

# VSCode and Github Copilot for NCAR Systems

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## **Common NCAR Remote Connections**

#### **Terminal**

- vi / emacs
- tmux
- No GUI



#### Jupyterhub

- Jupyter notebooks
- Limited terminal integration
- GUI with file management





## Why VSCode



### File Explorer

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Source Control



- GUI
- Connect to GLADE
- Transfer files between local and remote machines!

- Git visualizations
- Shortcut buttons for common operations



#### **Extensions**

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- Jupyter notebooks
  - With your custom NCAR or local kernels
- RemoteSSH
  - Connect to Derecho and Casper
- Code Autocomplete (Intellisense)
  - Separate extensions from Copilot
- Copilot



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## How to get VSCode

### **NCAR** device

- Self Service

#### **Otherwise**

- https://code.visualstudio.com/download







## Connecting to Derecho and Casper Login Nodes

The Visual Studio Code **RemoteSSH** extension allows you to connect to Derecho, Casper, and the GLADE filesystem. Once connected to a server, you can interact with files and folders anywhere on GLADE. You can connect to the Derecho or Casper login nodes by following these steps:

#### RemoteSSH

- Press F1 and run the Remote-SSH: Open SSH Host command.
- Enter your NCAR CIT username in the following format in the input box that appears and press enter: user@casper.hpc.ucar.edu
- Enter your NCAR CIT password when prompted
- Accept the DUO Push request



The >< Button on the bottom left can also be used to quickly connect or reconnect to remote systems

Once you have configured a remote server for the first time, you can use the local terminal to launch a remote window:

code --remote ssh-remote+derecho.hpc.ucar.edu
/glade/u/home/bneuman/myproject



## Terminal vs. Interactive Modes

#### **Terminal Mode**

- Provides similar environment as the Mac Terminal over SSH
  - Ability to load modules, submit jobs, navigate filesystem, etc.
- Open files in the preview window using the command "code <filename>"
- Commands launched from the VSCode terminal will run on that node
  - e.g. On a compute node the terminal issued command will run on the compute node resources

#### **Interactive Mode**

- VSCode visualization functionality
  - Includes operations with the File Explorer
  - Opening files with the 'code' command to generate a preview window
- Utilizes the '.vs-server' folder and settings that are generated
  - Shows the running process as 'node'
- Will run on the node that RemoteSSH connected to

**WARNING**: You should always assume your code is running on the login node unless you connect a new window to a compute node with an active interactive PBS job



## **GLADE** and File Explorer

### **Open Folder**

- Tries to open a new window

### **Opening a folder generates a "Workspace"**

- VS Code scans this workspace for Intellisense and Copilot
- Be mindful of both CPU and memory utilization:
  - Intellisense will scan the entire workspace repeatedly
  - A larger workspace uses more memory on the login nodes





Prompt provides path to GLADE when connected to Derecho or Casper



Default File Explorer view



## File Manager Resources

#### Reduce memory and code scan delay

- Select a small folder to open
  - Limitations due to hidden folders
    - Usually there are repos
  - Control over what is visible in a workspace

- Modify the Settings file and exclude files matching patterns related to git, conda environments, and hidden files
  - Code > Preferences > Settings
  - Still scans the workspace

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    "**/node modules/**": true.
    "**/dist/**": true,
    "**/conda-envs/**": true
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    "**/dist/**": true,
    "**/tmp/**": true,
    "**/.git/objects/**": true,
    "**/.git/subtree-cache/**": true,
    "**/.DS_Store": true,
    "**/.vscode": true,
    "**/__pycache__": true,
    "**/.pytest_cache": true,
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https://ncar-hpc-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/environment-and-software/vscode/#file-explorer



## Jupyter Notebooks

### **Jupyter Extension**

- Navigate to the Extensions tab
- Search for Jupyter
- To use custom conda environments to be available in VSCode, you must use the script:

create\_conda\_kernel

- This also makes the kernel available in Jupyterhub





## Jupyter Notebook Kernels

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#### **Kernel Select**

- To select an environment, use the Python: Select Interpreter command from the Command Palette (☆ \ P) or F1
- Kernel can also be selected with the 'Select Kernel' on an open notebook



## **Connecting to Compute Nodes**

#### For large, interactive workloads you should connect to Casper compute nodes

- Steps to connect to a compute node interactive session:
  - 1. Connect to a Casper login node using Remote-SSH
  - 2. From the Terminal, launch an interactive job using qsub -l

qsub -I -A <project> -q casper -l select=1:ncpus=4:mpiprocs=4 -l
walltime=01:00:00

3. Identify the assigned compute node name:

\$USER@crhtc32:~>

echo \$HOSTNAME

4. Launch a new window and connect directly to the compute node using Remote-SSH: bneuman@crhtc32.hpc.ucar.edu



### Derecho will only run interactive workloads on login nodes

- Current security on Derecho prevents direct login to compute nodes from VSCode's RemoteSSH



## Copilot License

- Join the NCAR GitHub Organization: https://github.com/NCAR
- Coordinate with your lab's budgeting for a project key (billing key) for charging CoPilot Charges (\$19/month).
- Submit a Help Request:
  - Create a request through the NCAR/UCAR Service Desk by emailing help@ucar.edu or using the Service Desk portal.
  - Provide your GitHub ID and Project Key for charging CoPilot charges.
- Install the Github Copilot Extension in VSCode and login using your Github credentials

The Service Desk will process your request, confirm the billing information, and activate the license.

Note: NCAR only offers GitHub Copilot for Business, not the Enterprise tier.



## Copilot in VSCode and the Chat Window

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### **Copilot Chat**

- Menu pane -> Copilot
  - Opens default chat window
- Text based generation via prompts
- Scope is contained to the running chat
  - New chat can be started with the +
  - Move existing chat to a new window or editor:
- ... -> Open in New Window
  - New Window maintains scope and allows for new chat windows in parallel

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Loads the necessary environment and MPI modules.

#### 3. Job Execution:

• Changes to the directory from which the job was submitted

Ask Copilot or type / for comman



## Copilot Chat vs. Copilot In-context

### Copilot prompt in your active window

- Open the Copilot prompt with  $\text{H} \ensuremath{\mathbb{I}}$  on your active preview window
  - Highlight sections of code to target or use Function names
- Copilot Autocomplete attempts to generate new code based on scope

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Copilot prompt opened in code editor



**Copilot Autocomplete** 



## **Energy Use and Copilot**

2022 Paper "Estimating the Carbon Footprint of BLOOM, a 176B Parameter Language Model" (*Luccioni, Viguier, Ligozat, https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.02001*)

- BLOOM:
  - 176 Billion parameters
  - Trained on 1.6 Petabytes of data

Total training time	118 days, 5 hours, 41 min
Total number of GPU hours	1,082,990 hours
Total energy used	433,196 kWh
GPU models used	Nvidia A100 80GB
Carbon intensity of the energy grid	57 gCO <sub>2</sub> eq/kWh

Table 1: Key statistics about BLOOM model training – for more details about our methodology, see Section 4.2.

Table from https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.02001



## Inferring Energy Usage for Training

### Projected power and CO2 emissions based on BLOOM

- Factors in three phases
  - Total power consumption for *Training*
  - CO2 Emissions of *Dynamic Energy* during Training
  - CO2 Emissions of Dynamic Energy and Passive Datacenter Energy during Training

Model	Number of	Datacenter	Carbon intensity	Power	CO <sub>2</sub> eq	CO <sub>2</sub> eq
name	parameters	PUE	of grid used	consumption	emissions	emissions × PUE
GPT-3	175B	1.1	429 gCO <sub>2</sub> eq/kWh	1,287 MWh	502 tonnes	552 tonnes
Gopher	280B	1.08	330 gCO <sub>2</sub> eq/kWh	1,066 MWh	352 tonnes	380 tonnes
OPT	175B	1.09 <sup>2</sup>	$231gCO_2eq/kWh$	324 MWh	70 tonnes	76.3 tonnes $^3$
BLOOM	176B	1.2	57 gCO <sub>2</sub> eq/kWh	433 MWh	25 tonnes	30 tonnes

Table 4: Comparison of carbon emissions between BLOOM and similar LLMs. Numbers in *italics* have been inferred based on data provided in the papers describing the models.

Table from https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.02001



## Energy Usage - Post Training

#### **Energy used per prompt estimations**

- ~1 request in a 10 minute window uses 0.30kWh of energy
  - Near idle amount of energy for running A100 GPU (idle measured at ~0.28kWh)
- Consumption energy mostly scales with requests
  - Occasional spikes in energy consumption



16x A100 GPUs running BLOOM, 176B Parameter LLM



## Energy Usage - Post Training

Prompts	kWh	Light bulbs (LED 18Wh/bulb)
0	0.28	15.55
1	0.30	16.67
100	0.35	19.44
200	0.45	25.00
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Number of requests received in a 10-minute interval

## Copilot Agents

**Prompts can be directed to produce better results:** 

- Using @workspace before you prompt gives more control on how the AI will process your prompt
- Available agents:
  - @github
    - Get answers grounded in web search and code search
    - Takes less time to produce results compared to @workspace
  - @terminal
    - Ask how to do something in the terminal
  - @workspace
    - Ask about your workspace
    - Can take significantly longer to produce results
      - More energy due to additional inference
      - Still sends your prompt to model with additional inputs from workspace
  - @vscode
    - Ask questions about VS Code



## Workspace

#### Workspaces

- Copilot defaults to *only* using the open files in the preview window



#### No path open in File Explorer



#### Files open in preview window

#### @workspace what is my current workspace

#### Workspace

#### ✓ Used 2 references

- \$ pbs\_modelrun.sh:1-110 ~/copilotpy
- ≣ forecastmodel.f90:154-190 /glade/u/home/bneuman

Your current workspace includes a Fortran-based numerical model for simulating fluid dynamics using the Navier-Stokes equations. The workspace contains the following key components:

- 1. Fortran Source Code:
- File: forecastmodel.f90
- Modules:
  - model\_parameters : Defines model parameters such as grid dimensions, time step, maximum time, and viscosity.
  - model\_variables : Defines model variables such as velocity components (u, v, w), their updated values (u\_new, v\_new, w\_new), and pressure.

#### Subroutines:

- initialize\_model : Initializes the model variables.
- run\_model: Runs the model by iterating over time steps and calling update\_model.
- update\_model: Updates the model variables using the Navier-Stokes equations.
- Main Program:
  - forecast\_model : Orchestrates the initialization and execution of the model.

#### 2. PBS Job Script:

- File: pbs\_modelrun.sh
- Content: Configures and submits an MPI job using PBS directives. It includes loading necessary modules, changing to the working directory, and running the MPI job with mpiexec.



## Workspaces with File Explorer

#### Workspaces with a path in File Explorer

- Searches entire workspace
- Prompt generation can take significantly longer



#### CESM path on GLADE open in File Explorer

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#### No files open in preview window

@workspace what is my current workspace Workspace Used 12 references ≡ include\_user\_mods:1 cime\_config/testmods\_dirs/allactive/cism/test\_coupling ≡ shell\_commands:1-2 cime\_config/testmods\_dirs/allactive/cism/test\_coupling user\_nl\_cice:1-73 cime\_config/testmods\_dirs/allactive/defaultio ≡ user\_nl\_clm:1-4 cime\_config/testmods\_dirs/allactive/defaultio include\_user\_mods:1 cime\_config/testmods\_dirs/allactive/defaultiomi Your current workspace appears to be a project related to CESM (Community Earth System Model) with a structure that includes various directories and files for configuration, documentation, and source code. The main directories and files include: .github/: Contains GitHub-related templates and configurations. cime/: Contains the core infrastructure for the model, including scripts, source code, and documentation. cime\_config/: Contains configuration files and test modifications. components/: Likely contains different components of the CESM. doc/: Contains documentation files. manage\_externals/: Contains tools and scripts for managing external dependencies. Various README and LICENSE files. The workspace includes configuration files for Sphinx documentation, test modifications for different components, and scripts for managing external dependencies.



## Methods to Specify Prompt Inputs

Additional methods to drill down on paths, files, or highlighted code

- #editor
  - The visible source code in the active editor
- #file
  - Specify a file
    - Explain #file:src/main.cpp
  - Still bound by the workspace
    - Won't open / analyze files outside of it
- #selection
  - Highlighted portion of an open file in the active window
    - Explain #selection
- #terminalLastCommand
- #terminalSelection

Not all options are available for in-context code

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Limitation when selecting a file outside of your workspace

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	real, parameter :: viscosity = 0.001
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9	module_model_variables
10	use model_parameters
11	implicit none

Highlight a portion of the code to use in #selection



## **Shortcut Behaviors**

### **Common tasks have shortcuts available**

- /explain
  - (@workspace) Explain how the code in your active editor works
    - defaults to @workspace scope
  - /explain #file:src/main.cpp
- /fix
  - (@workspace) Propose a fix for the problems in the selected code
    - Highlight sections to fix
- /doc
  - Add documentation for a symbol
    - Works on highlighted text
    - /doc run\_model()
  - Specify documentation standards
    - /doc using doxygen comment standard
- /tests
  - Generates unit tests for highlighted code





These Copilot shortcuts are available in-context by right clicking and selecting from the list

## Combining Agents and Copilot Functions + Custom Agents

#### **Combining the three selections for a Prompt**

- Efficient way to prompt
- Provides more control over scope of data
  - @workspace /explain #file:src/main.cpp
  - @workspace /fix #file:fibonacci.f90
  - @github /explain

### **Copilot directly through Github repository**

- Menu -> Copilot -> Search for a repository
  - Limited unless repository is indexed
    - Limit to number of indexed repositories

### **Custom Agents**

- It is possible to create custom agents and



Menu from <u>https://www.github.com</u> Select Copilot to search for a repository Generate a chat window for the selected repository



## **Discussion on Prompt Output**

#### Running quite a few example prompts

- Based on my experience with Copilot
  - .. and a few similar reports of generating code

### Things Copilot seems to be pretty good at:

- Scripting
  - bash, Python, etc.
- Code documentation
- Generating plots from data in scope
- Generalized code and functions
  - Webapps, Database operations, Fibonacci Sequence
- Estimating memory, MPI ranks, grid sizes
  - With user provided constraints

To determine the maximum domain sizes that can be used with 470GB of memory, we need to calculate the memory usage of the arrays in the **forecastmodel.f90** code and then find the maximum dimensions that fit within the available memory.

**Memory Calculation** 

#### 1. Array Dimensions:

- nx, ny, nz: Domain sizes to be determined.
- 2. Number of Arrays:

```
\circ~ There are 7 arrays: u, v, w, u_new, v_new, w_new, pressure.
```

- 3. Memory per Element:
  - Assuming real is 4 bytes (single precision).
- 4. Total Memory Usage:
  - Memory per array: nx \* ny \* nz \* 4 bytes
  - Total memory for all arrays: 7 \* nx \* ny \* nz \* 4 bytes
- 5. Available Memory:
  - 470GB = 470 \* 1024^3 bytes = 504658657280 bytes

#### Summary

With 470GB of memory, you can use domain sizes such as:

```
• nx = ny = nz \approx 2610
```

• nx = 1000, ny = 1000,  $nz \approx 18023$ 

These are just examples, and you can adjust the dimensions as needed, ensuring that the product of nx \* ny \* nz does not exceed 18023594800.

"What domain sizes can be used if I only have 470GB of memory?"



## Discussion on Prompt Output - Pt 2

Could you generate a PBS script to launch a MPI job on NCAR's Casper cluster?
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Sure, here's a PBS script to launch an MPI job on NCAR's Casper cluster:
▶ �� ┣ …
#PBS -N my mpi job
#PBS -A your_project_code
<pre>#PBS -l select=2:ncpus=36:mpiprocs=36:mem=109GB</pre>
#PBS -l walltime=02:00:00
#PBS -q regular #PBS -i oe
#PBS -m abe
#PBS -M your_email@example.com
# Land paragraphy modules
# Load necessary modules
module load intel
module load mpt
# Change to the directory from which the job was submitted
cd \$PBS 0 WORKDIR
<pre># Run the MPI job mniexec =n 72 ./vour mni executable</pre>
This pulls information from creating a PBS script for

Cheyenne

#### Running quite a few example prompts

- - Based on *my experience with Copilot*  .. and a few similar reports of generating code

### Things Copilot seems it could work on improving:

- Dealing with large code bases
  - Will generate code in a function but never calls it, requires additional guidance
- Dealing with complex scientific HW/SW solutions
  - Requires many additional input constraints to provide non-trivial solutions
- Generating NCAR specific outputs
  - nco, PBS job scripts, etc.
  - @workspace of documentation does help with this

