

## # Installation & Setup

Complete guide to installing and configuring Scale.

## ## System Requirements

- VS Code 1.74.0 or higher
- Node.js 16+ (for project creation features)
- Internet connection for AI features

## ## Installation Methods

### ### VS Code Marketplace (Recommended)

1. Open VS Code
2. Go to Extensions (Ctrl+Shift+X)
3. Search "Scale AI Assistant"
4. Click Install

### ### Manual Installation

1. Download the .vsix file from releases
2. Open VS Code
3. Ctrl+Shift+P → "Extensions: Install from VSIX"
4. Select the downloaded file

## ## Initial Configuration

### ### API Key Setup

1. Get an API key from your preferred provider:
  - [OpenAI] (<https://platform.openai.com/api-keys>)
  - [Anthropic] (<https://console.anthropic.com/>)
  - [Google AI] (<https://makersuite.google.com/app/apikey>)
2. Configure in Scale:
  - Open Settings: Ctrl+Shift+P → "Scale: Settings"
  - Enter your API key
  - Select your provider
  - Test connection

### ### Workspace Setup

- Open or create a workspace folder
- Scale works best with project folders
- Enable Scale features in workspace settings

## ## Verification

Test your installation:

1. Open Quick Access (Ctrl+Shift+P → "Scale: Quick Access")
2. Try "Open Chat"
3. Send a test message
4. Verify AI response

## ## Troubleshooting

Common issues and solutions:

- **\*\*API key not working\*\***: Verify key is correct and has credits
- **\*\*Features not appearing\*\***: Restart VS Code after installation
- **\*\*Permission errors\*\***: Check RBAC settings if using enterprise features