



VSBACKUP

Documentation for the VSBackup Visual Studio Add-In

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VSBackup is a Visual Studio Extension for backing up and restoring a solution without having to leave Visual Studio. VSBackup is a very useful extension if you are not using any version control or you are in the prototyping stage. This is not a substitute for source control. Take care of your code files. Only full backups are performed.

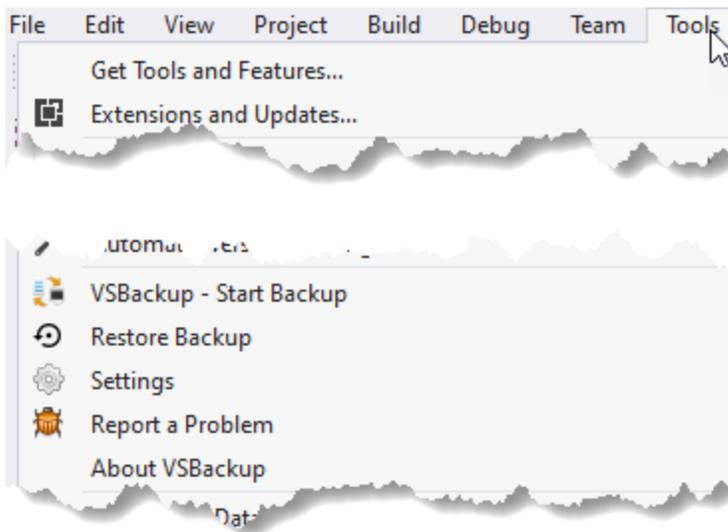
Prerequisites

VSBackup uses Robocopy for the backup process. Please make sure that Robocopy.exe is located at the following location, 'C:\Windows\System32' before the backup operation. As of now, VSBackup has only been tested with Visual Studio 2017.

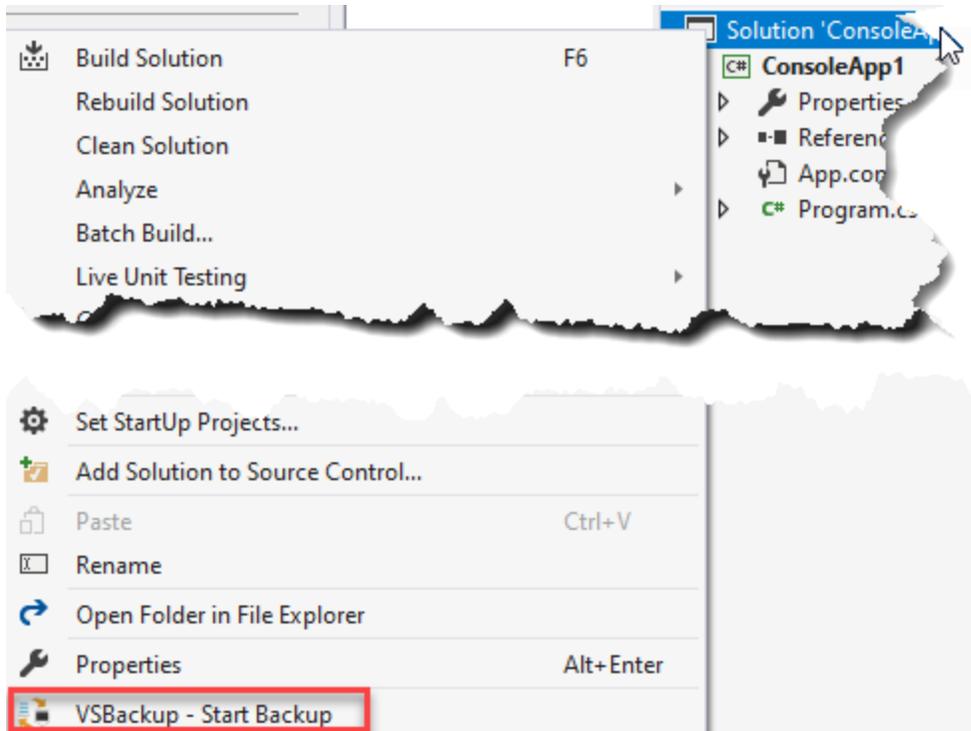
Operation

Backup

To start a backup, either load an existing solution or create one. You will find the commands for VSBackup on the Tools menu.

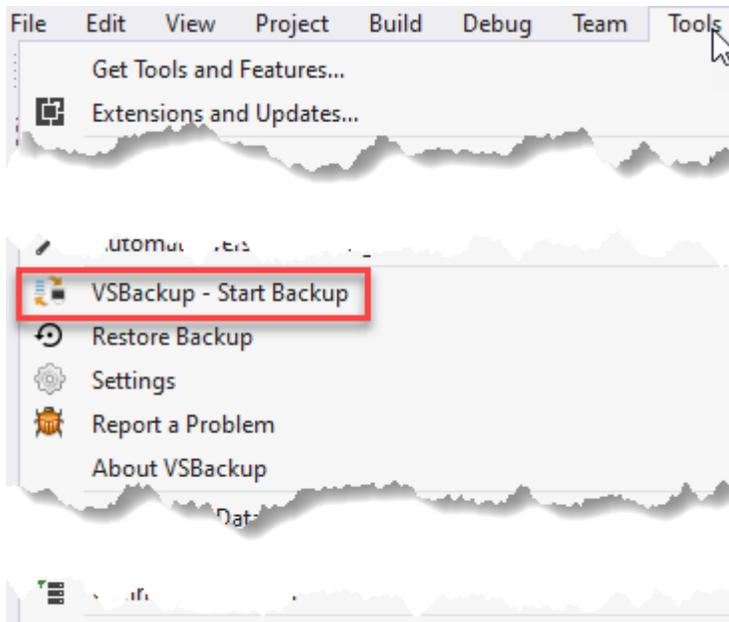


There are two ways to start the backup process. The first way is to right-click on the solution and then click the 'VS Backup – Start Backup' menu item on the context-menu.



The other way is to click the VSBackup – Start Backup menu command located in the Tools menu. If this is the first backup for the solution, the settings form will be displayed. Either change the location of the backup or accept the default backup location. See the Settings section for instructions. Click the OK button.



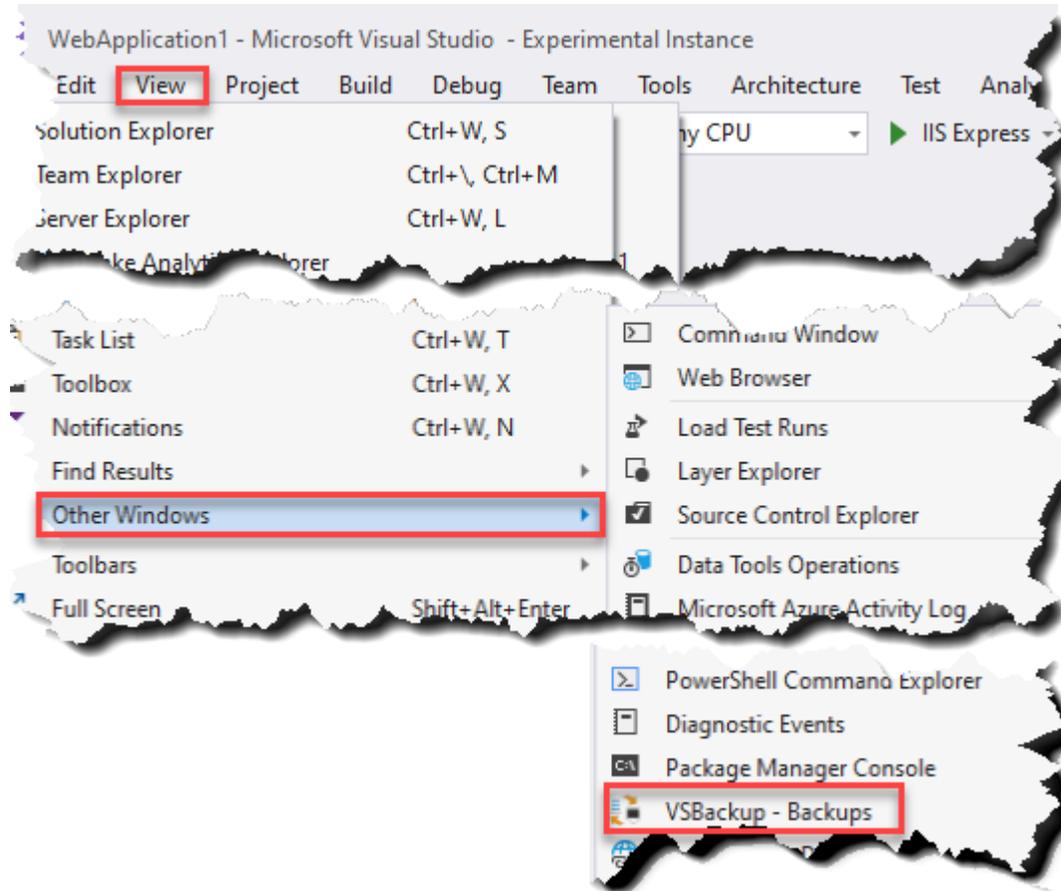


Once the backup is complete, either success or fail, a message box will be displayed.

Viewing Backups

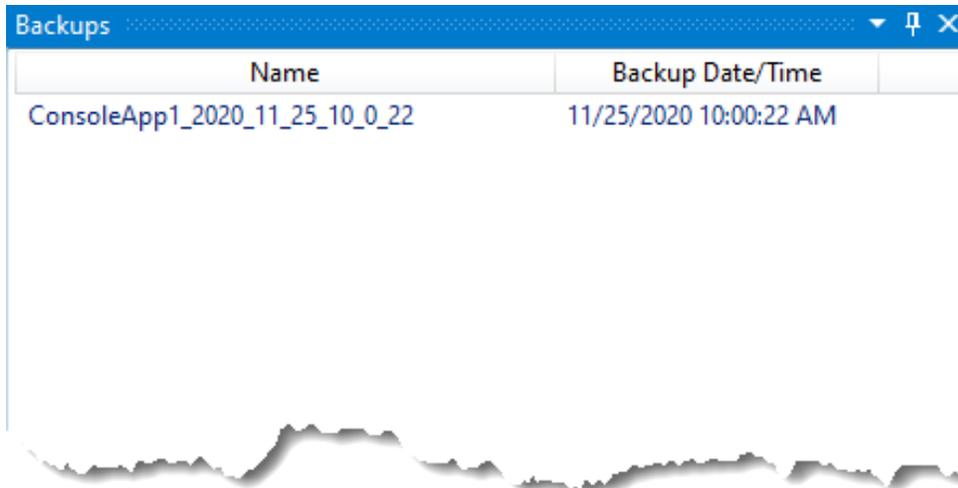
To view a list of backups for the solution, click View -> Other Windows - VSBackups





A window with the backups associated with the solution will appear.

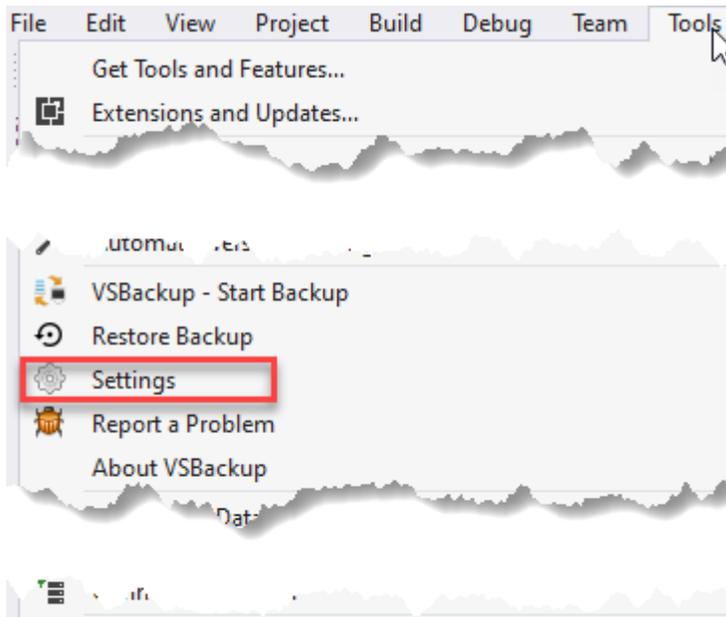




Name	Backup Date/Time
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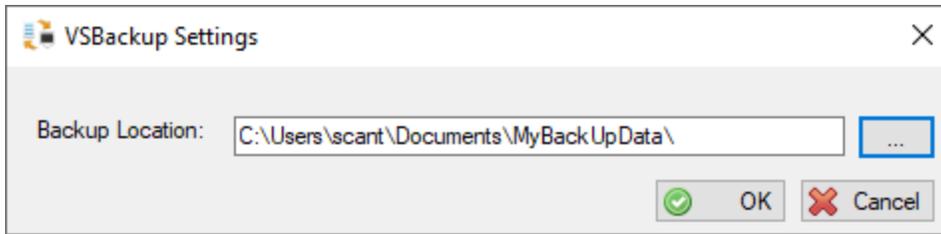
Settings

To change the settings, click the Settings menu command located in the Tools menu.



The following form will be displayed. To change the location where the backups for the solution will be stored, either type the location into the text area labeled Backup Location, or click the button located to the right of the text area.

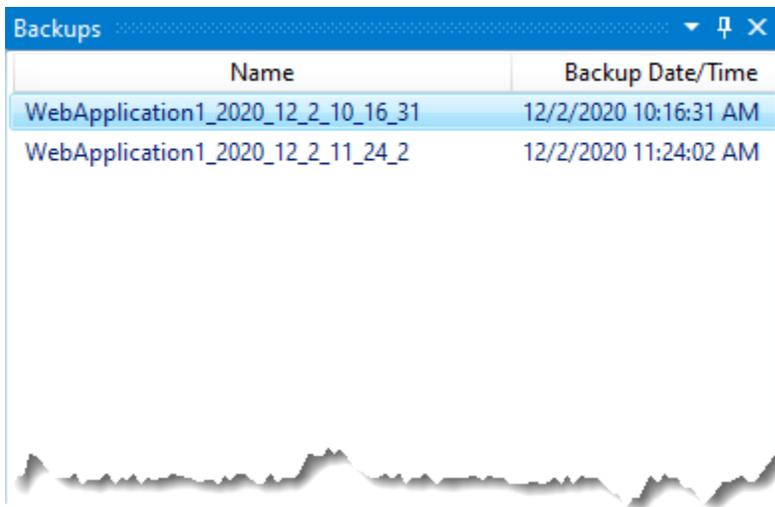




To save the settings, click the OK button. To discard any changes or just to exit the form, click the Cancel button.

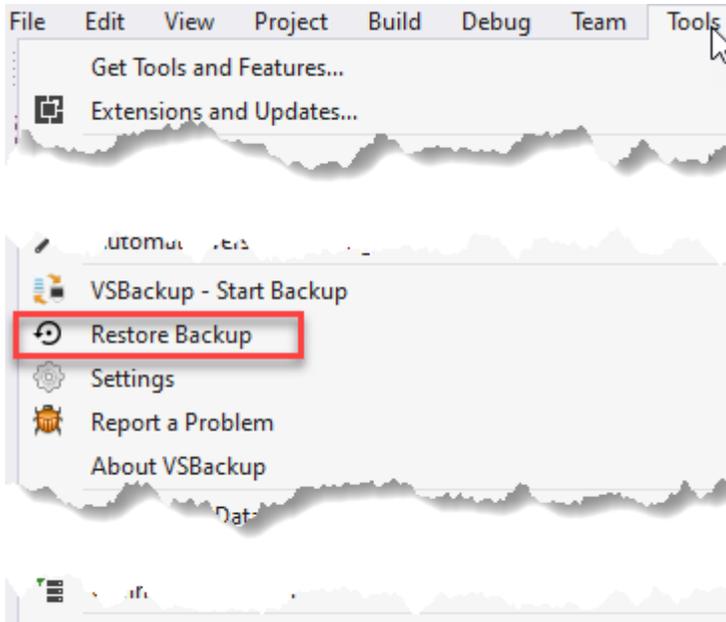
Restore

To restore a backup, select the backup from the Backups tool window.

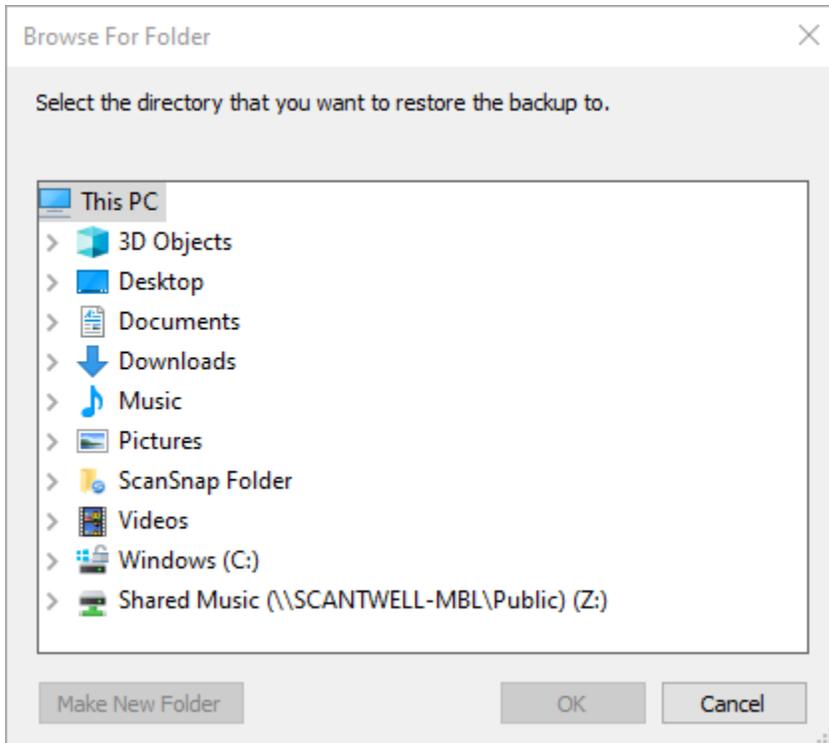


Click the Restore button in the Tools menu.





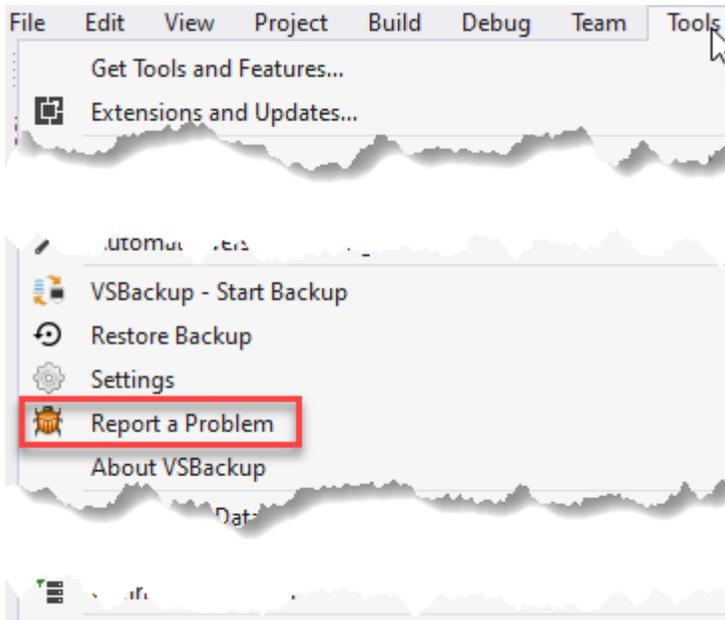
When the dialog box appears, select the location where you want to restore the solution to. To make a new location, click the Make New Folder button. Click the OK button.



Once the restore process has completed, either success or failure, a message box will be displayed.

Reporting Issues

To report an issue, click the Report a Problem menu command. The Report a Problem form will also be displayed if any catastrophic issue arises.



Release Notes

- 1.87.2020 – 12/24/2020 – Initial Release