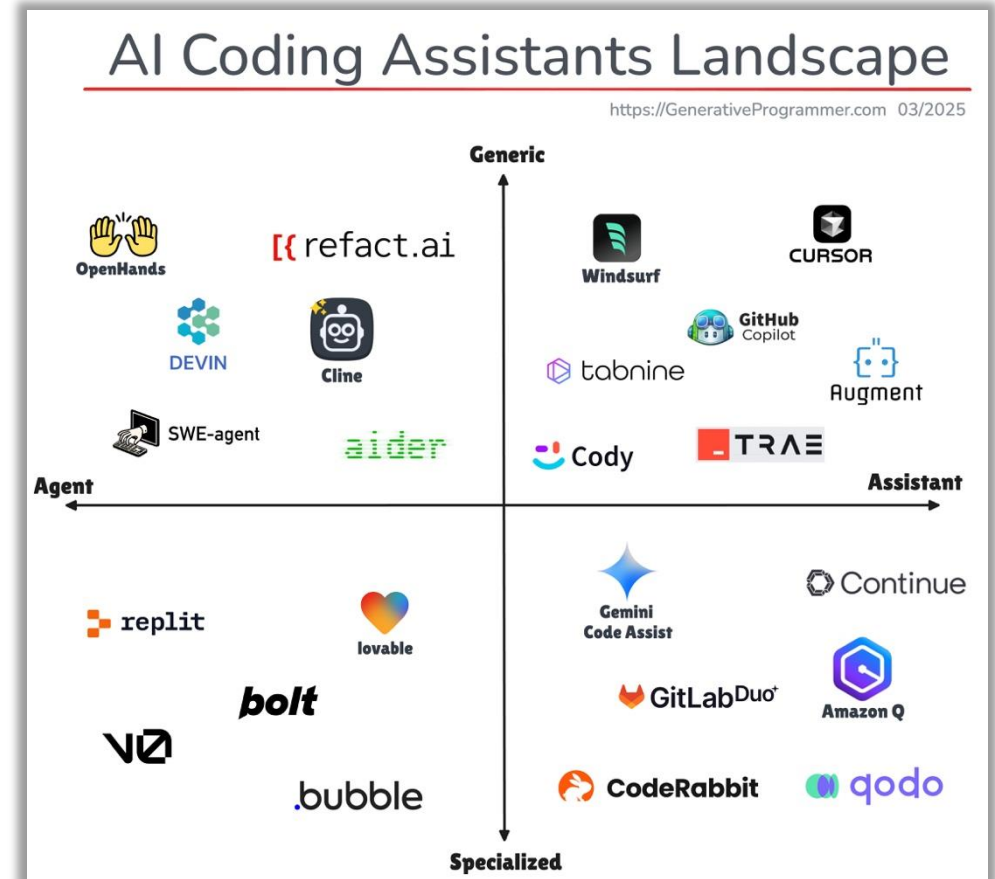
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AI CODING TOOLS - CLASSIFICATION

2. Autonomous vs. Assistant

- Autonomous (Agentic) Tools
 - Execute tasks end-to-end with minimal input
 - Can fix issues, run commands, validate code
 - Behave like a self-operating developer
- Assistant Tools
 - Reactive and collaborative
 - Suggest, explain, and generate code
 - Require human guidance and decision-making



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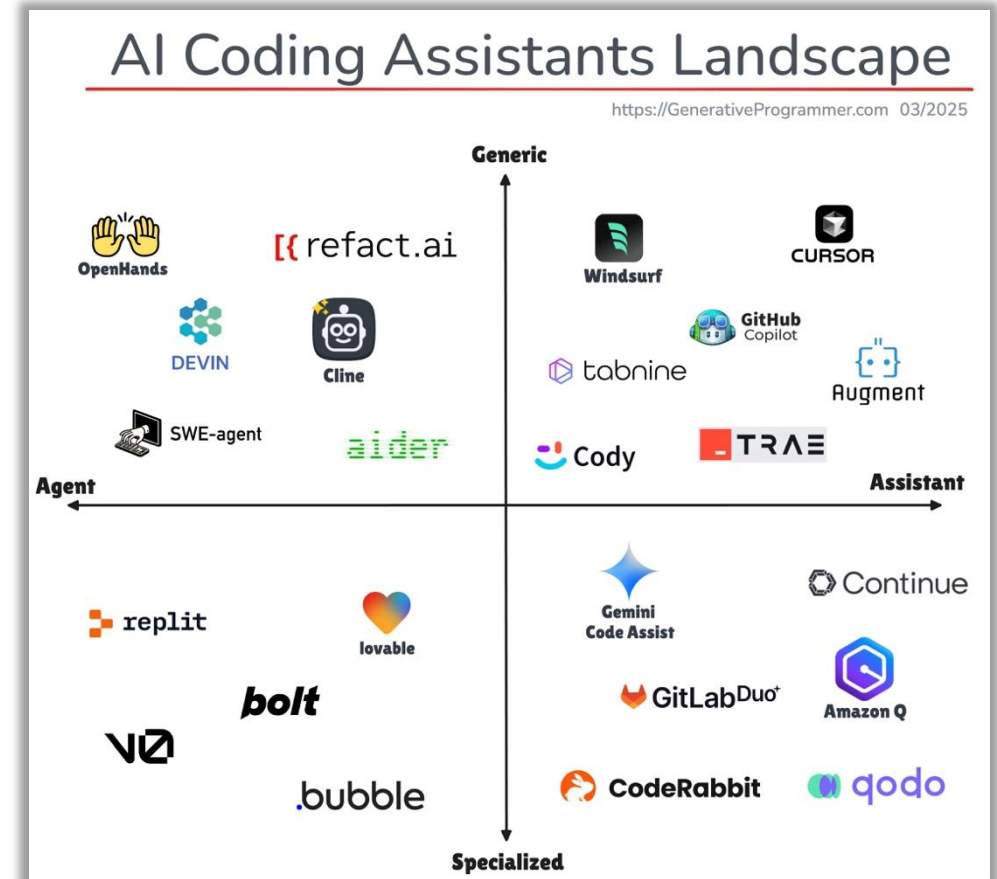
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2. Autonomous vs. Assistant

Reality: It's a Spectrum

- Many tools blend both models
- Example: IDE assistants that can also run autonomous workflows
 - (e.g., Cursor, Windsurf)
- *The trend is increasingly moving toward agentic systems:*
 - Tools can independently handle larger parts of the workflow while the user provides high-level guidance.



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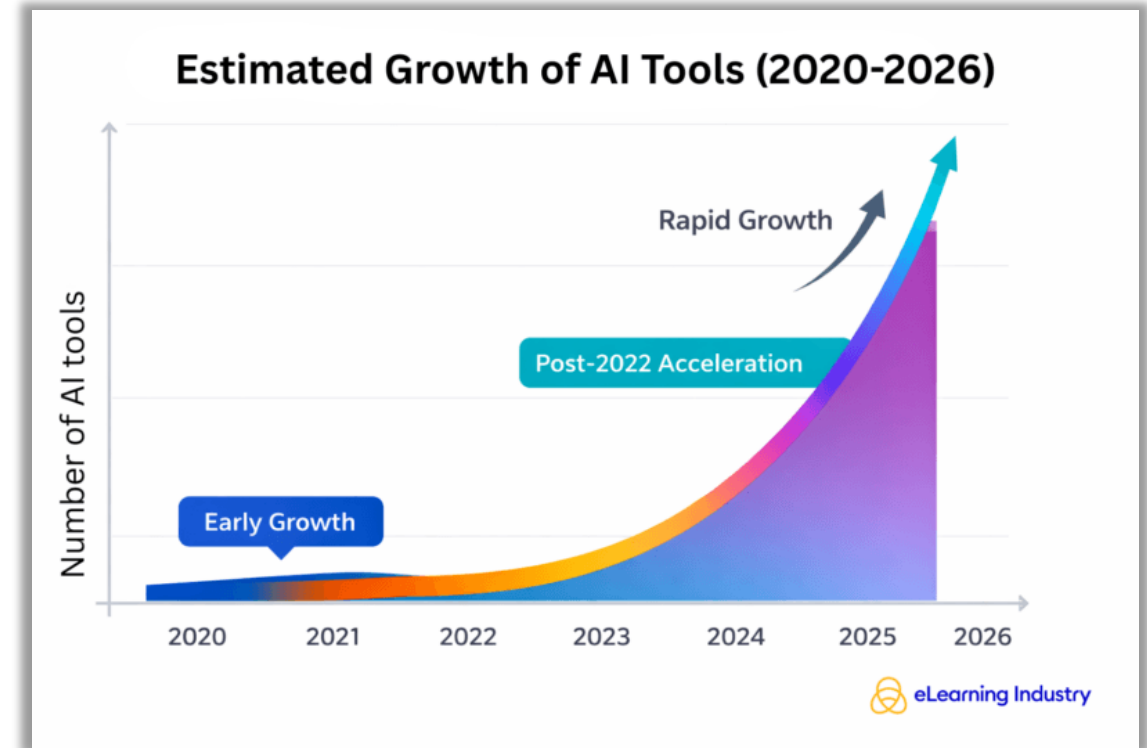
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AI CODING TOOLS - CHOOSING THE RIGHT ONE

- The AI coding tools landscape is evolving extremely fast
- New tools emerge constantly — any list is outdated almost immediately
- Even tools shown earlier (from March 2025) no longer reflect the current state

Tool Rankings:

- Different blogs and benchmarks rank tools differently
- Rankings depend heavily on the evaluation criteria used
- There is no universal definition of the “best” tool



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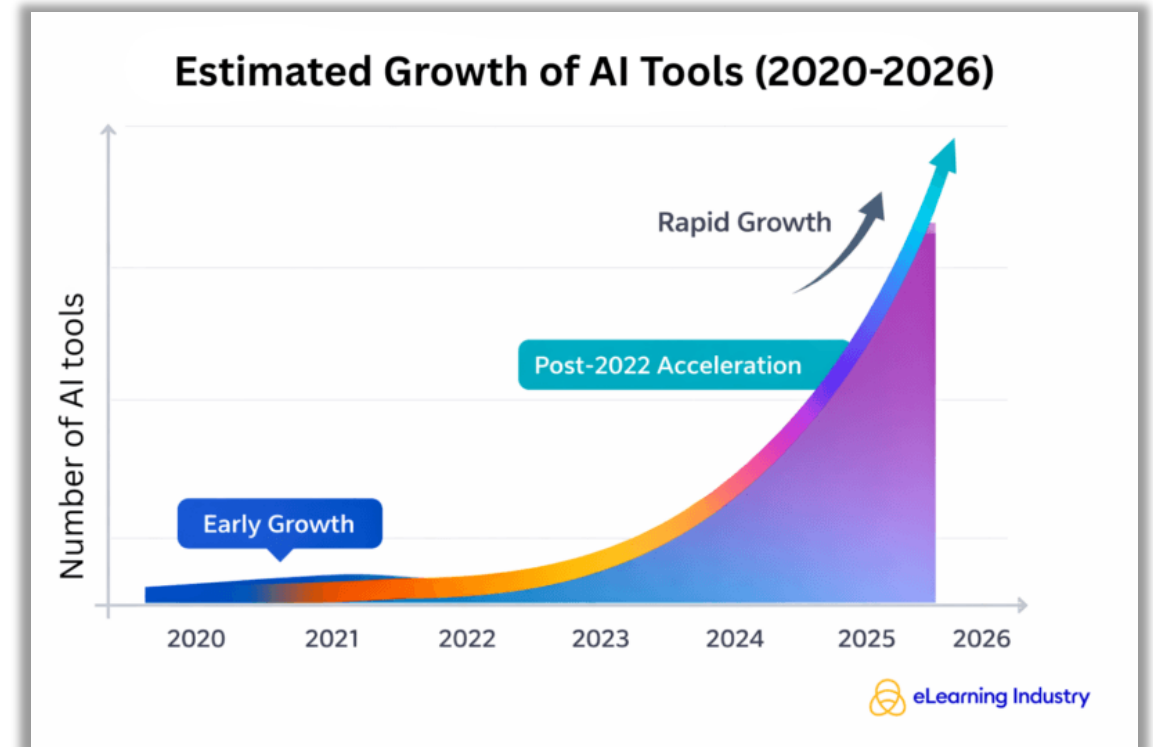
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What This Means for You

- Rankings and lists provided here are reference points, not answers
- There is no one-size-fits-all tool

Key Takeaway

- The “best” tool depends on:
 - Your workflow
 - Your use case
 - Your comfort with control vs. automation
- Your job isn't to find the best tool
- It's to find what works best for you



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AI CODING TOOLS – 2026 (VERDENT)

Tool	Best For	SWE-bench Score	Price	IDE Support
GitHub Copilot	General development	12.3%	\$10-19/mo	VS Code, JetBrains, Neovim
Claude Code	Terminal workflows	N/A (CLI tool)	Free (API costs)	Terminal/CLI
Cursor	AI-native experience	~40% (estimated)	\$20/mo	Built-in IDE
Verdent	Enterprise projects	76.1%	\$19-179/mo	VS Code, JetBrains
Codeium	Free option	~35% (estimated)	Free-\$12/mo	40+ IDEs
Tabnine	Privacy-first teams	N/A (local models)	\$12-39/mo	Most IDEs
Amazon Q	AWS workflows	N/A	\$19/mo	VS Code, JetBrains
Cody	Large codebases	N/A	Free-\$9/mo	VS Code, JetBrains

<https://www.verdent.ai/guides/best-ai-coding-assistant-2026> - Feb 5, 2026

AI CODING TOOLS – 2026 (TECH INSIDER)

AI CODING TOOL	MARKET SHARE (2026)	MONTHLY ACTIVE DEVELOPERS	PRICING (PRO TIER)
GitHub Copilot X	37%	28 million	\$19/month
Cursor	18%	14 million	\$20/month
Codeium / Windsurf	12%	9.5 million	\$15/month
Amazon Q Developer	10%	7.8 million	\$19/month
Google Gemini Code Assist	9%	7.2 million	\$22/month
Tabnine Enterprise	5%	3.9 million	\$39/month
Open Source Tools (Combined)	9%	7.1 million	Free

<https://tech-insider.org/ai-coding-tools-2026-transforming-software-development/> - March 15, 2026

AI CODING TOOLS – 2026 (LAUNCHPAD)

Tool	Type	Key selling point	Exists as	Free plan	Price
Launchpad	Platform	Pre-built enterprise infrastructure for B2B SaaS	Cloud platform	Yes	\$900/mo
GitHub Copilot	Coding Tool	Microsoft-backed with tight VSCode integration	IDE extension	Yes	\$10/mo
Cursor	Coding Tool	Agent-first IDE supporting 8 simultaneous agents	Standalone IDE	Yes	\$20/mo
Windsurf	Coding Tool	Clean UI with Cascade interface for agentic workflows	Standalone IDE + Extensions	Yes	\$15/mo
Claude Code	Coding Tool	Terminal-based agentic coding with full autonomy	Command-line tool	No	\$20/mo
Tabnine	Coding Tool	Privacy-first with local execution	IDE extension	Yes	\$59/user per month

<https://launchpad.io/blog/22-best-ai-coding-tools-speed-development-2026> - Jan 21, 2026

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OpenAI Codex	Coding Tool	Strong at understanding complex prompts	ChatGPT, API	No	\$20/mo
Google Gemini	Coding Tool	Embedded across Google tools	Cloud API + IDE integrations	Yes	\$22.80/user per mo
Replit	Platform	Cloud IDE with autonomous agent	Cloud IDE + Platform	Yes	\$25/mo
Cline	Coding Tool	Open-source VSCode extension	IDE extension	Yes	\$20/user per month
Amazon Q Developer	Coding Tool	Deep AWS integration	IDE extension + AWS Console	Yes	\$19/user per month
Zed	Coding Tool	Ultra-fast (120 fps) Rust-based editor	Standalone IDE	Yes	\$10/mo

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AI CODING TOOLS – 2026 (LAUNCHPAD)

Tool	Description
Aider	Command-line AI coding assistant that edits code in your local git repository
Bolt.new	Browser-based full-stack app builder
Qodo	AI-powered code review platform with 15+ agentic workflows
JetBrains AI Assistant	Native AI integration across JetBrains IDEs
Codiga	Static code analyzer and snippet manager powered by AI
AskCodi	AI coding assistant with task-specific agents
CodeGPT	Bring-your-own-API-key AI coding assistant for IDEs
CodeRabbit	AI code review tool
Kiro	Agentic AI-powered IDE
Devin AI	First fully autonomous AI software engineer

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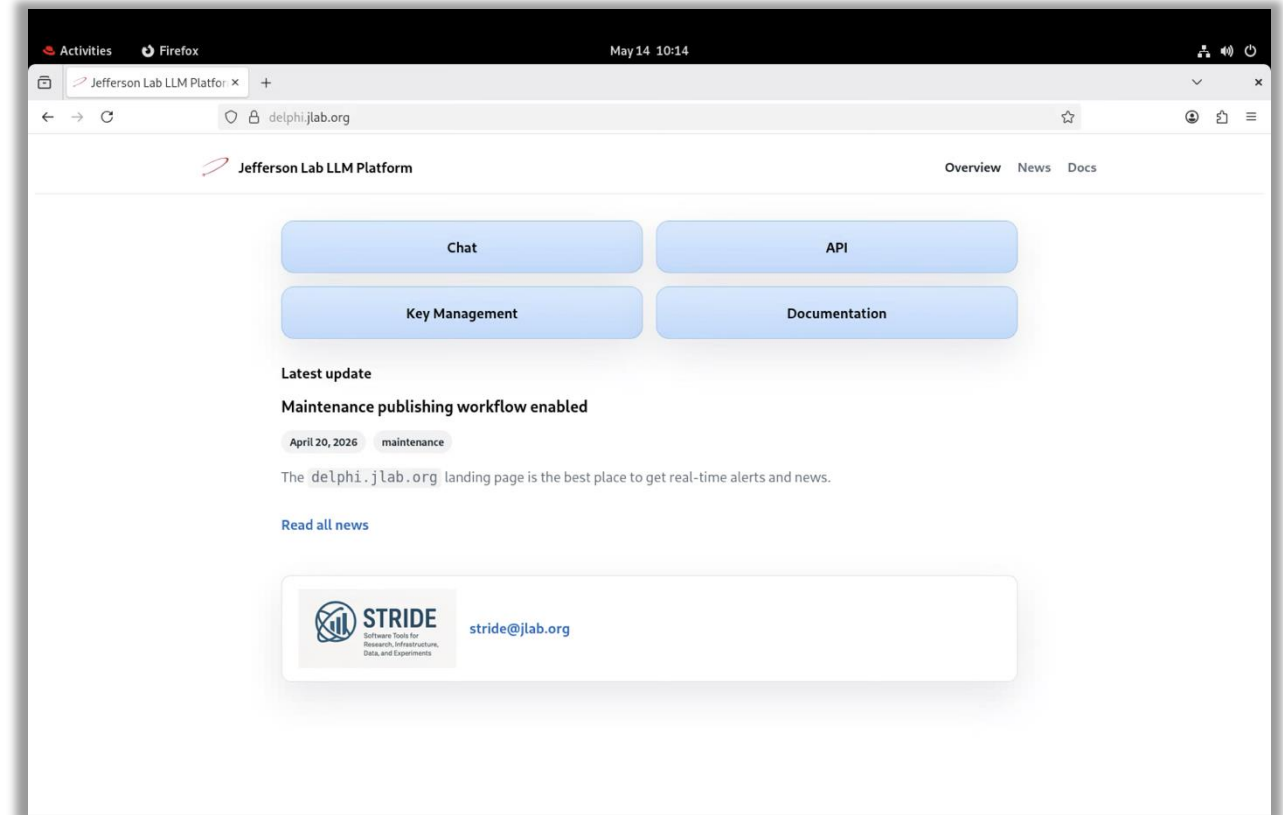
JLAB LLM UPDATES

AI MODELS HOSTED ON JLAB RESOURCES

- delphi.jlab.org provides details on current LLM models deployed on JLab infrastructure.
 - Current Status
 - Platform is currently in beta / active development
 - Heavy multi-user load handling is still being evaluated
 - Because of this, we are not relying on it for today's live demo
 - Access is currently limited to JLab systems only
 - How to Access Delphi
 - Login to VDI (<https://vdi.jlab.org/>)
 - Open terminal
 - Run command: `firefox`
 - Once firefox is open, enter this url:
 - <https://delphi.jlab.org>
 - Future Goal:
 - Once performance and scalability are fully validated, broader external access might be enabled outside JLab systems.
- Acknowledgment
 - Special thanks to Casey Morean, Physics AI / ML Data Scientist, for delphi.

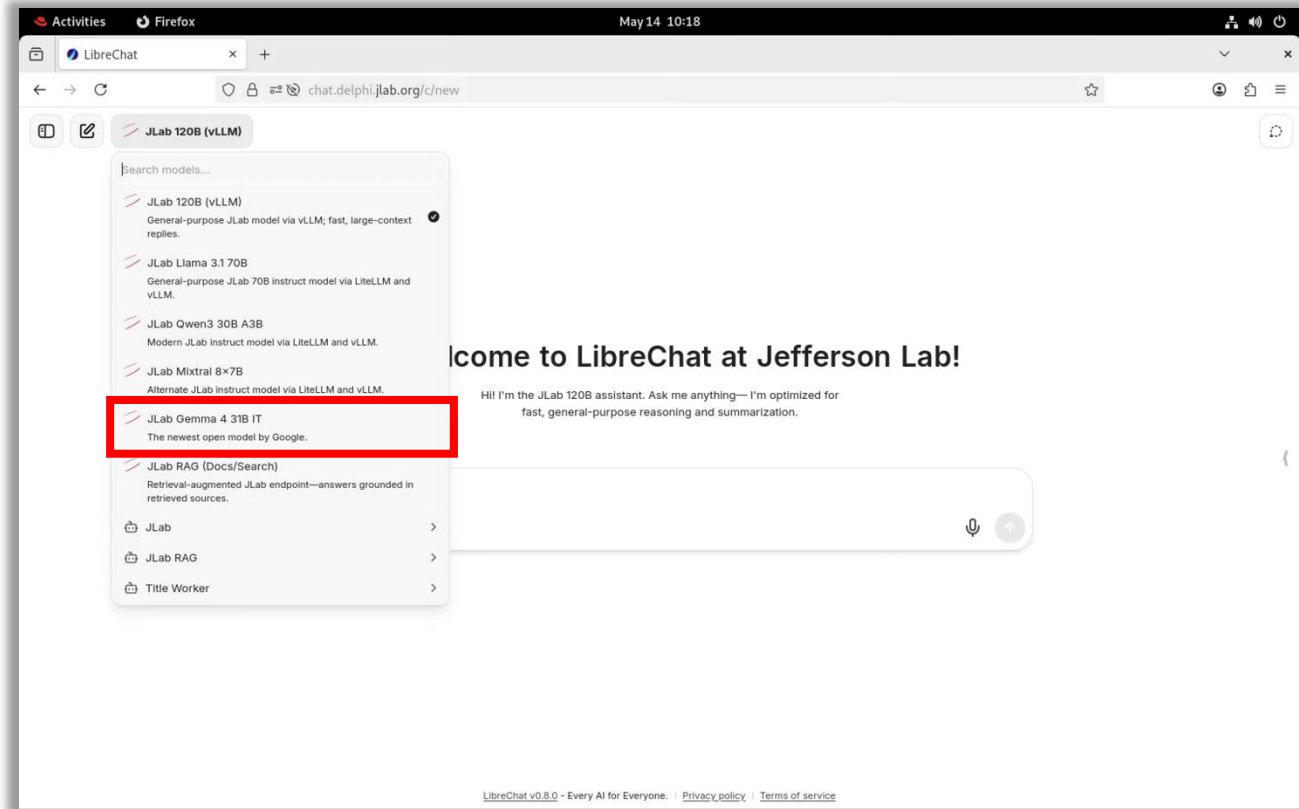
DELPHI.JLAB.ORG — QUICK OVERVIEW

- Main Dashboard
 - After logging into delphi.jlab.org, you will land on the main dashboard.
 - What's Available
 - Central access point for deployed LLM models
 - Chat interface for interacting with models
 - API access for development workflows
 - Documentation and key management
 - Deployed models' status and outage updates



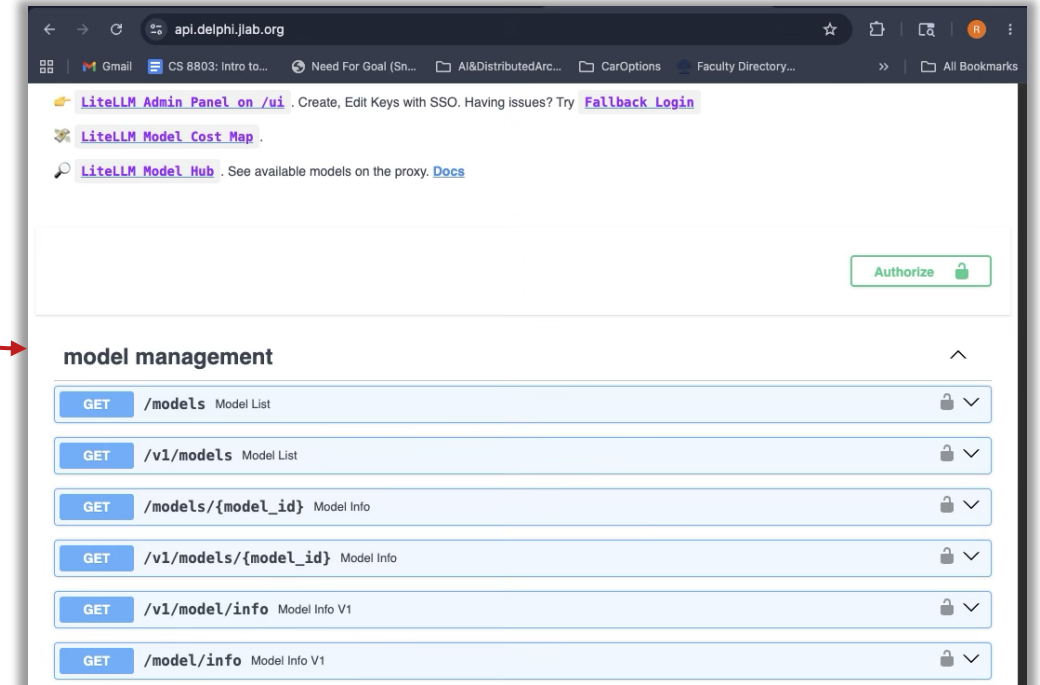
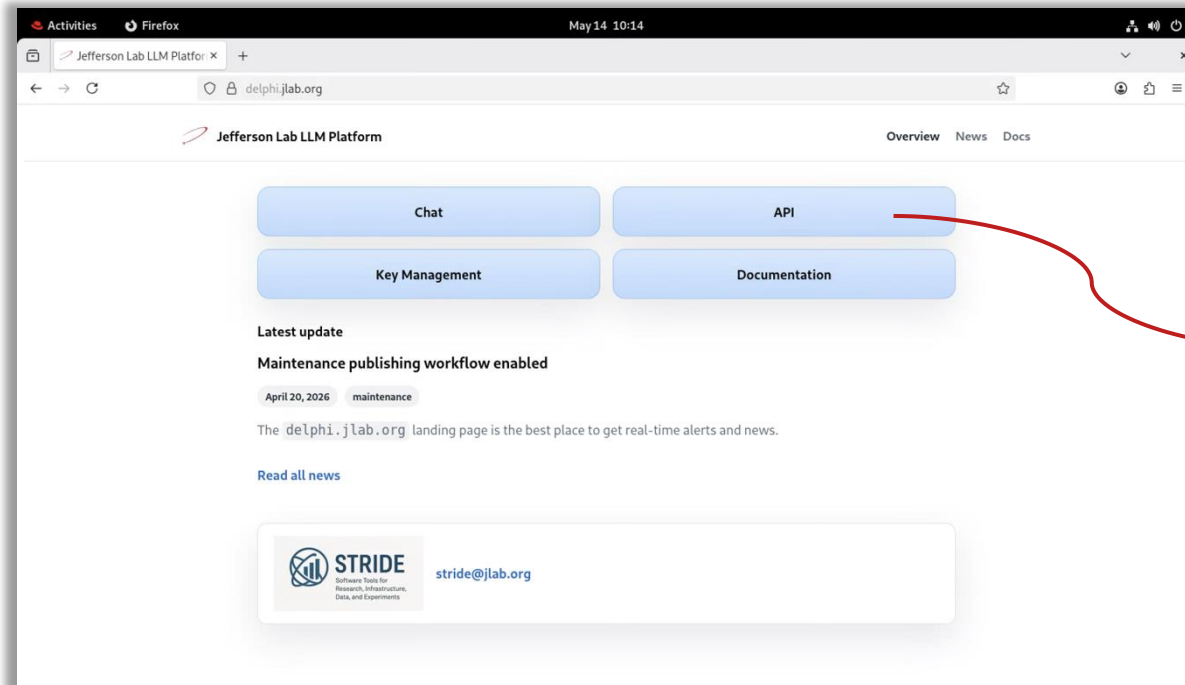
DELPHI.JLAB.ORG — QUICK OVERVIEW

- Chat Interface & Models
 - Clicking “Chat” opens the AI chat interface with currently deployed models.
 - Latest Available Model
 - Gemma 4 31B IT
 - Released by Google DeepMind
 - Part of the Gemma family of open-weight language models
 - “31B IT” = 31 billion parameter Instruction-Tuned model
 - First deployed model at JLab with image understanding capabilities



DELPHI.JLAB.ORG — QUICK OVERVIEW

- API Access
 - Delphi can also be accessed programmatically through APIs, enabling integration into development workflows and automation tools.
 - Key Resources
 - API reference
 - Key Management
 - Documentation
- These sections provide everything needed for setup, authentication, and integration.



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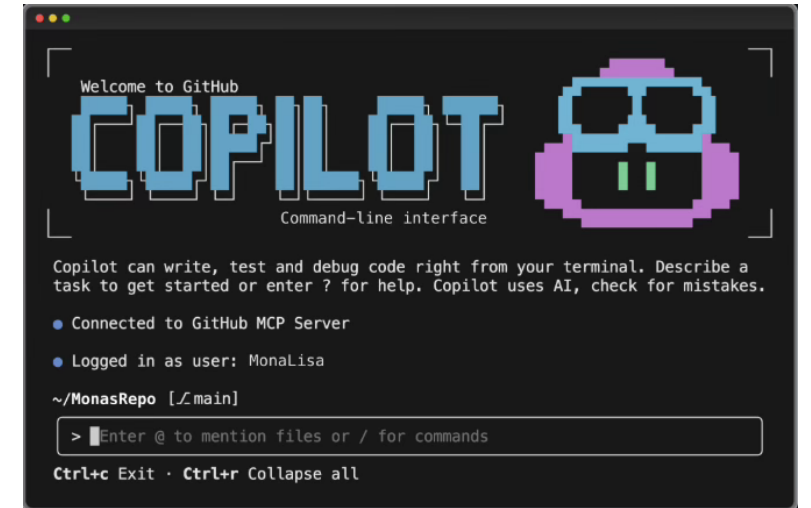
- API Access & VS Code Integration (Agent Workflow)
 - You can connect the API directly into VS Code to use models as coding assistants or agents during development.
 - Resources
 - [Roo Code Documentation](#)
 - [Roo Code GitHub](#)
 - [VS Code Insiders Download](#)
 - What This Enables
 - AI-assisted coding directly inside VS Code
 - Agent-style workflows (multi-step coding tasks)
 - Faster iteration during development
 - Integration with JLab-hosted models via API

To SUM UP...

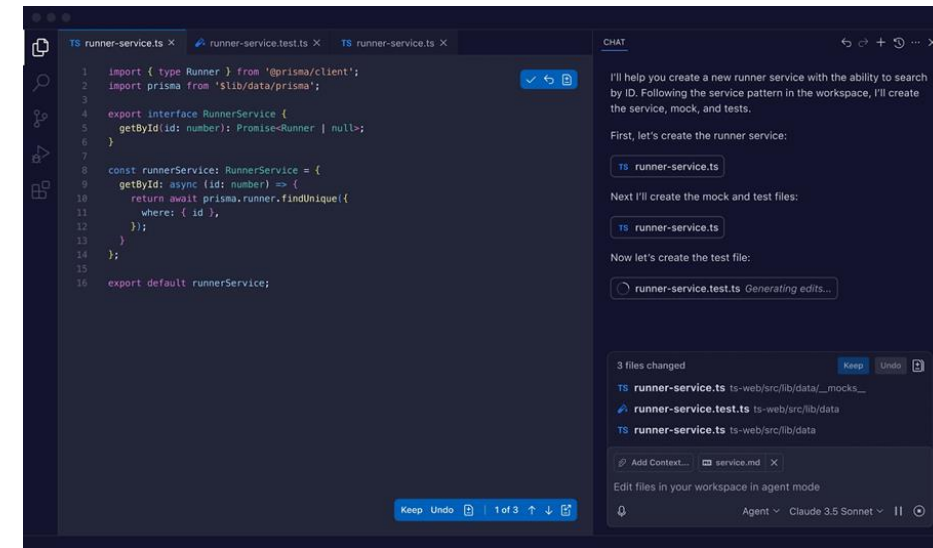
- delphi.jlab.org is currently a beta platform
 - Performance may differ from industry tools like [GitHub Copilot](#)
 - Expect occasional limitations in:
 - speed
 - stability
 - user experience
 - This is normal, the system is actively evolving
 - Reporting Issues
 - If something looks wrong or broken:
 - Email: stride@jlab.org
- Efforts are also ongoing toward access to top-tier industry models.
 - Example: Google Gemini models
- Stay Updated
 - To keep up with future updates, and new deployments, subscribe to: [JLab SciComp Briefs](#)

WHERE TO START

- As you can already see, there are many AI coding tools out there, and it can feel overwhelming.
- To make it easier, here are three commonly used tools today:
 - GitHub Copilot
 - Cursor
 - Claude Code
- **Where We Will Start Today**
 - We will start with **GitHub Copilot** in VS Code because:
 - It's great for daily development
 - Easy to install, easy to use, zero friction.
 - Next slides will focus on setting it up in VS Code.
 - For Terminal Users
 - GitHub Copilot CLI is also available
<https://github.com/github/copilot-cli>
 - However, for this session, we will use the VS Code chat interface for hands-on practice.



GitHub Copilot CLI



GitHub Copilot VsCode

HANDS-ON SETUP SESSION

GET SET UP TO VIBE

- Before we are ready for vibe coding, we need to complete the required setup.
 - We will be doing all coding after SSH'ing into ifarm, since it already has Git installed (which will be our best friend during iterative coding and changes).
 - We will mainly go through these steps:
 1. Install VS Code
 2. Sign in to GitHub Copilot
 3. Understand GitHub Copilot Chat Interface
 4. Install VS Code Remote SSH Extension
 5. Configure SSH
 6. Connect to ifarm
 7. Open folder on ifarm
 8. Open chat in the folder
 9. X11 Forwarding
- Required for working on ifarm



We will briefly cover SSH access to ifarm during this session but for detailed instructions, refer to the previous session: <https://indico.jlab.org/event/1069/attachments/13992/22682/AccessingAndNavigatingIFarm.pdf>

STEP 1: INSTALL VSCODE

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 1: INSTALL VS CODE

- Download VS Code based on your OS:
<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>
- Install it by clicking the downloaded file and following the setup instructions

Download Visual Studio Code
Free and built on open source. Integrated Git, debugging and extensions.

Windows 10, 11 | Debian, Ubuntu | Red Hat, Fedora, SUSE | macOS 12.0+

User Installer: x64, Arm64
System Installer: x64, Arm64
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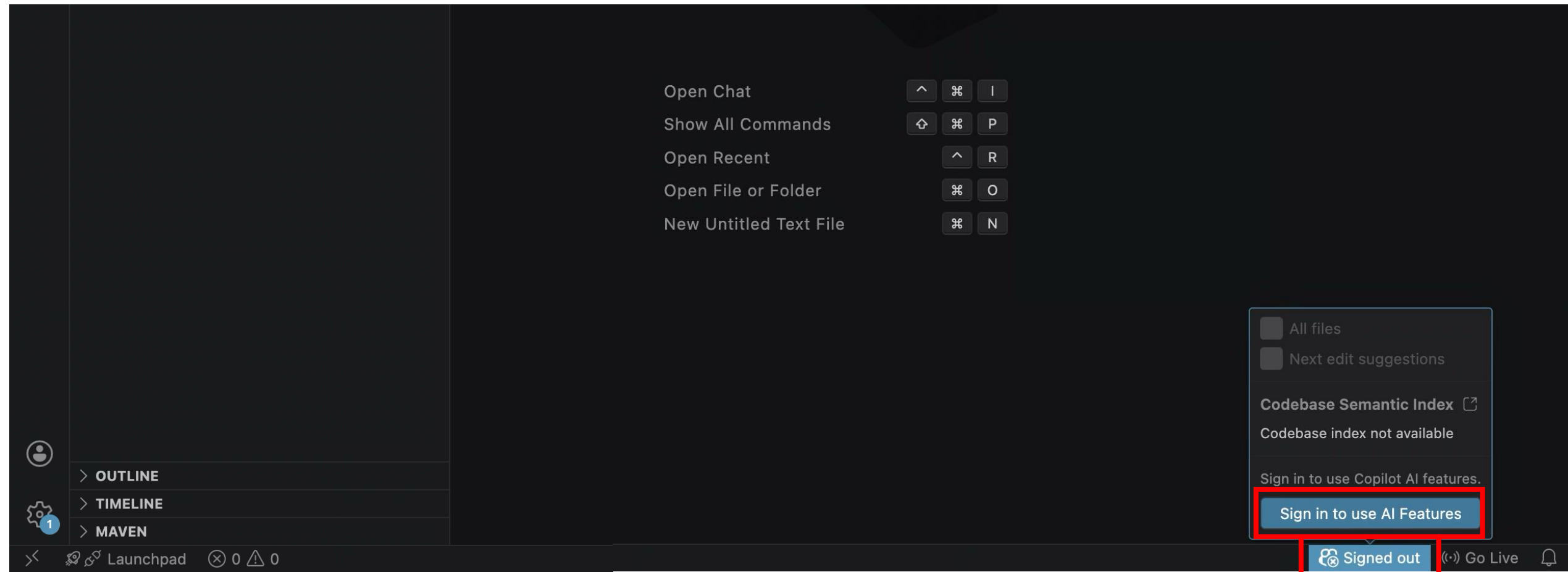
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Click one of these with download icon based on your OS

STEP 2: SIGN IN TO GITHUB COPILOT

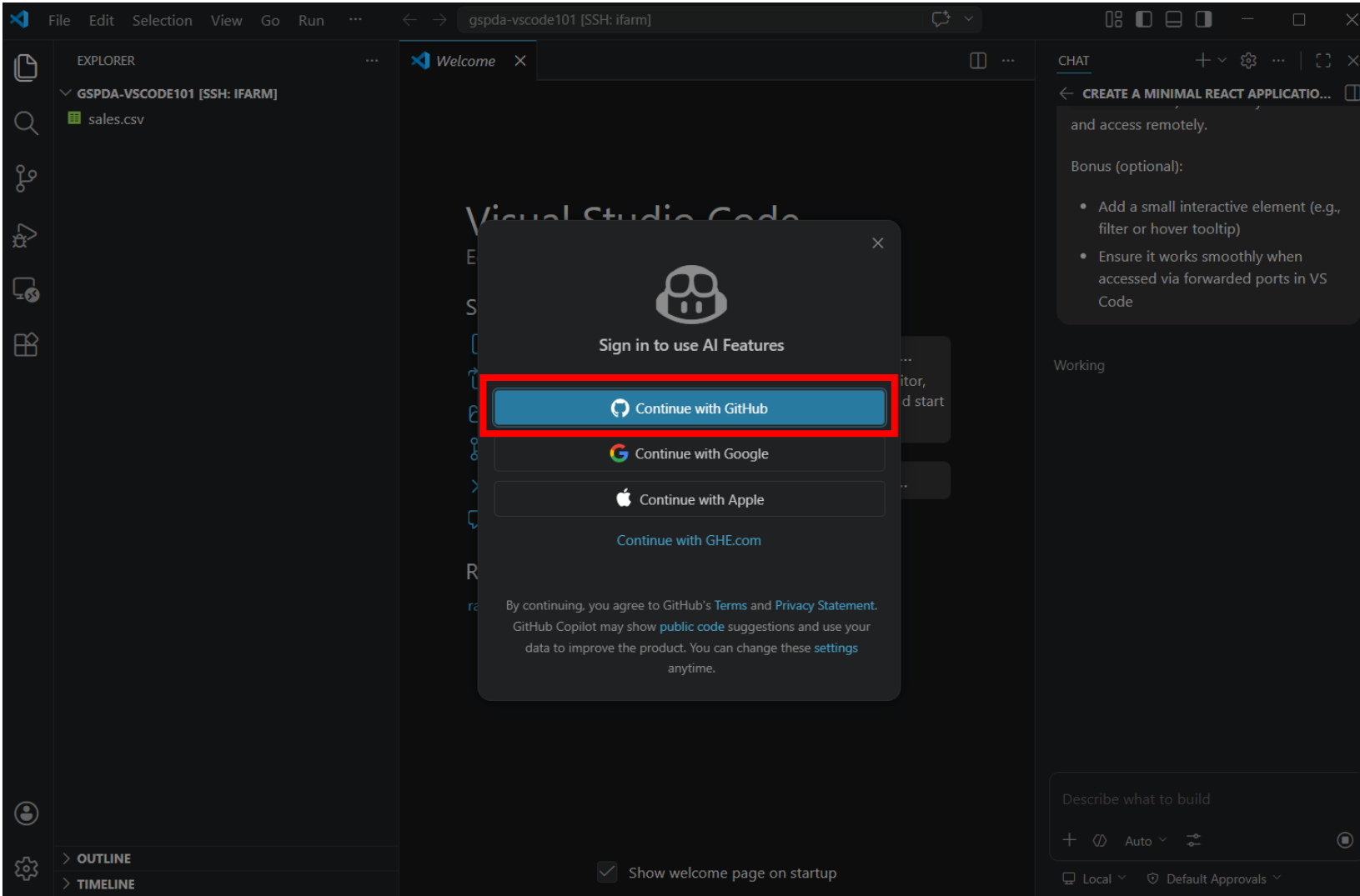
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- VS Code already has GitHub Copilot available, so no installation is needed.
- However, before you can start using GitHub Copilot, you need to sign in.
 - Go to the bottom-right corner of VS Code
 - Hover over the GitHub Copilot icon
 - A prompt will appear: “Sign in to use AI features”. Click it and complete the sign-in process



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 2: SIGN IN TO GITHUB COPILOT

- Sign in using any method you prefer
 - Recommended: Sign in with GitHub (we will use this in the next slides)



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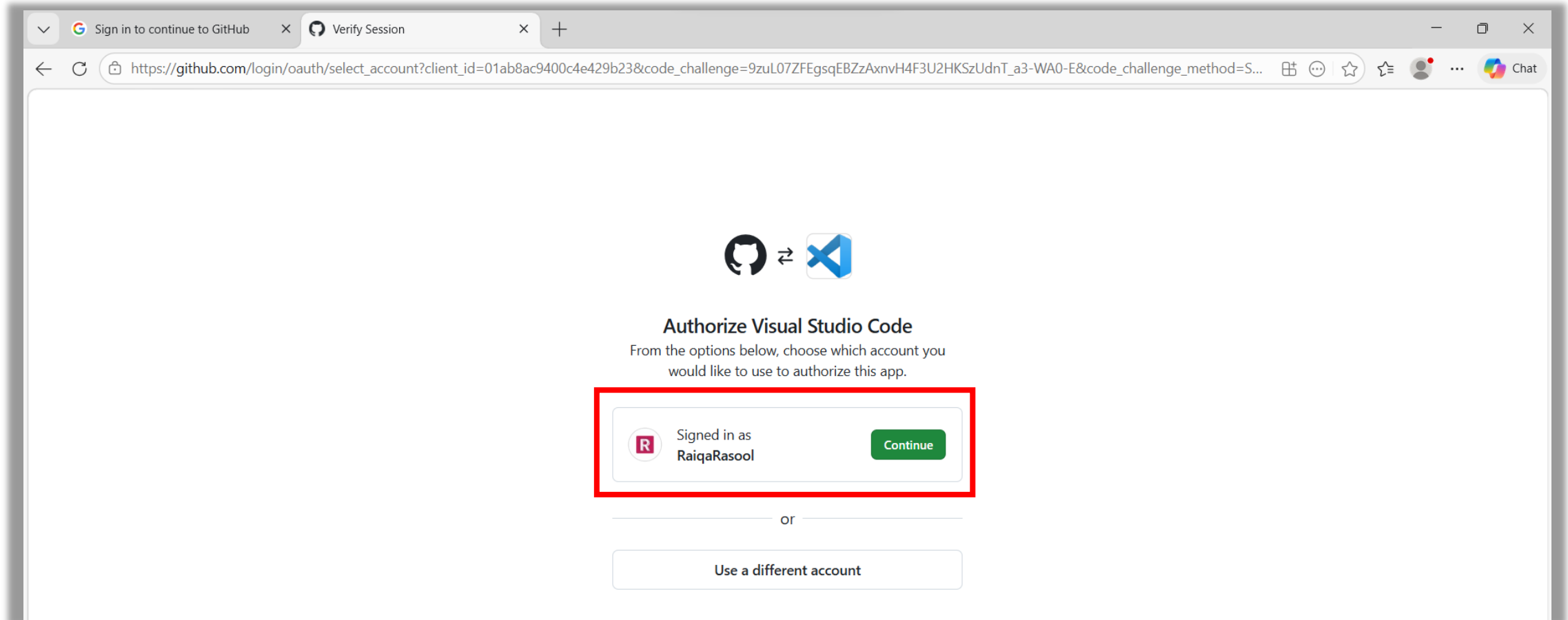
If you are a student, make sure to use a GitHub account associated with your student email. This can give you access to the free GitHub Copilot Pro. Setup instructions and eligibility details:

<https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/how-to/copilot-on-github/set-up-copilot/enable-copilot/set-up-for-students>

Important: Starting April 20, 2026, new sign-ups for Copilot Pro, Copilot Pro+, and student plans are temporarily paused.

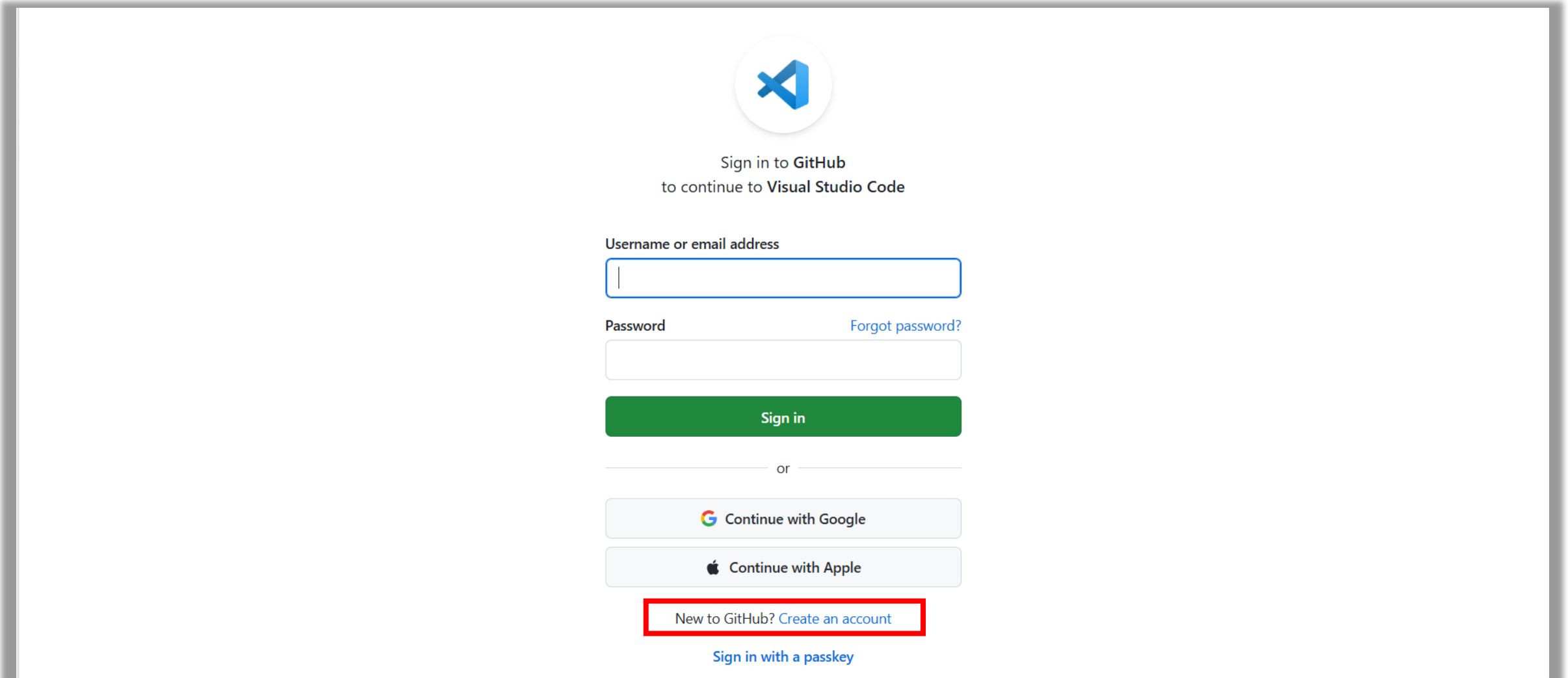
GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 2: SIGN IN TO GITHUB COPILOT

- Sign in using your GitHub account by clicking “Continue”
- If you don’t have a GitHub account yet, you will be redirected to quickly create one
- Once created, you can link it and continue the sign-in process



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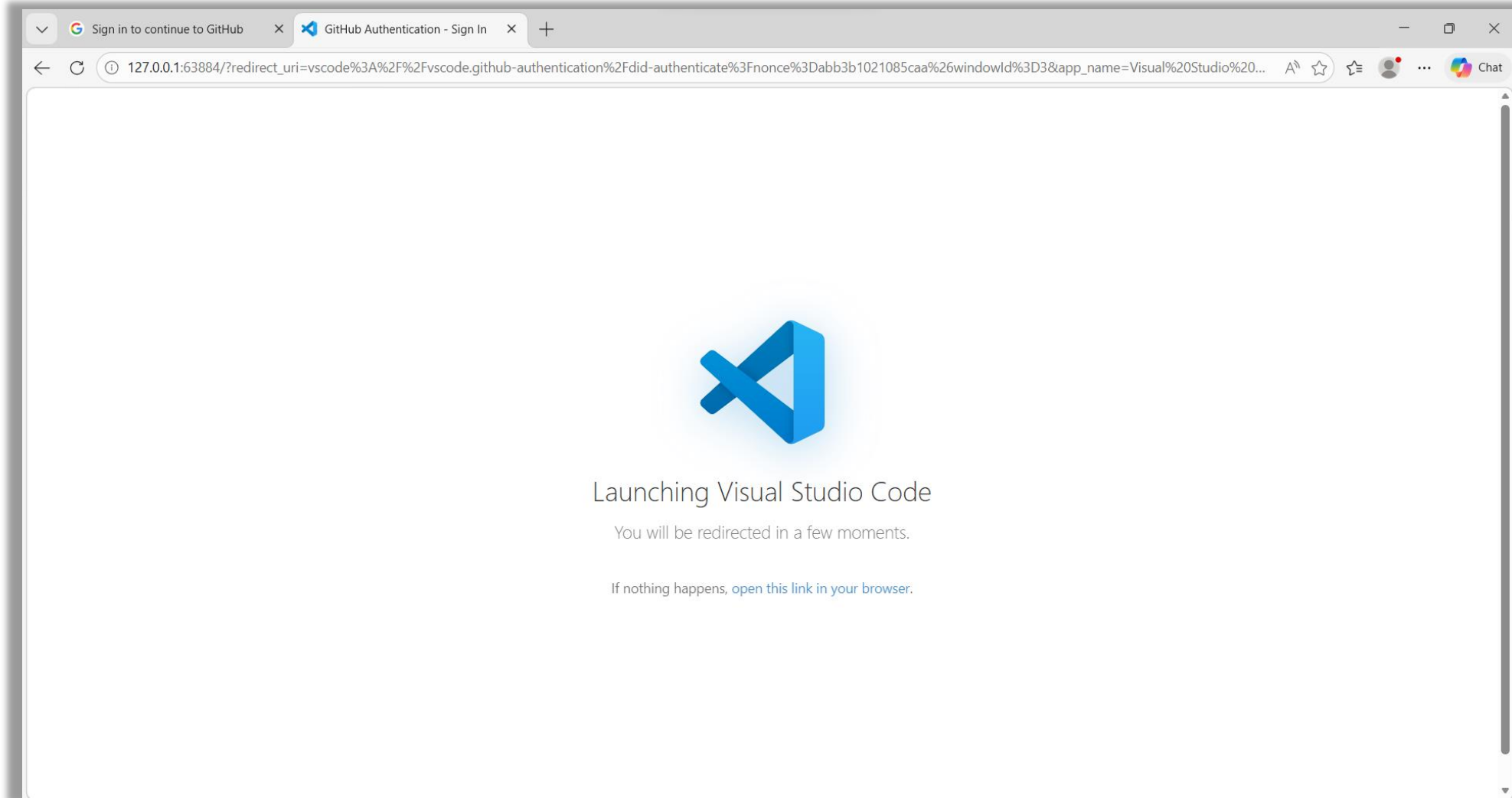
- Enter your username and password if prompted
- If you don't already have an account, create a new one and link it



The screenshot shows the GitHub sign-in interface. At the top center is the GitHub logo (an octocat) inside a white circle. Below it, the text reads "Sign in to GitHub to continue to Visual Studio Code". There are two input fields: "Username or email address" and "Password". To the right of the password field is a link "Forgot password?". Below the password field is a green "Sign in" button. Underneath is a horizontal line with "or" in the center. Below that are two buttons: "Continue with Google" and "Continue with Apple". At the bottom, there is a link "New to GitHub? Create an account" which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below that is a link "Sign in with a passkey".

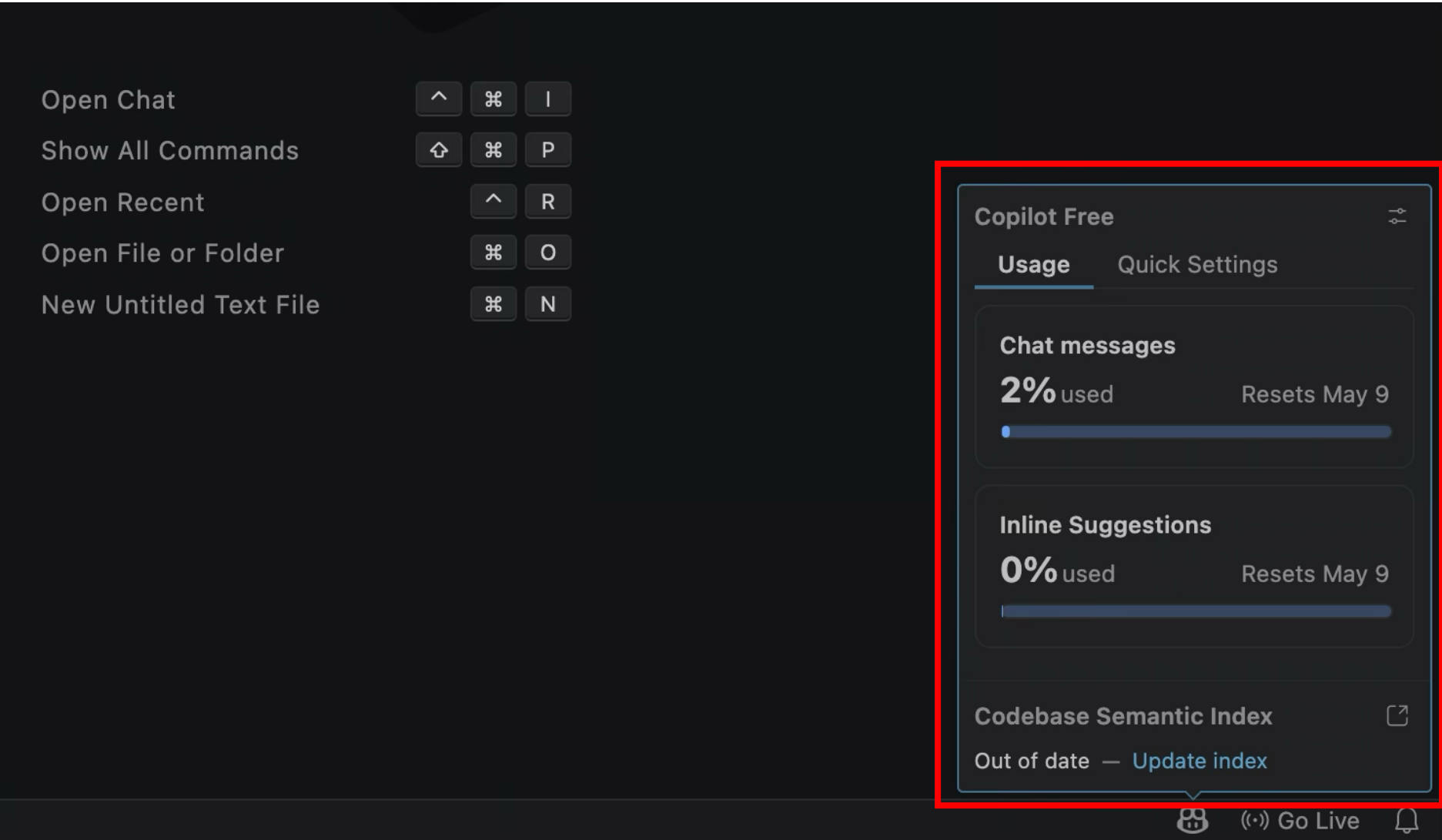
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- Once linked you will be redirected to VS Code



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 3: SIGN IN TO GITHUB COPILOT

- After getting redirected, hover over the GitHub Copilot icon again. You should now see your usage status / activity stats. This confirms Copilot is successfully enabled in VS Code

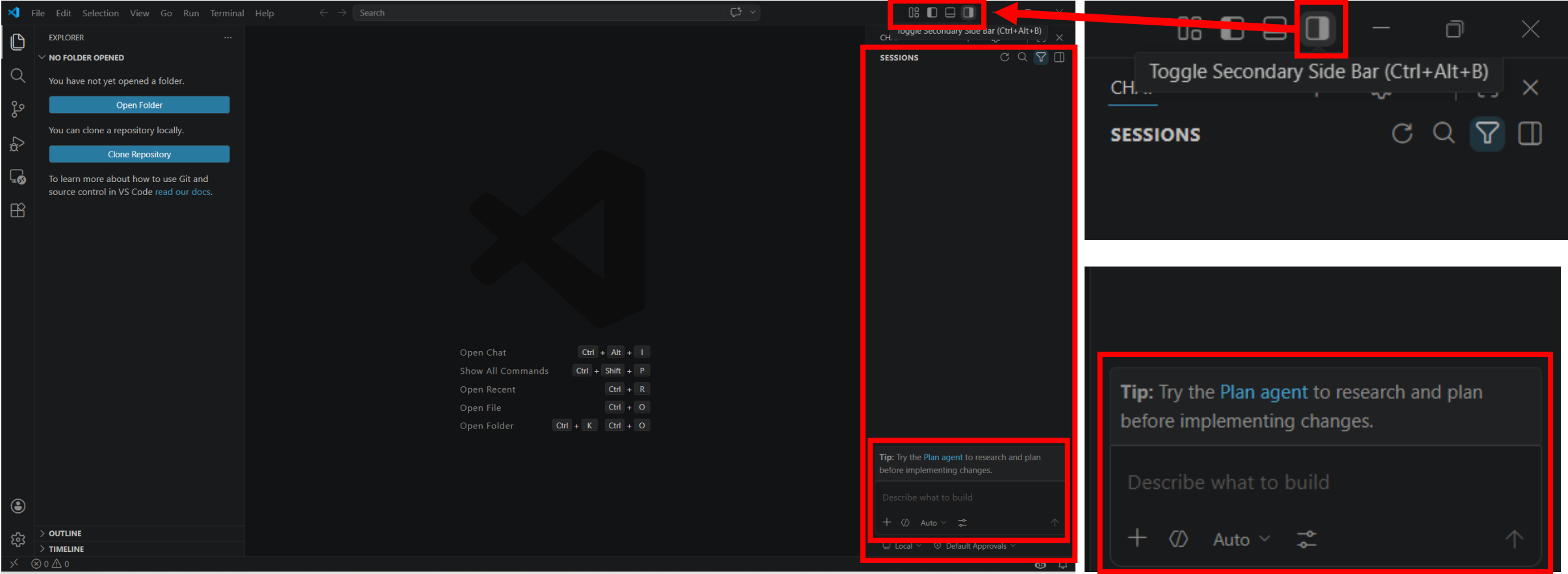


STEP 3: UNDERSTAND CHAT INTERFACE

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 3: UNDERSTAND CHAT INTERFACE

Now Click the Secondary Sidebar toggle icon in the top-right corner or use the shortcut: Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + B

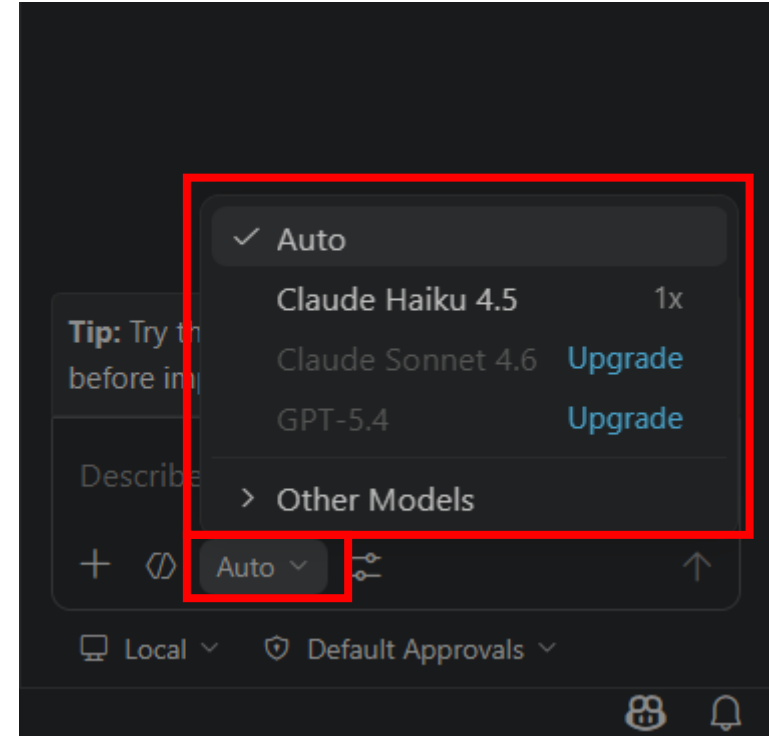
- This will open the GitHub Copilot chat interface in VS Code.



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 3: UNDERSTAND CHAT INTERFACE

1. Changing the Model

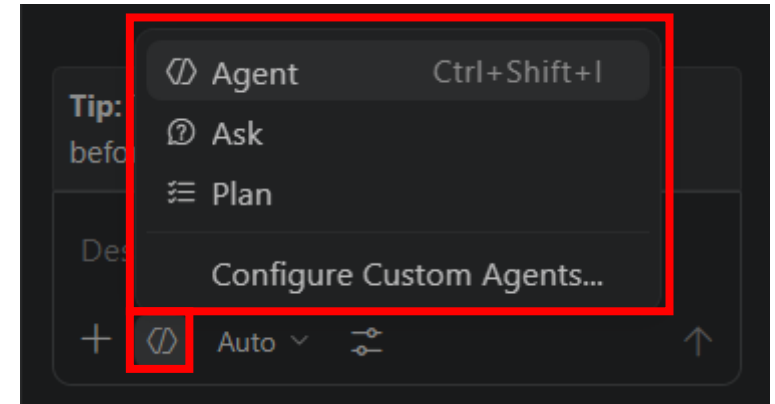
- Click the “Auto” dropdown in the chat interface
 - Select the AI model you want to use for coding
- Refer to: <https://arena.ai/leaderboard/text> to choose models based on your use case



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2. Changing the Mode

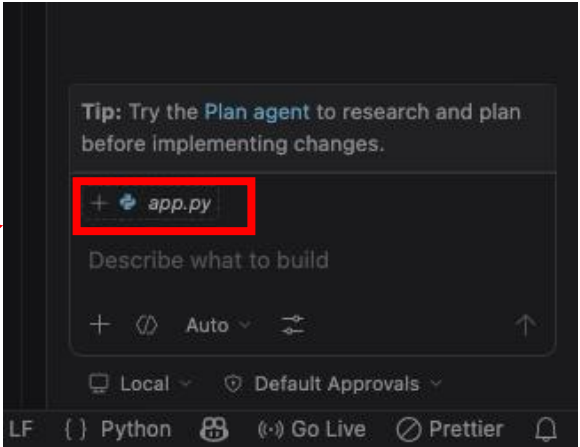
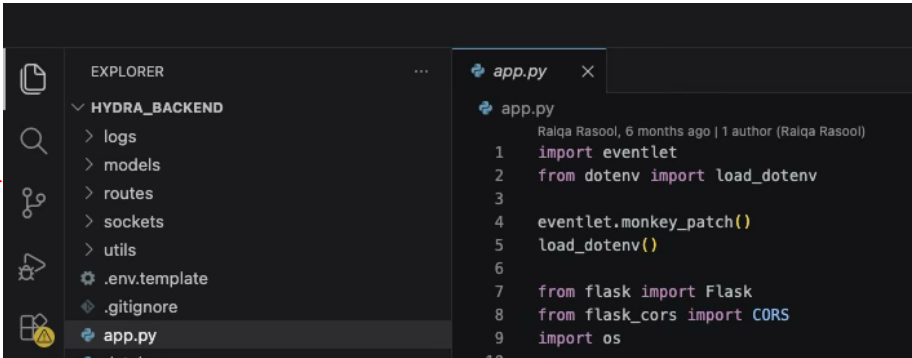
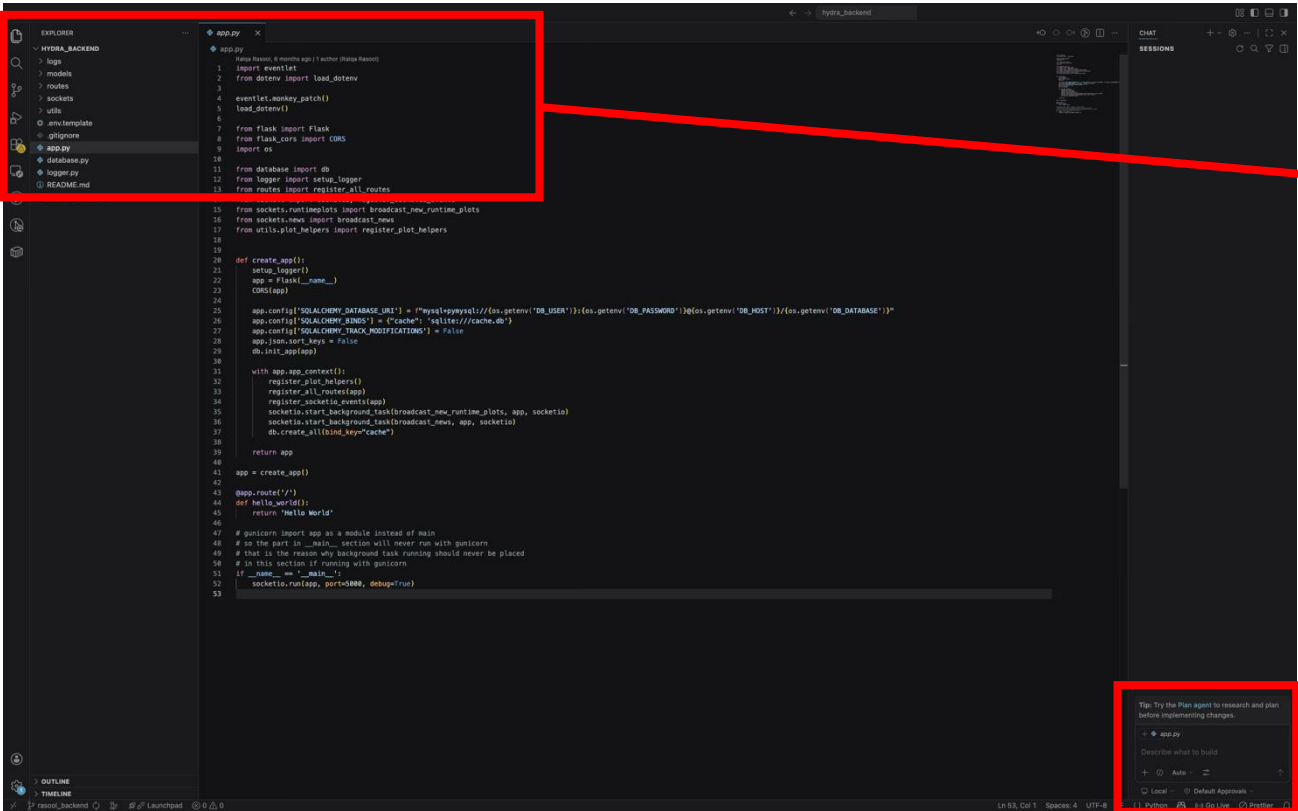
- You can switch between different working modes:
- **Agent Mode**
 - Makes changes directly in your files based on the prompt
- **Ask Mode**
 - Used for questions and discussion
 - Does *not* modify any files
 - Useful for exploring ideas before making changes
- **Plan Mode**
 - Used in early stages of development
 - Helps brainstorm and structure your approach before implementation



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 3: UNDERSTAND CHAT INTERFACE

3. Adding Context

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 1. Opened files are automatically added as active context

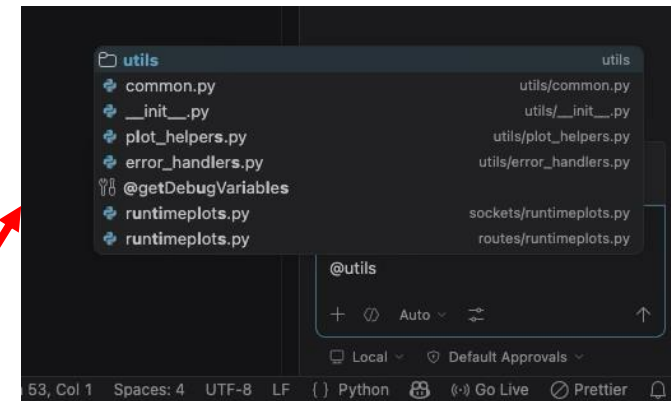


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 2. Reference specific files/folders directly in chat using #/@ followed by the name
 - Example: #app.py, @app.py or @utils, #utils
 - Copilot will understand which file/folder you are referring to.

```
1 from flask import Flask
2 import eventlet
3 from detenv import load_detenv
4 eventlet_monkey_patch()
5 load_detenv()
6
7 from flask import Flask
8 from flask_cors import CORS
9 import os
10
11 from database import db
12 from logger import setup_logger
13
14 from routes import register_all_routes
15 from sockets import sockets, register_sockets_events
16 from sockets_runtimeplots import broadcast_new_runtime_plots
17 from sockets_new import broadcast_new
18 from utils_plot_helpers import register_plot_helpers
19
20
21 def create_app():
22     setup_logger()
23     app = Flask(__name__)
24     CORS(app)
25
26     app.config['SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE_URI'] = os.getenv('DB_URI') or os.getenv('DB_PASSWORD') or os.getenv('DB_HOST') or os.getenv('DB_DATABASE')
27     app.config['SQLALCHEMY_TRACK_MODIFICATIONS'] = False
28     app.config['SECRET_KEY'] = 'secret'
29     db.init_app(app)
30
31     with app.app_context():
32         register_plot_helpers()
33         register_all_routes(app)
34         register_sockets_events(app)
35         sockets.start_background_task(broadcast_new_runtime_plots, app, sockets)
36         sockets.start_background_task(broadcast_new, app, sockets)
37         db.create_all(bind_key='cache')
38
39     return app
40
41 app = create_app()
42
43 @app.route('/')
44 def hello_world():
45     return 'Hello World!'
46
47 # waitress import app as a module instead of main
48 # in the start up, main module will never run with waitress
49 # that is the reason why background task running should never be placed
50 # in this section if running with waitress
51 if __name__ == '__main__':
52     sockets.run_app(port=8080, debug=True)
```

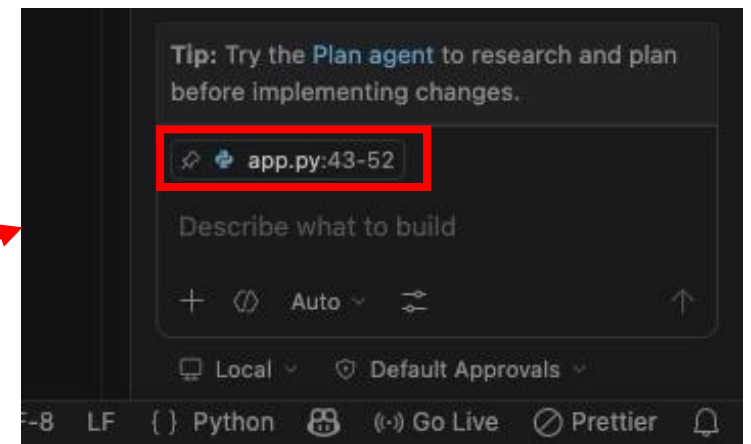
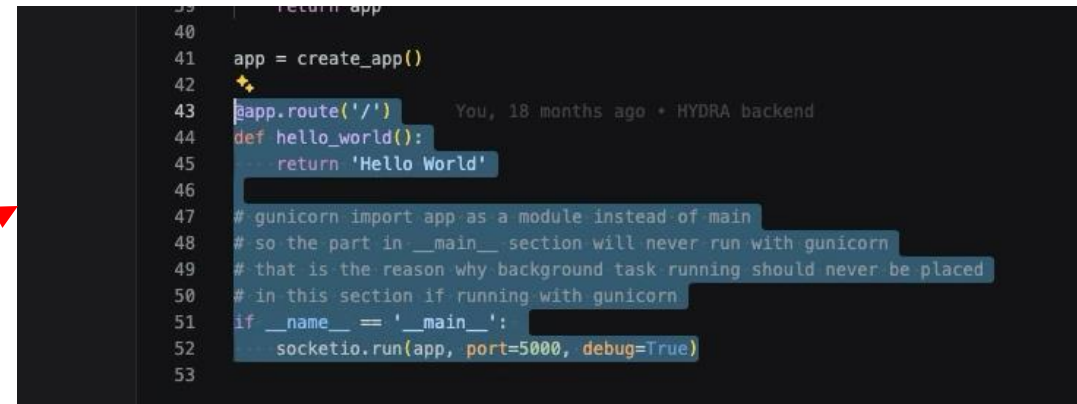
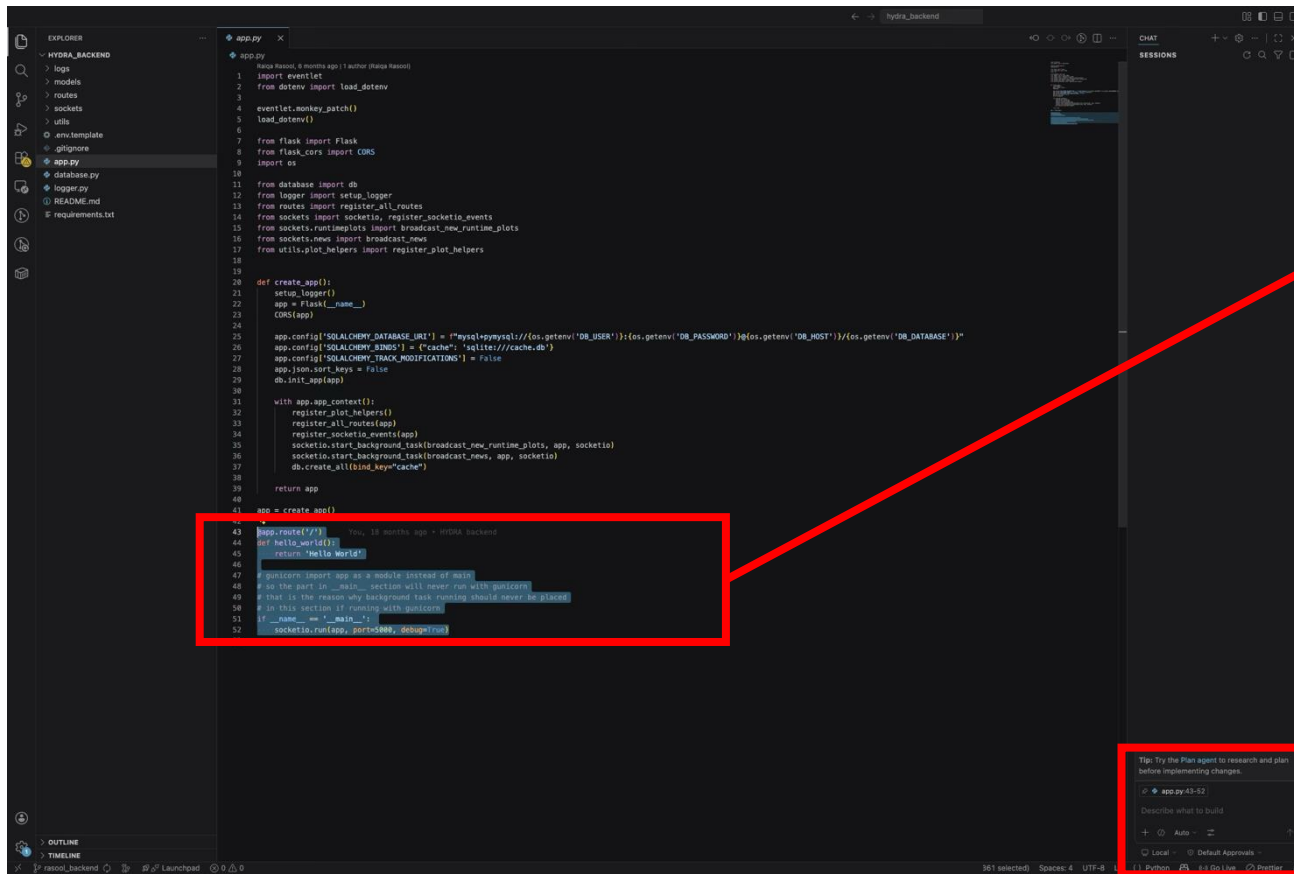


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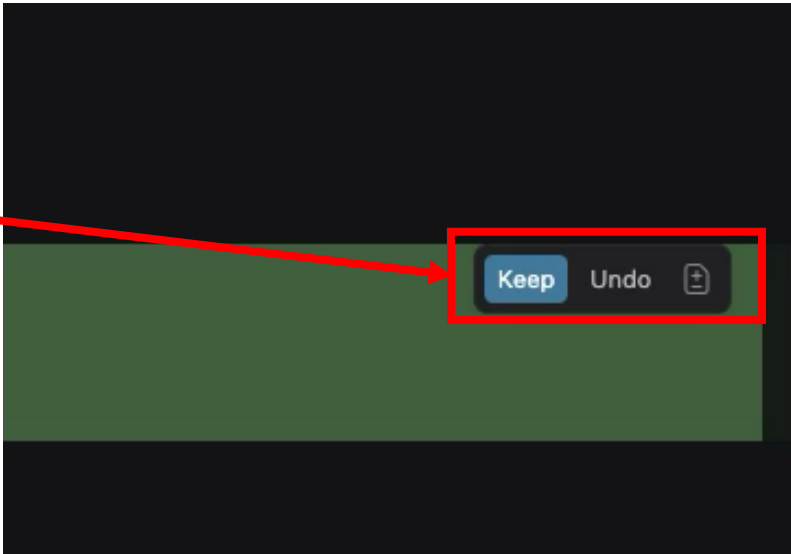
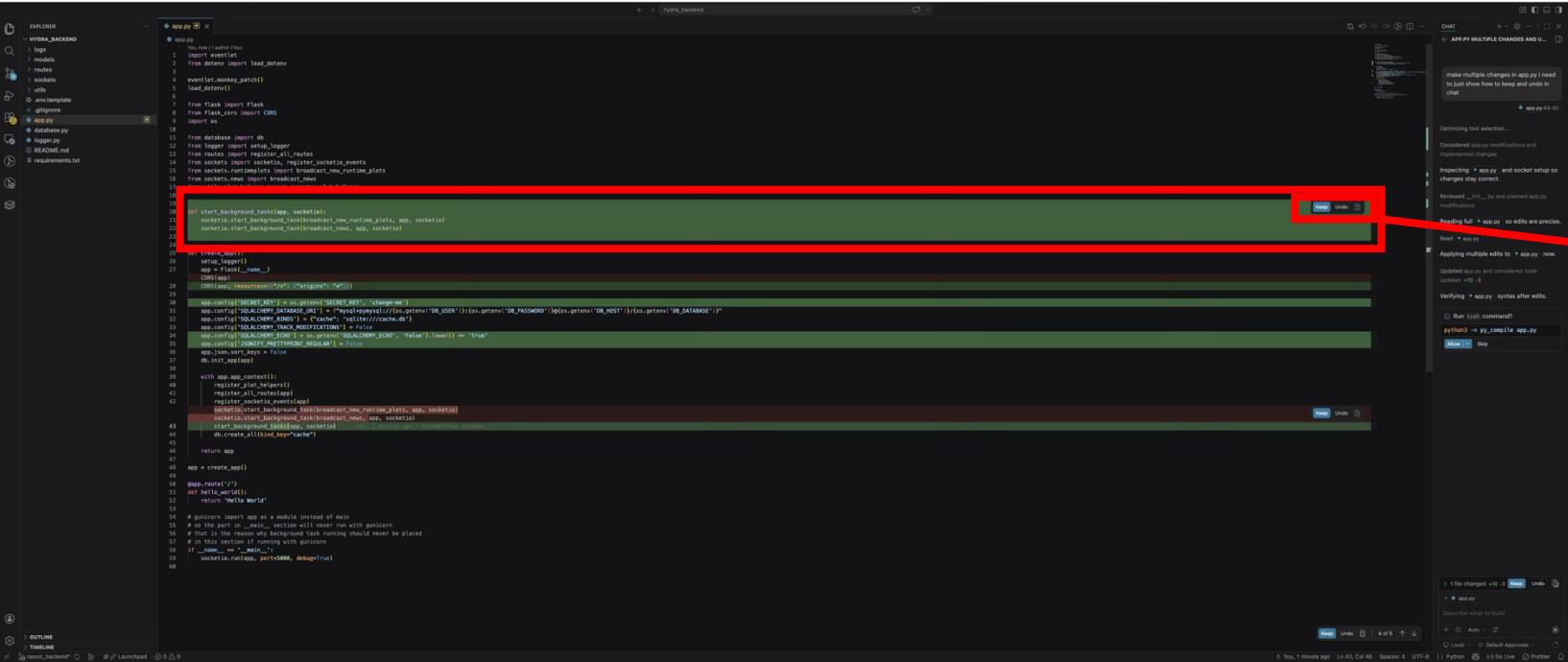
3. Highlight specific lines of code to focus the AI on a particular section



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3. Undo / Keep Changes

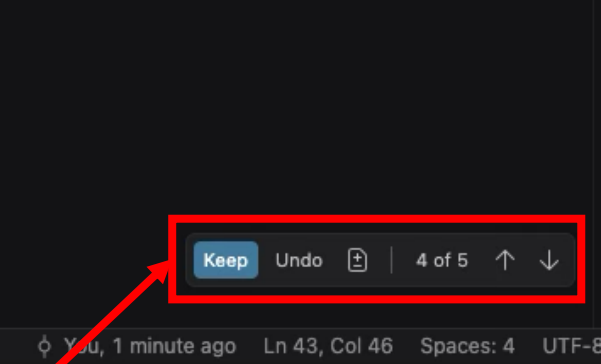
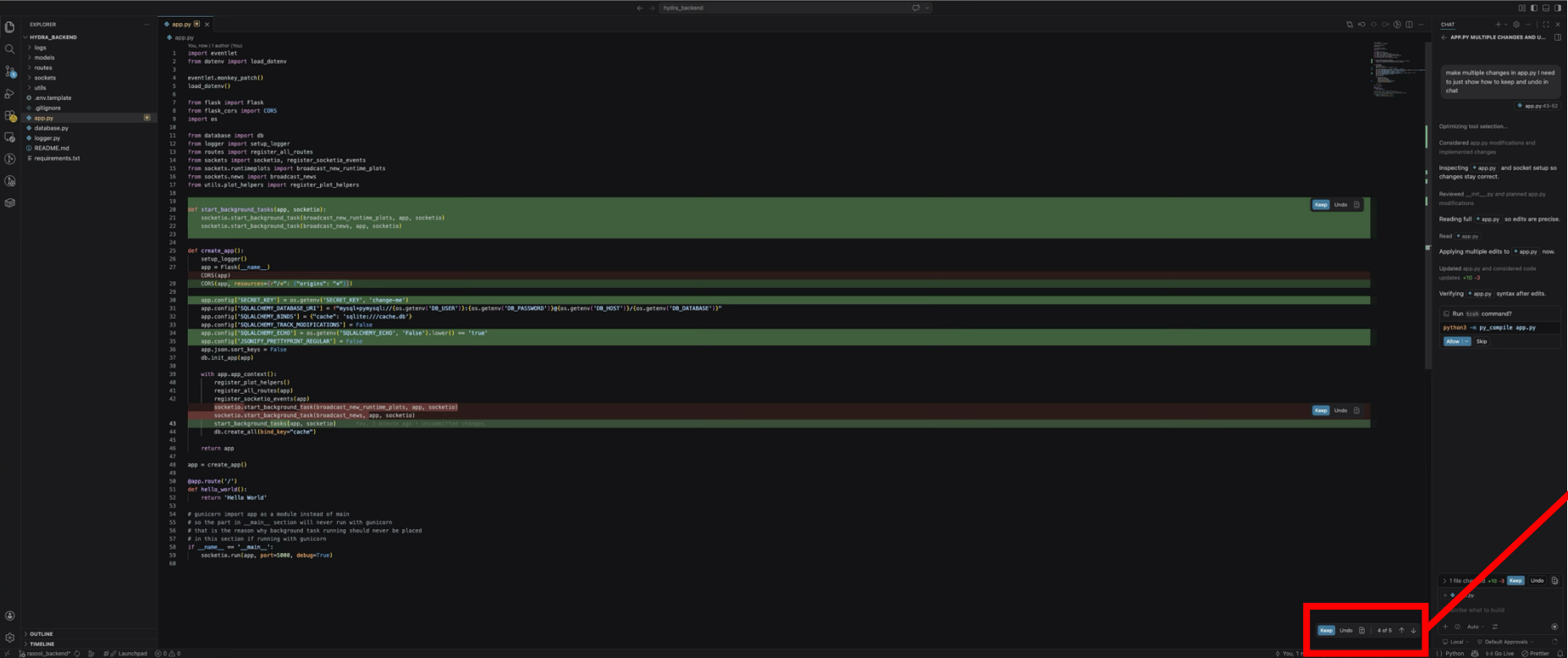
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 - Green lines = added code
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- You can review and control changes in multiple ways:
 - 1. Per line:** Hover over changes to keep or undo individual edits



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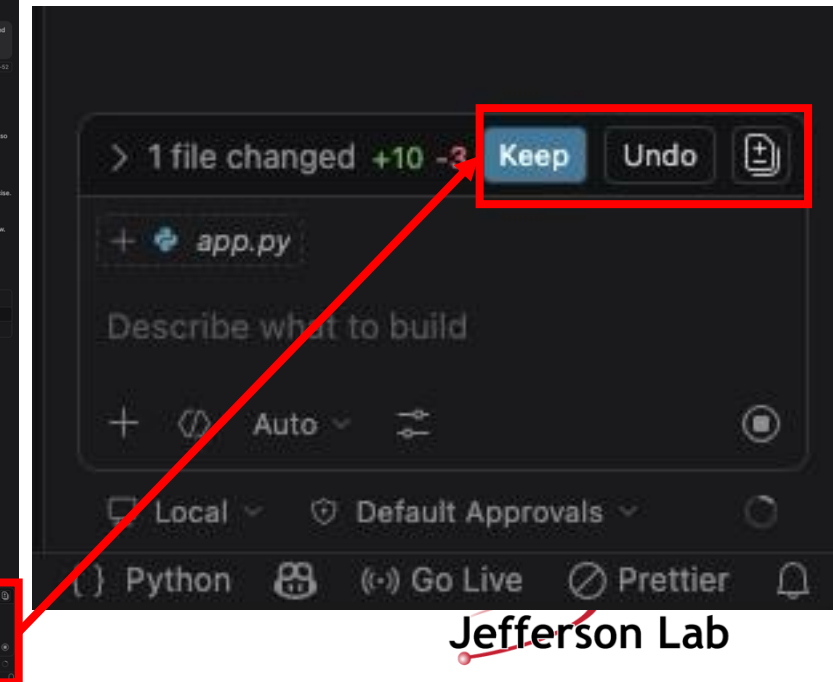
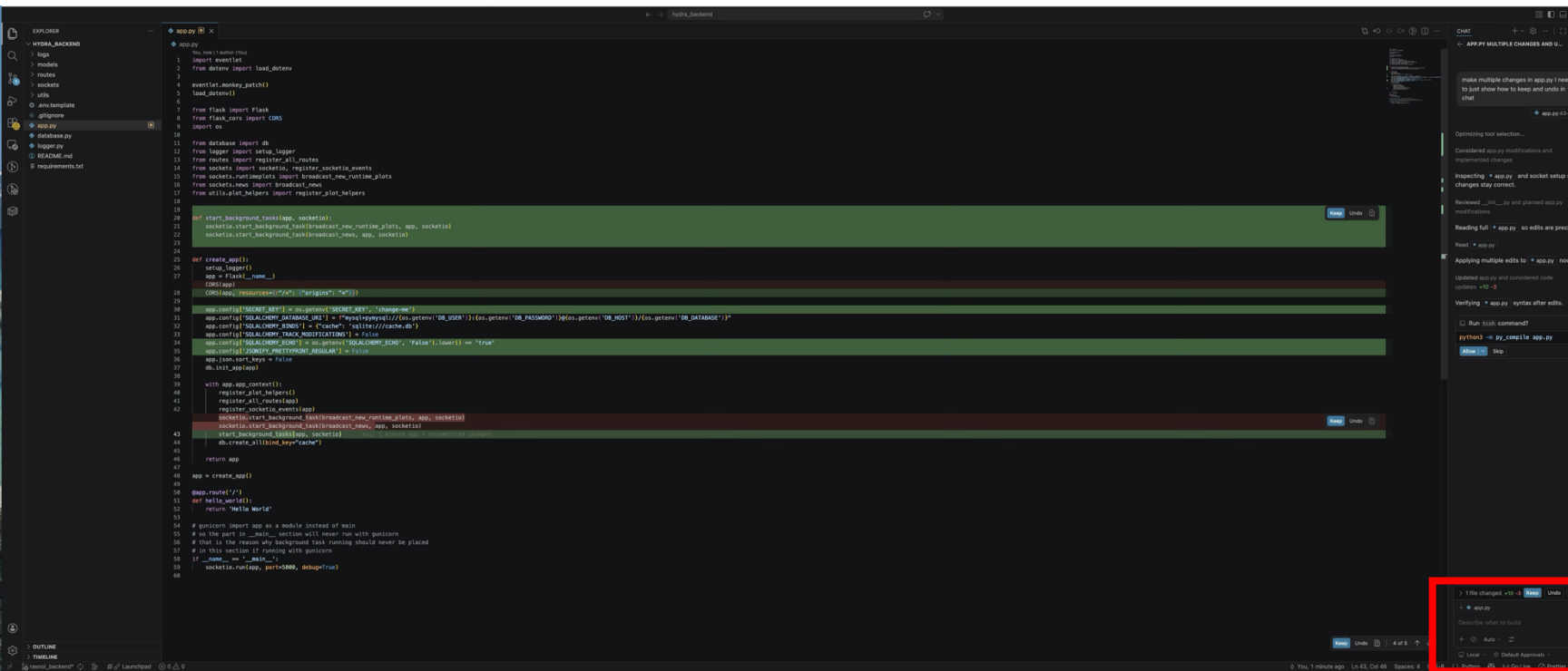
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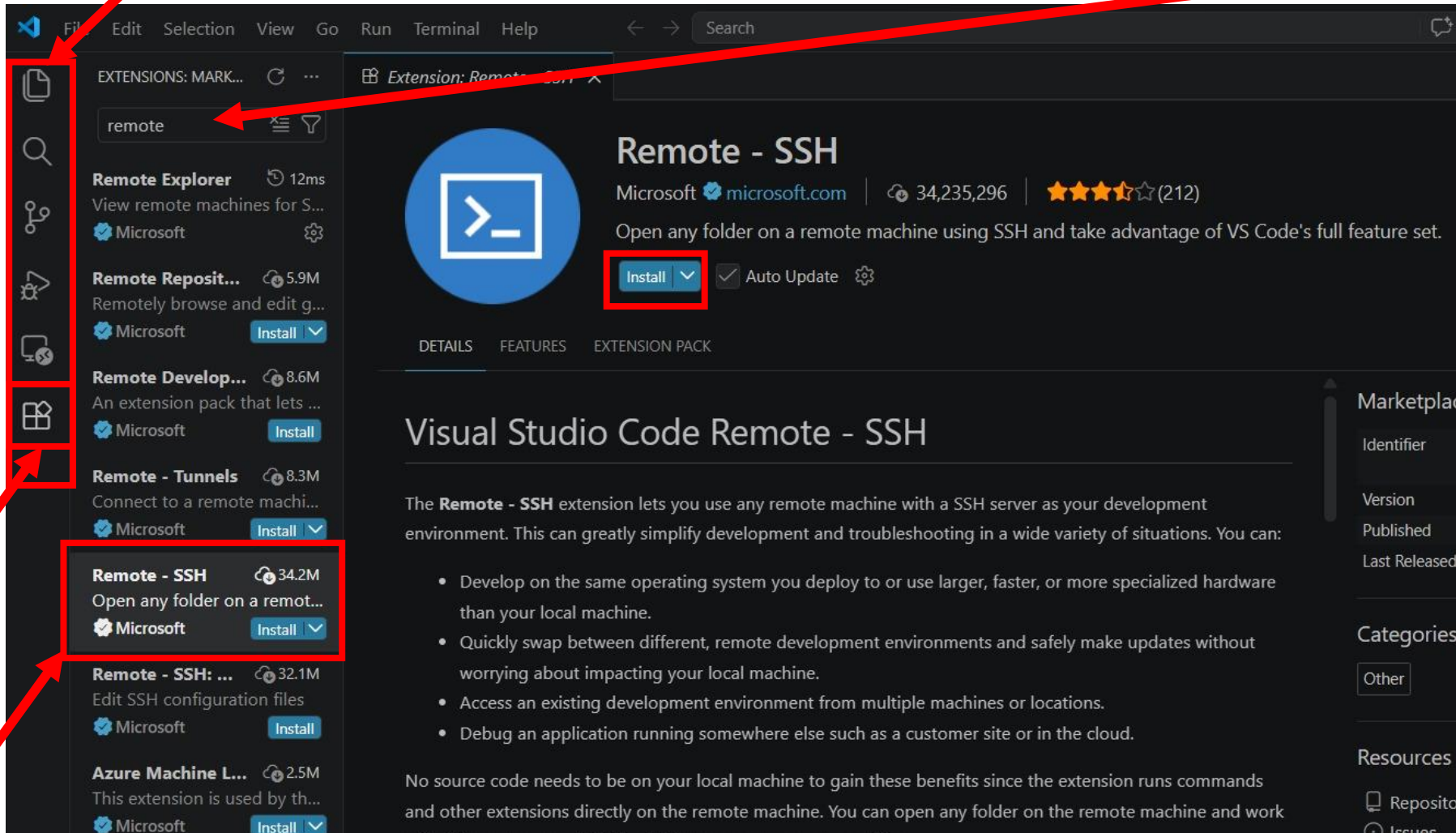
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STEP 4: INSTALL REMOTE SSH EXTENSION

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 4: INSTALL REMOTE SSH EXTENSION

- Open VS Code
- Go to Activity Bar and switch to extensions panel and install Remote-SSH extension (search remote)



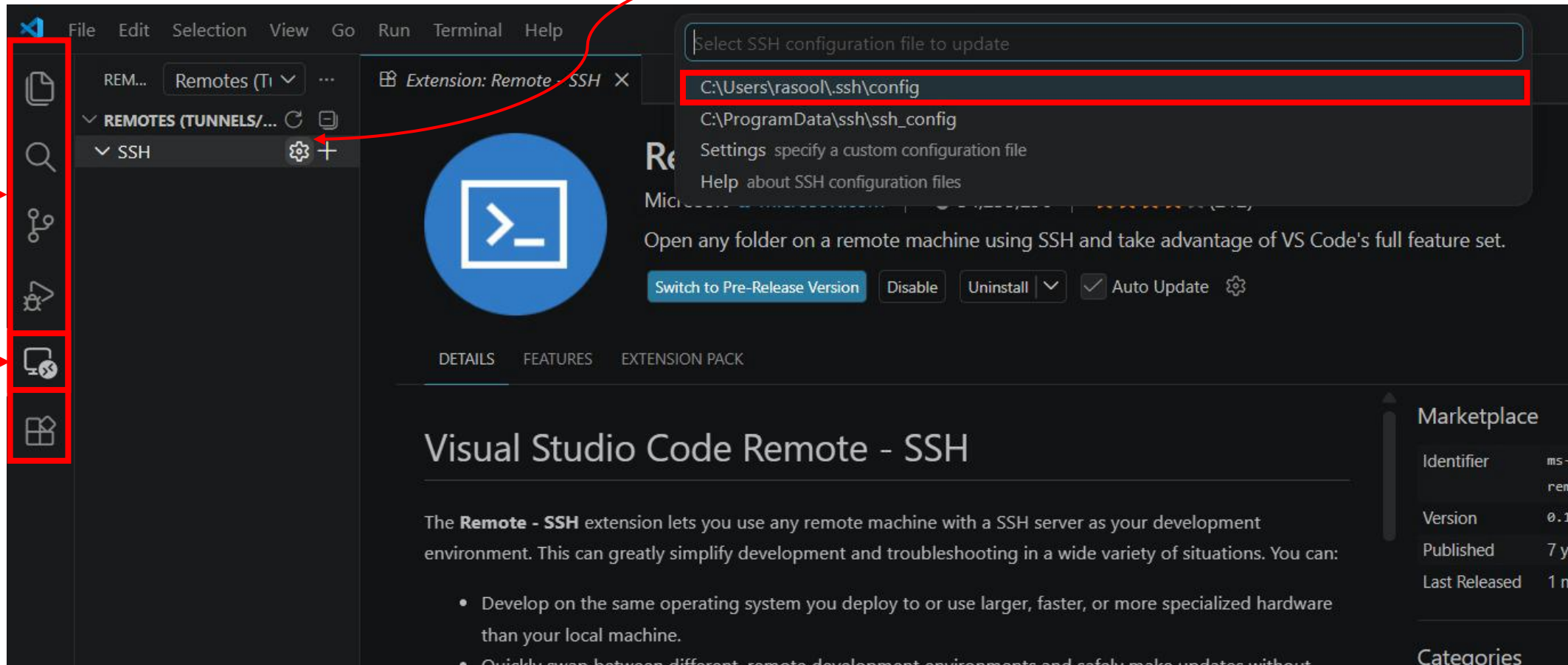
Extensions

Click here

STEP 5: CONFIGURE SSH

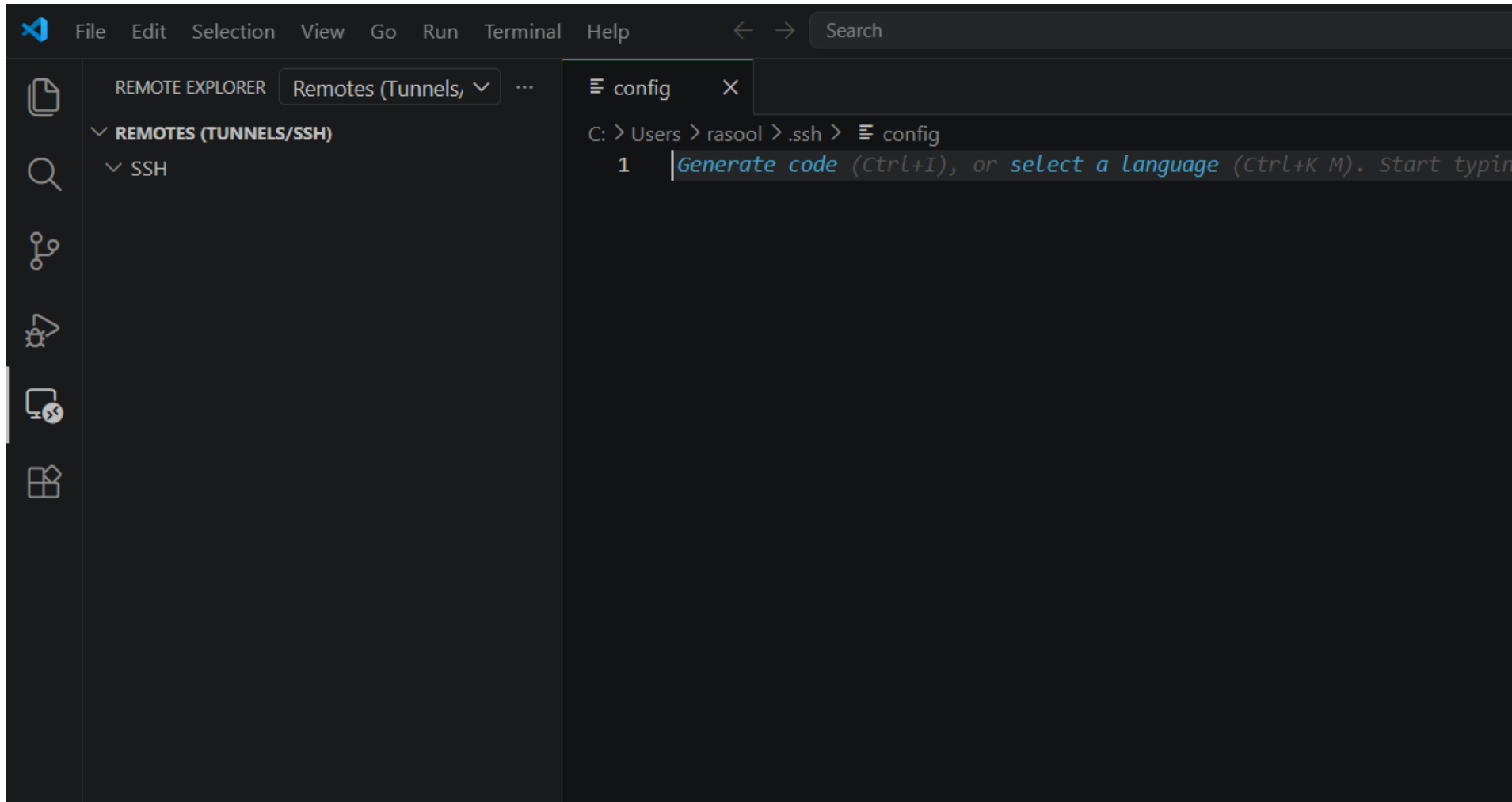
GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 5: CONFIGURE SSH

- Go to Remote Explorer panel using Activity Bar and click on settings icon. Now hit enter selecting `~/.ssh/config` file



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 5: CONFIGURE SSH

- This will open an empty `~/.ssh/config` file to edit:



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, and Help. The left sidebar shows the REMOTE EXPLORER with a tree view containing REMOTES (TUNNELS/SSH) and SSH. The main editor area displays a file named 'config' with the following content:

```
C: > Users > rasool > .ssh > config
1 | Generate code (Ctrl+I), or select a language (Ctrl+K M). Start typin
```

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 5: CONFIGURE SSH

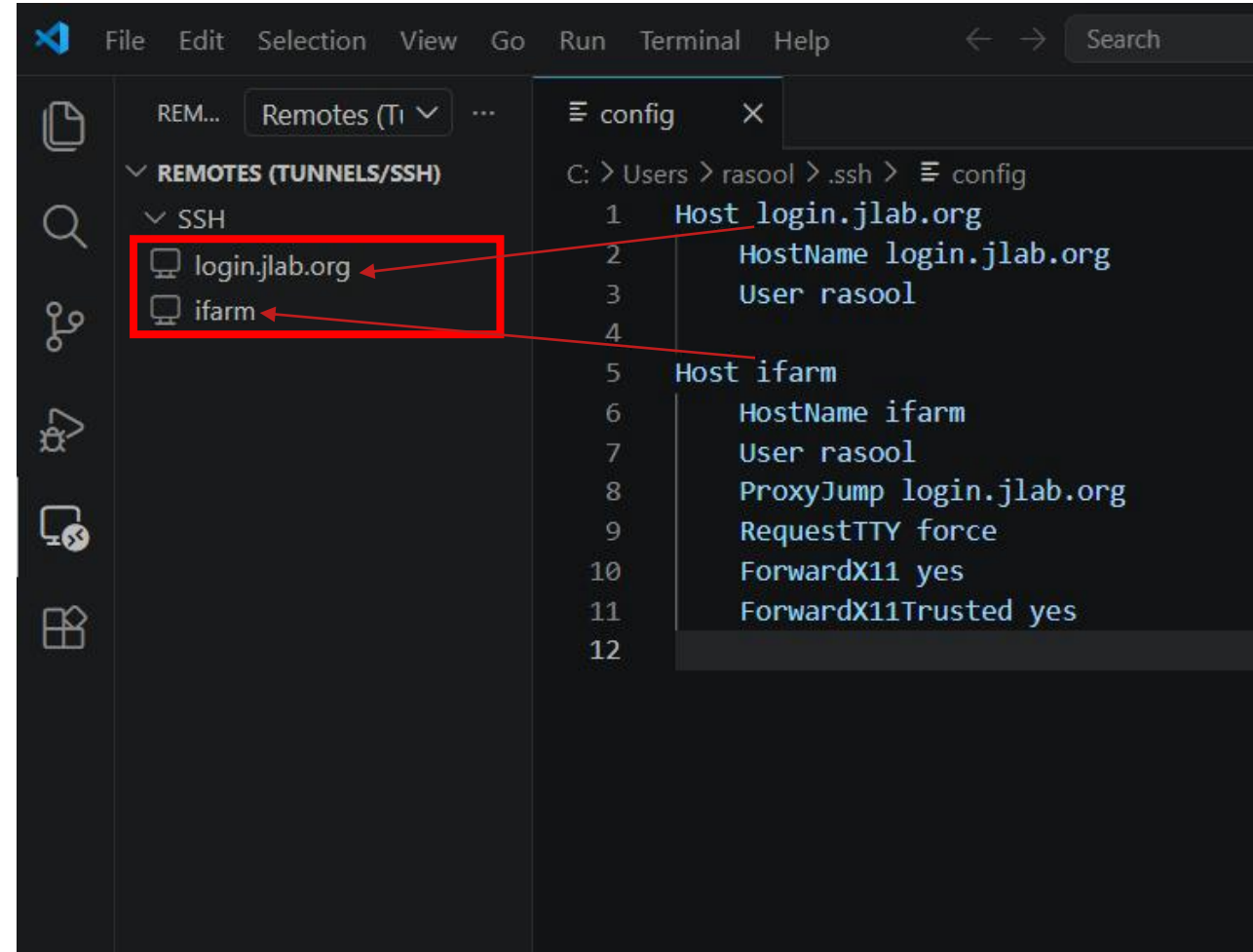
- Paste the exact content into the config file, then press **Ctrl/Cmd + S** to save. Make sure the indentation (tabs and spacing) is correct.

```
Host login.jlab.org
  HostName login.jlab.org
  User <your_jlab_username>
```

```
Host ifarm
  HostName ifarm
  User <your_jlab_username>
  ProxyJump login.jlab.org
  RequestTTY force
  ForwardX11 yes
  ForwardX11Trusted yes
```

- You will start seeing host names in the Remote Explorer Panel

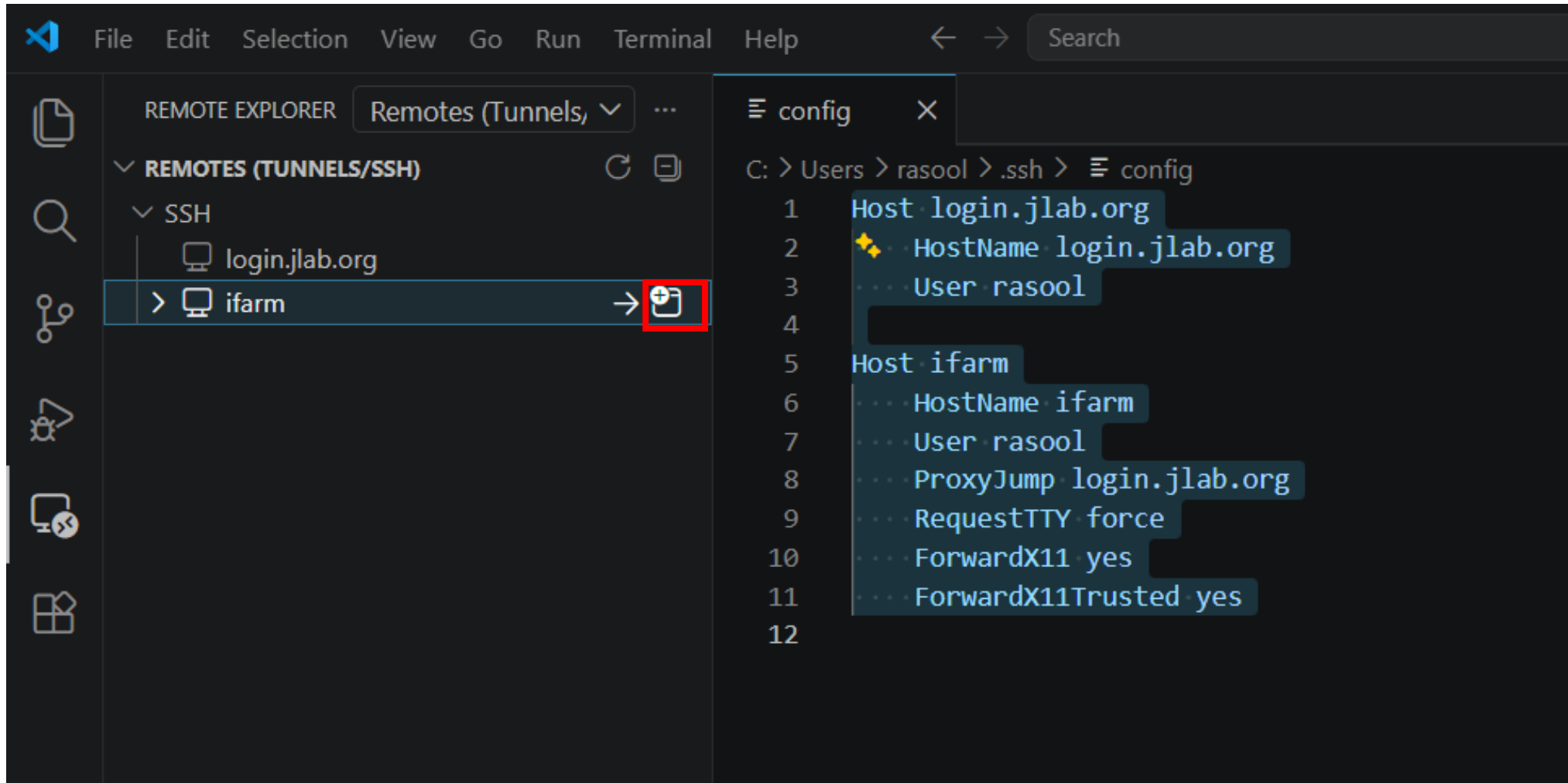
Note: Replace `<your_jlab_username>` with your actual JLab username in the file.



STEP 6: CONNECT TO IFARM

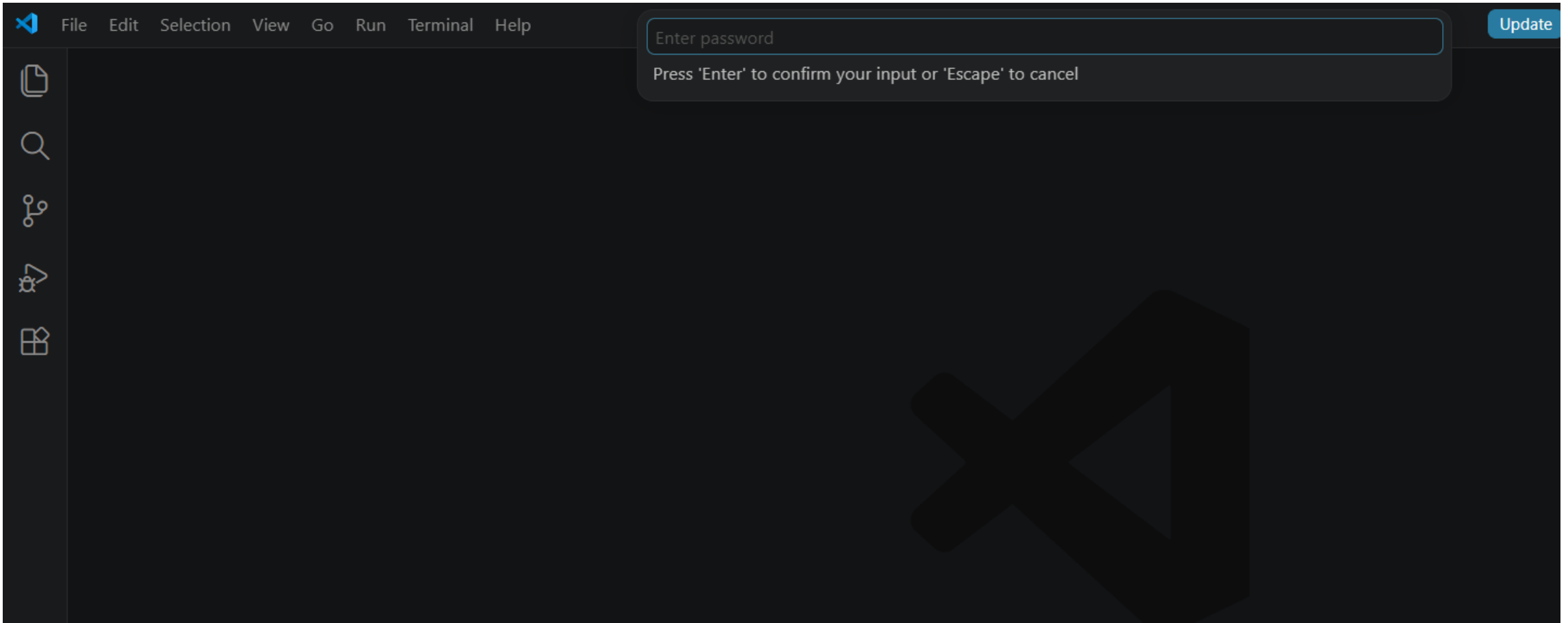
GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 6: CONNECT TO IFARM

- Go to Remote Explorer and click on open in new window icon:



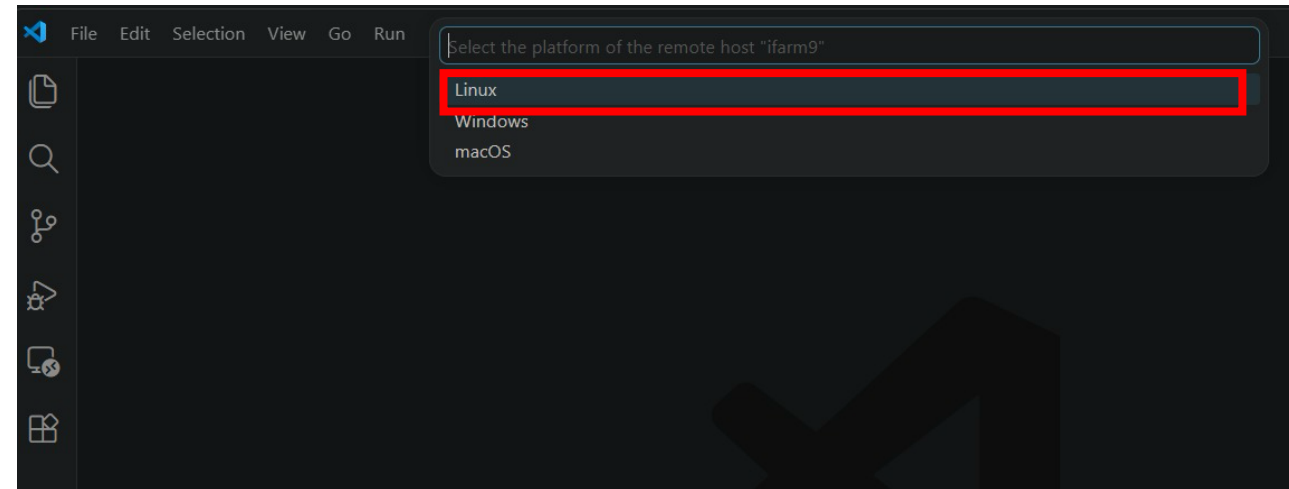
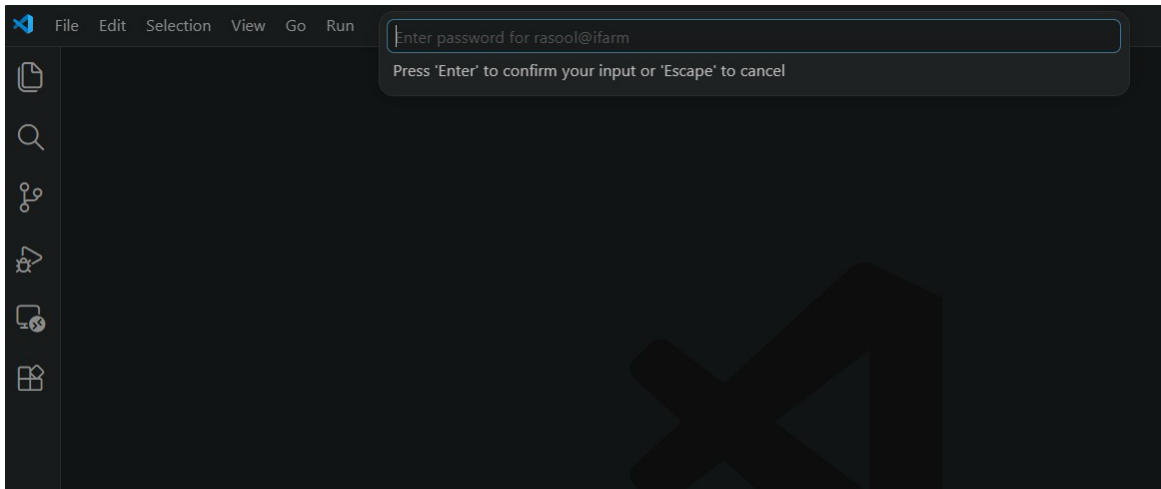
GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 6: CONNECT TO IFARM

- A new window will open with a password prompt.
 - Enter your **6-digit PIN + MobilePass/USB token**.
 - You are logging into login.jlab.org, which acts as the gateway to access ifarm.
 - The ProxyJump login.jlab.org setting in the config automatically handles this intermediate step.



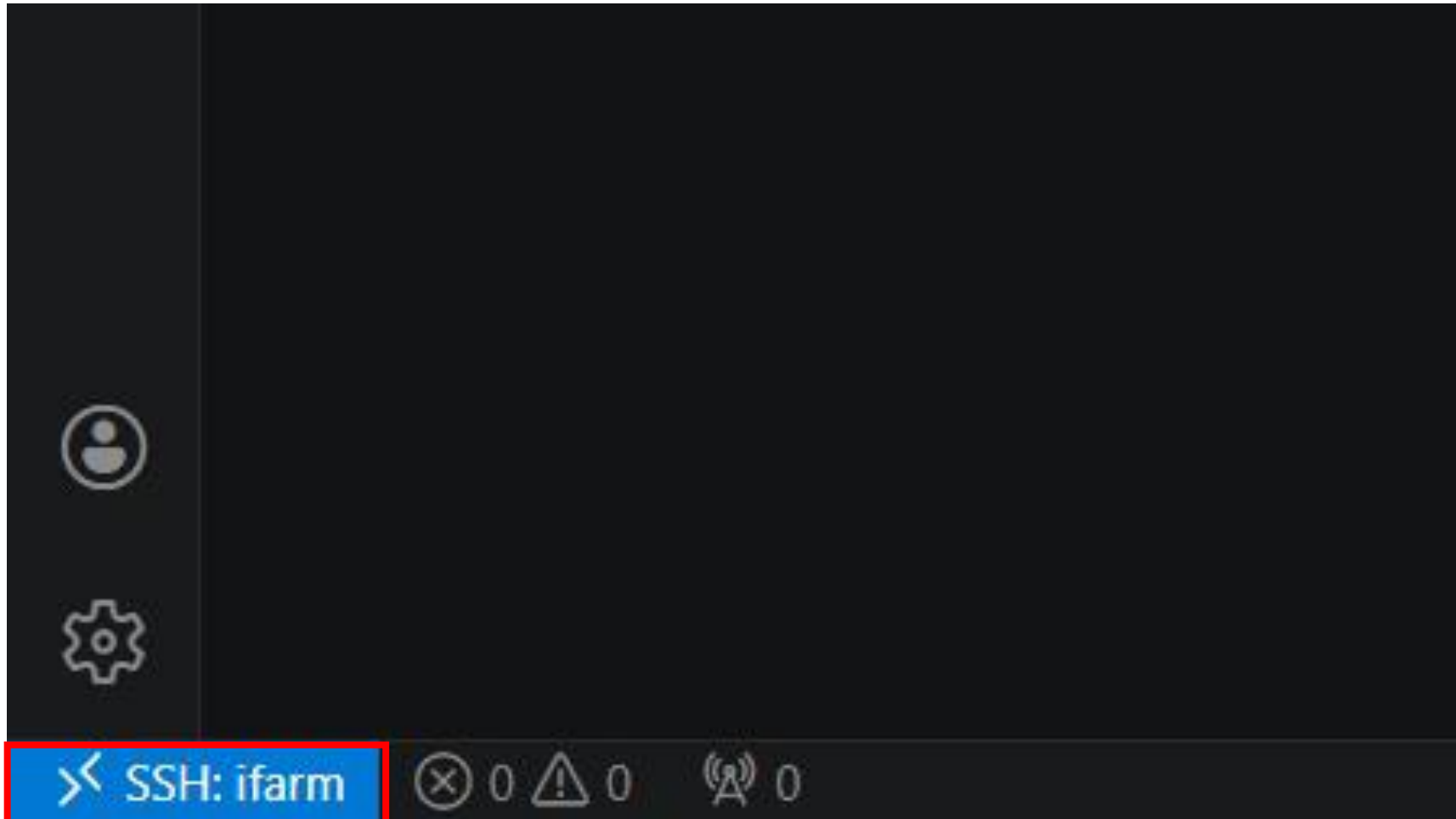
GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 6: CONNECT TO IFARM

- After entering your password for login.jlab.org, a second prompt will appear for @ifarm. Enter your CUE (JLab) account password to complete the login.
- For any additional pop-ups, simply select the default trusted option such as “Linux” or “Continue”, depending on what is shown.



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 6: CONNECT TO IFARM

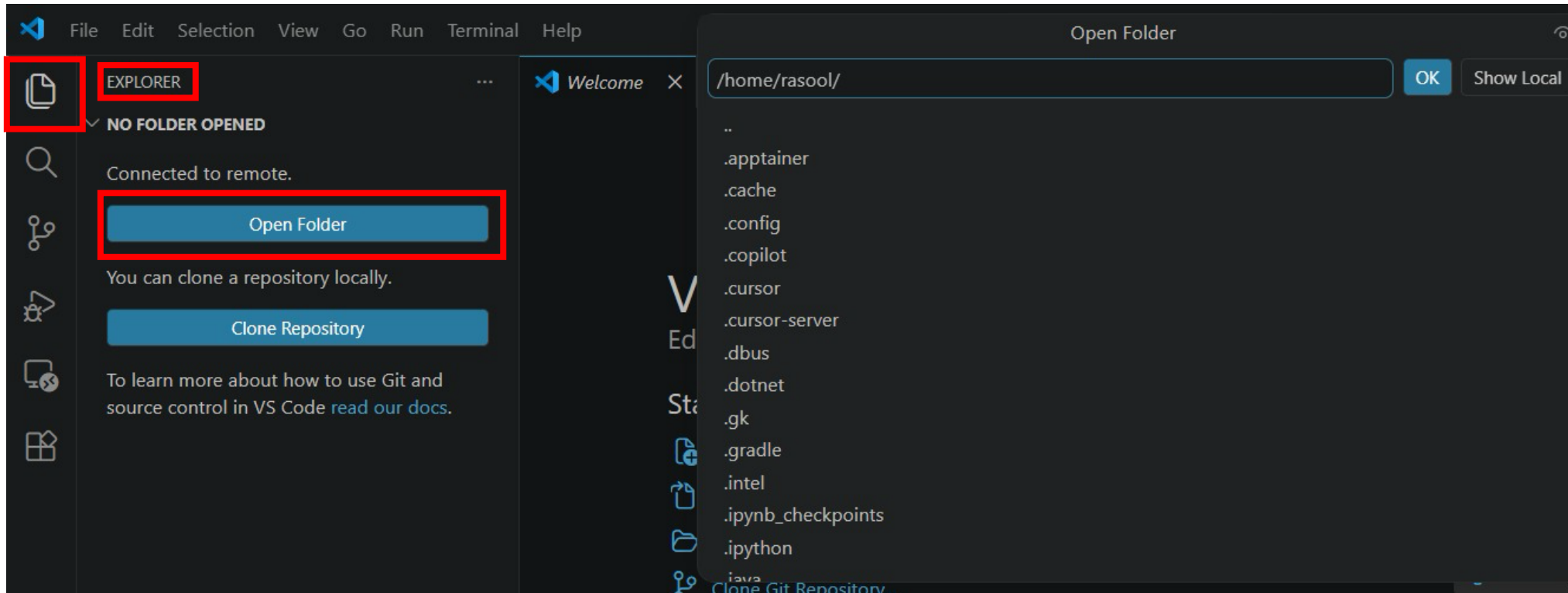
- After completing all the prompts, you will be successfully connected to **ifarm**. You should now see **“SSH: ifarm”** displayed in the bottom-left corner of VS Code, confirming the connection is active.



STEP 7: OPEN A FOLDER ON IFARM

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 7: OPEN A FOLDER

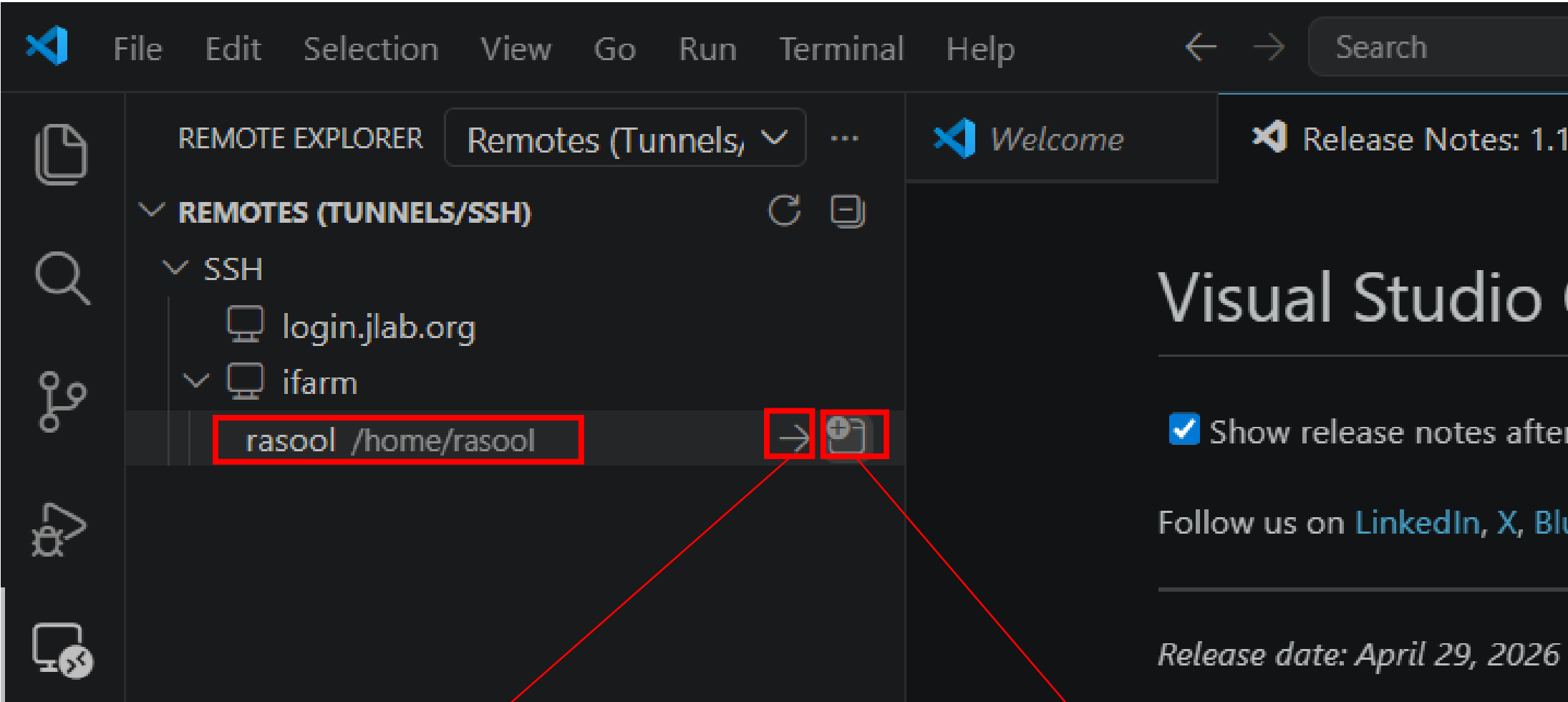
- To open a folder on ifarm, go to the Explorer panel in the Activity Bar and click “Open Folder”.
 - A prompt will appear at the top where you can enter a directory path.
 - Navigate to the folder where you will be working
 - Prefer working under /w (assigned by your group/hall)



Note: Avoid using your home directory. It fills up quickly and can cause issues like: VS Code connection failure due to disk quota exceeded errors (Refer to [“Navigating ifarm”](#) slides 51–58 for details)

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- After connecting to a folder once on a host that path get saved and next time you can directly connect to host on that path by just clicking on that path



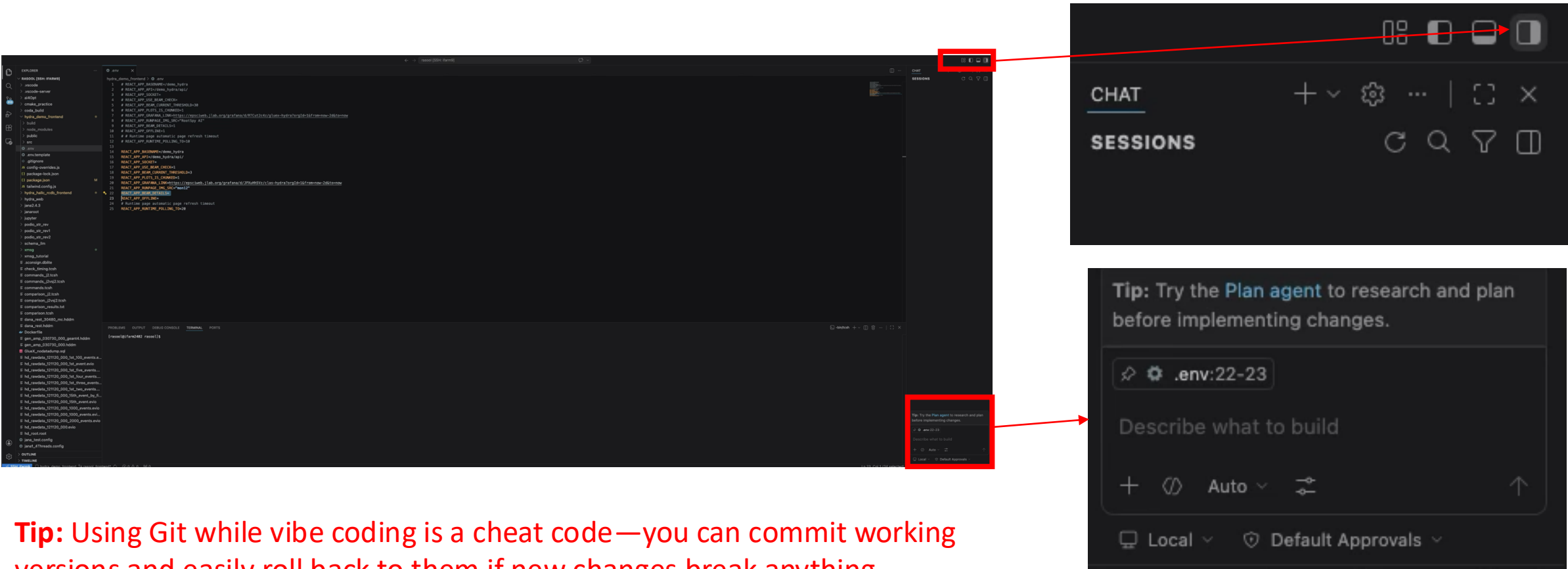
Open remote folder in current window

Open remote folder in new window

STEP 8: OPEN CHAT IN THE FOLDER ON IFARM

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 8: OPEN CHAT IN THE FOLDER

- Once you are on ifarm and have navigated to your folder, you can open the side chat panel and start using Copilot to make changes, generate code, or get help with anything in the project.
 - As mentioned earlier, the entire folder is now available as AI context, so you can reference files, code lines, and other parts of the project directly in your prompts.



STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

- **Running GUI Applications on ifarm**

- During the hands-on session, we will build and run a GUI application on ifarm while displaying it on your local machine. This requires X11 forwarding.
- A detailed explanation of X11 forwarding and multiple setup options are covered in the “Accessing & Navigating farm” session.
 - <https://indico.jlab.org/event/1069/attachments/13992/22682/AccessingAndNavigatingIFarm.pdf>
- Here, we will use the method with the simplest setup that works across all operating systems.

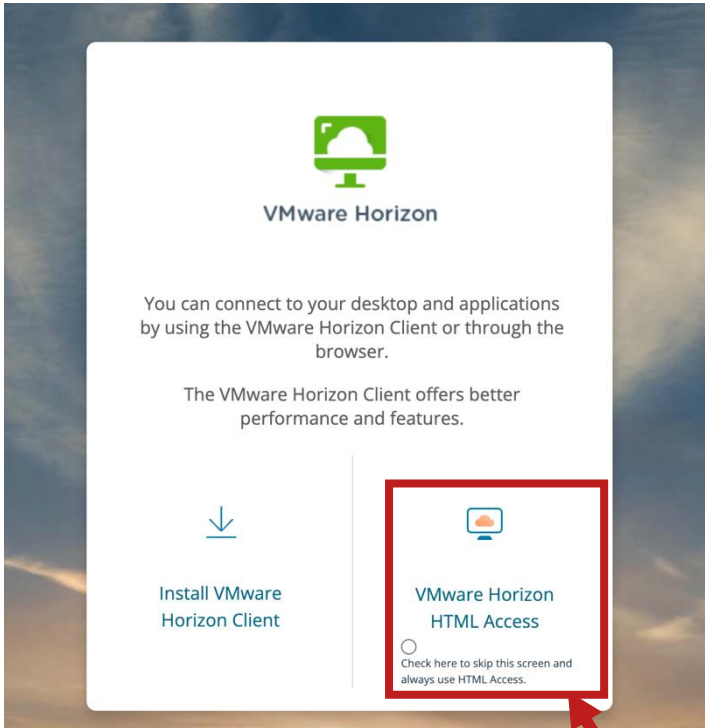
- **Steps**

1. Log in to the VDI
2. Open a Terminal
3. SSH into ifarm using the -Y flag for X11 forwarding
4. Navigate to your project directory
5. Run your application

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

1. Log in to the VDI

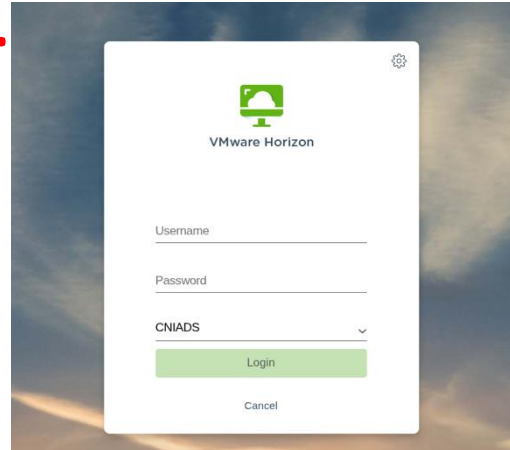
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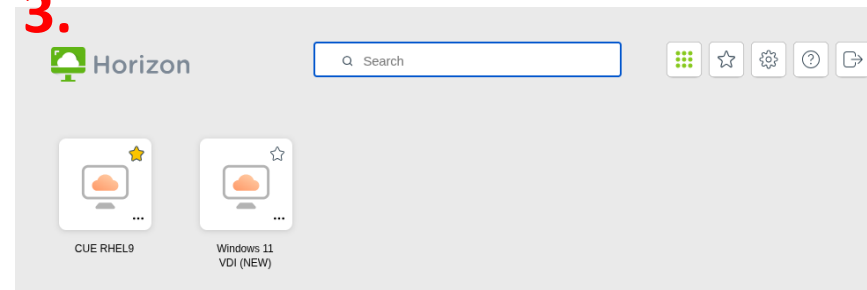
Web access

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Log in with CUE Username and Password

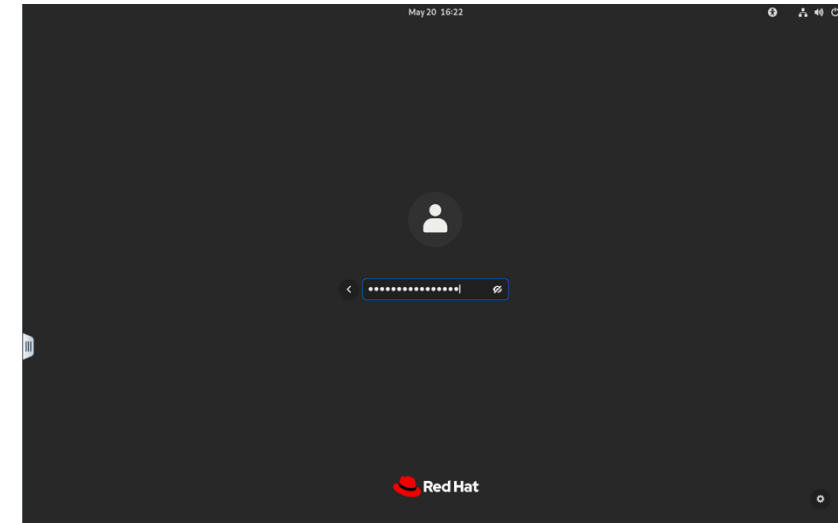
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Select RHEL9 machine (Windows requires SmartCard!!)

4. Enter CUE Username

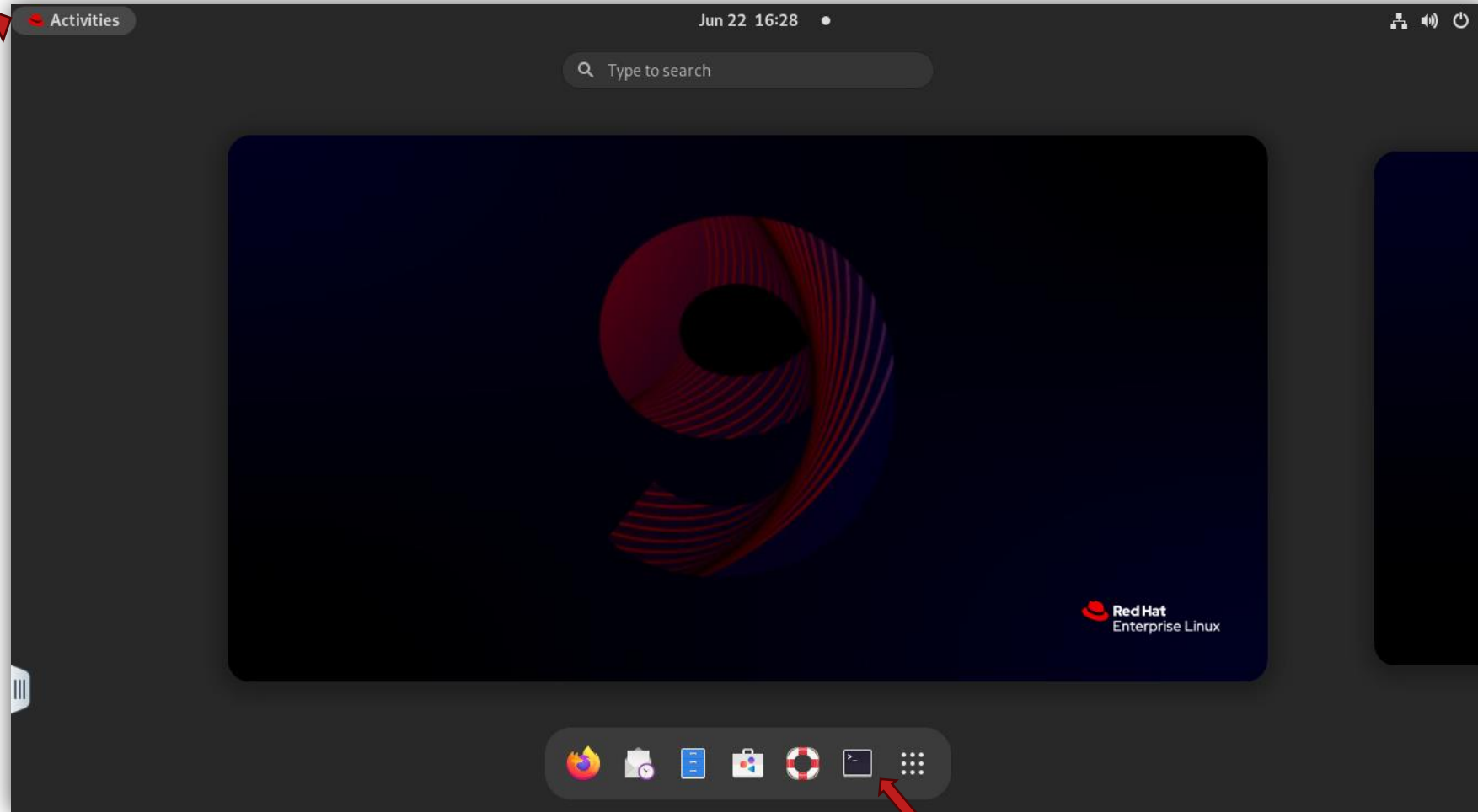
(Password = MobilePASS SAS MFA PIN+Code)



GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

2. Open the terminal

1.
Click activities
button



2.
Click Terminal Icon

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

3. SSH into ifarm :

- SSH command:

- `ssh -Y -J <username>@login.jlab.org <username>@ifarm.jlab.org`
 - -Y = X11 forwarding with encryption
 - -J = ProxyJump

```
[rasool@cue-vdi9122 ~]$ ssh -Y -J rasool@login.jlab.org rasool@ifarm.jlab.org
(rasool@login.jlab.org) Password:
rasool@ifarm.jlab.org's password:
```

Enter PIN + USB/MobilePass Token

Enter JLab Account Password

4. Navigate to your project directory

```
[rasool@ifarm2402 ~]$ cd /w/epsci-scsshelf2103/rasool/handsOnWorkshop/
[rasool@ifarm2402 handsOnWorkshop]$
```

5. Run your app

```
rasool@ifarm2402:handsOnWorkshop
[rasool@ifarm2402 handsOnWorkshop]$ python main.py
Loaded 3312812 events
```

GET SET UP TO VIBE - STEP 9: X11 FORWARDING

- **Exiting the GUI Application**
 - The GUI application may open in full-screen mode. To close it, you can use either of the following methods:
 - Click the close (X) button on the application window
 - Or:
 - Open **Activities** from the top-left corner
 - Return to the terminal window
 - Press **Ctrl + C**
 - Wait a few seconds for the application to terminate properly

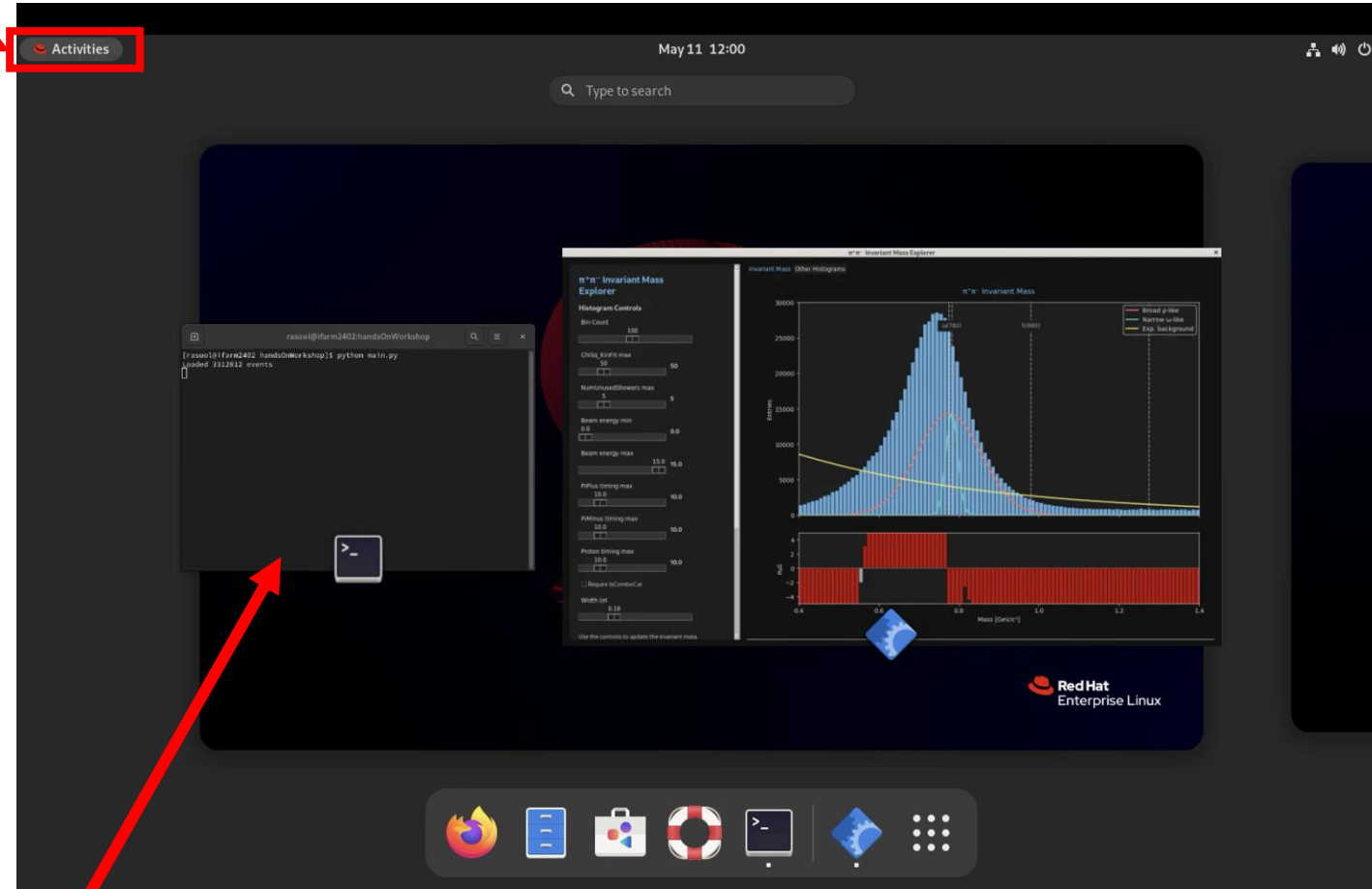


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1. Click the Activities on top

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- 2. Select the terminal to select it
- 3. Enter Ctrl + C in the terminal

CONTINUING YOUR AI LEARNING JOURNEY

AI COMMUNITY & MEETUPS

- **@ JLab**

- Weekly informal LLM/AI agent discussions
- *Wednesdays | 12:00–1:00 PM (lunch)*
- Scientists share projects, ideas, and new learnings
- Contact Thomas Britton for invite:
✉ tbritton@jlab.org
- May occasionally be skipped depending on schedule
- Not necessarily beginner-focused

- **@ Peninsula**

- *Peninsula Builders / Developers Study Group*
 - *Every other Tuesday | 6:00–7:30 PM*
 - *Location: CNU (Luter 170)*
 - *Format: 1 hr AI Study + 30 min sharing interesting findings*
- Hosted by: Raiqa Rasool (rasool@jlab.org)
- Details & RSVP: [Meetup Link](#)

- **@ Hampton**

- *The AI Collective Hampton Roads*
 - Free online + in-person AI events (Norfolk & Virginia Beach)
 - Covers AI tools, workflows, and practical usage
 - *Peninsula Builders Study Group is also part of this network*
 - More info: [AI Collective Hampton](#)

Thanks

Any Questions?