



# Tektronix TSP Toolkit Software

QUICK START GUIDE



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## Introduction

The Tektronix TSP™ Toolkit is an open-source Microsoft™ Visual Studio Code™ extension that provides support for Tektronix's Test Script Processor (TSP) technology to edit and execute scripts on TSP-enabled Tektronix instruments.

The extension includes language features such as syntax error detection, code navigation, and code-completion suggestions, as well as `.tsp` command-set documentation and hover help.

This guide shows you how to:

- Install the TSP Toolkit extension
- Set up your workspace
- Connect to an instrument
- Configure a project
- Run a `.tsp` script
- Use the Terminal
- Use the debugger
- Use automated TSP script generation
- Download and use `.tsp` example scripts

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### NOTE

*You can download Visual Studio Code from <https://code.visualstudio.com/>.*

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## Install the TSP Toolkit extension

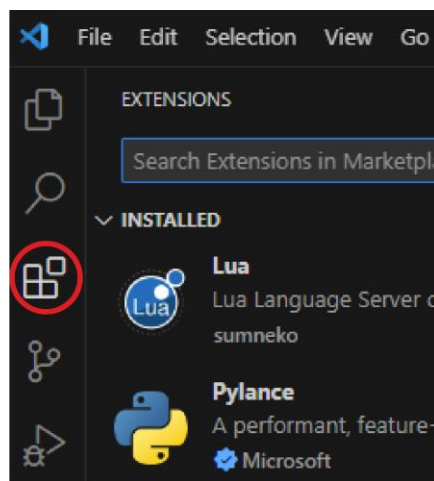
### NOTE

Before installing the extension from the Marketplace, select **Help > Check for Updates** to make sure that you have the most recent version of Visual Studio Code.

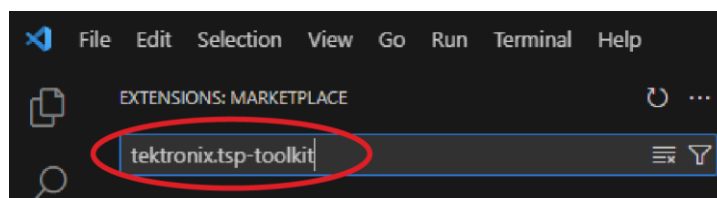
If you are using Microsoft Windows, be sure to also have the latest [Visual C++ Redistributable](#) library installed.

**To install the extension from the Visual Studio Code Marketplace:**

1. Select the extensions icon.



2. Select the search icon, then enter `tektronix.tsp-toolkit` in the search field.



3. Select **Install** under the Tektronix TSP Toolkit.

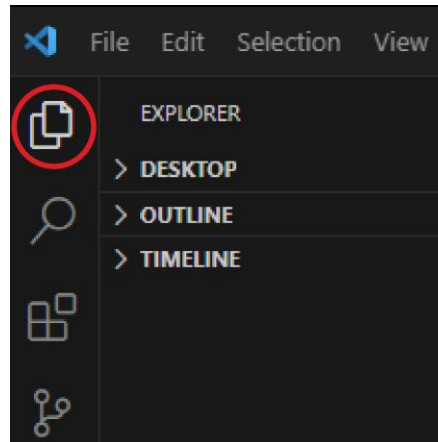


4. The extension installs. Reload the window if you are prompted.

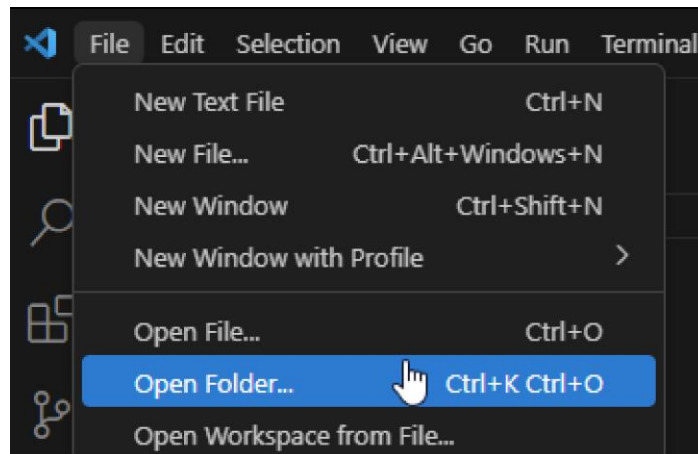
## Set up your workspace

*To set up your workspace in Visual Studio Code:*

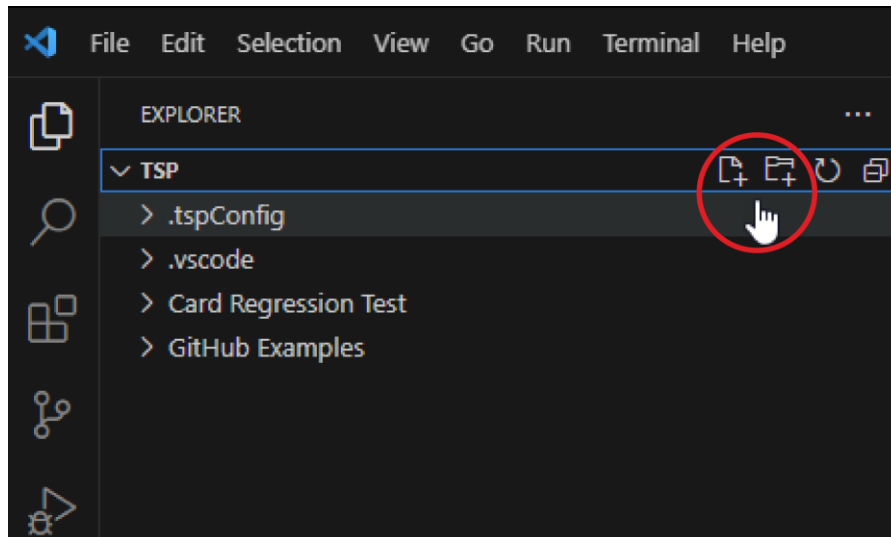
1. Select the explorer icon.



2. Select **File**.
3. Select **Open Folder** to select a folder or create a new folder to use as your workspace.



4. In your workspace, use the **New File** and **New Folder** icons to create new `.tsp` files and subfolders.

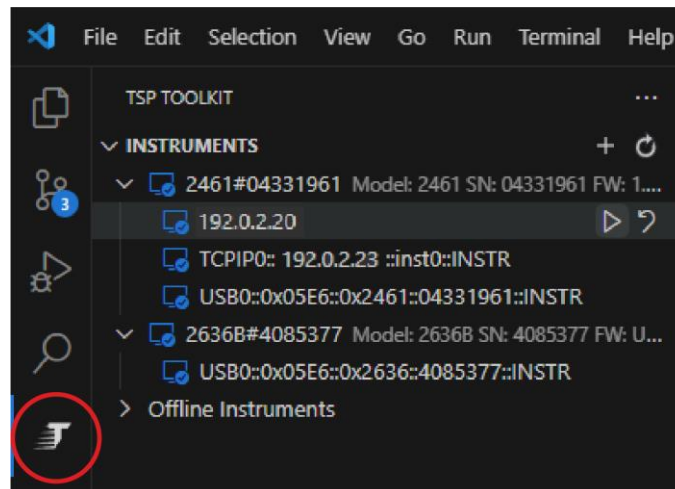


## Connect to an instrument

You can connect your TSP-enabled instrument to your computer with a LAN, GPIB, or USB connection. GPIB and USB connections require a VISA driver.

### To connect to a TSP-enabled instrument:

1. Select the TSP icon on the left of the screen to open the instrument pane.



2. Hover over the instrument you want to connect to, then your instrument, then select **Connect**.



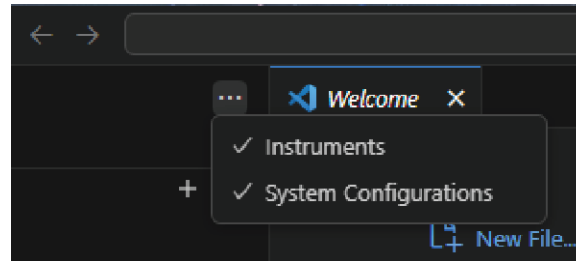
If the connection was successful, a terminal window opens, and the `*IDN?` string is displayed.

## Configure a project

You can configure your project to have language features enabled for your TSP instruments and TSP-Link node network.

### To configure a project:

1. Select the TSP icon on the left of the screen to open the Instruments pane.
2. Be sure that the System Configurations pane is selected.



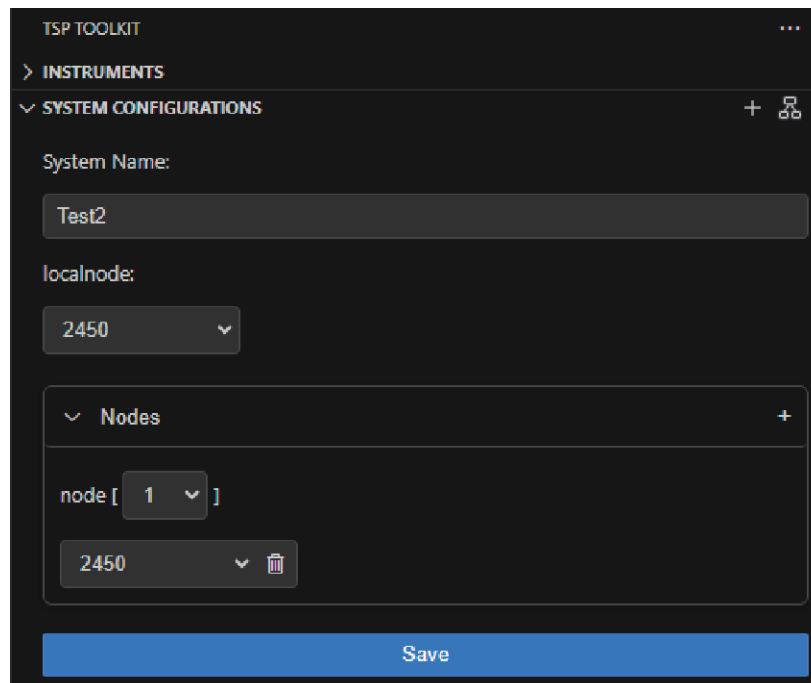
3. Select the instrument tree icon to access the connected instrument and its TSP-Link nodes.



4. If you do not have a connected instrument, select the add icon to manually add a new system.



5. Define your test system, then select **Save**.

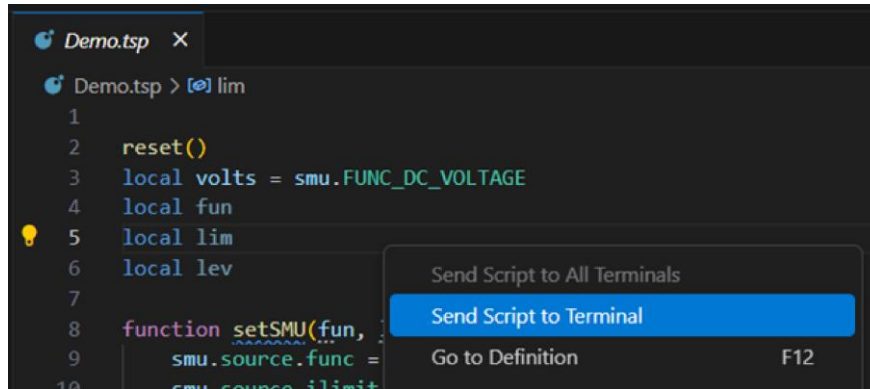


When your project is configured, you are shown relevant code-completion suggestions, signature help, and command documentation for your connected instruments.

## Run a .tsp script

To run a .tsp script:

1. Open a .tsp script in the editor by clicking on it in the workspace or by selecting **File > Open File**.
2. Right-click anywhere within the script editor to display the context menu.
3. Select **Send Script to Terminal** to run the script.



### NOTE

When scripts or commands are run from the Terminal, errors are only returned after the requested action completes. No new errors are printed while the operation is in progress.

## Using the Terminal

Once you have established a connection with your instrument, the Terminal can be used to send .tsp commands and run .tsp scripts.

To close the Terminal and disconnect from the instrument, send the .exit command.

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Type .help for more commands.

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TSP> .script "c:\Users\stenagli\OneDrive - Fortive\Documents\Scripts\TSP\Demo.tsp"
2460 Source Function is smu.FUNC_DC_VOLTAGE
2460 Current Limit is 0.001
2460 Source Level is 5
2460 Output is smu.ON
2460 Source Function is smu.FUNC_DC_VOLTAGE
2460 Current Limit is 0.001
2460 Source Level is 0
2460 Output is smu.OFF
done

TSP> .exit

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## Using the Debugger feature

*To debug a TSP script using the TSP Toolkit extension:*

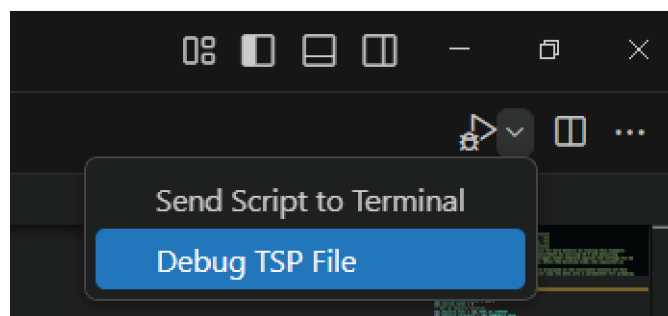
1. Add a breakpoint by clicking to the left of a line number.

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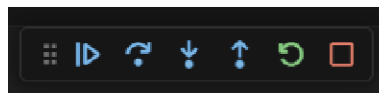
23  smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT
● 24  smu.measure.terminals = smu.TERMINALS_REAR
● Click to add a breakpoint :orange = smu.ON
26  smu.measure.npic = 1

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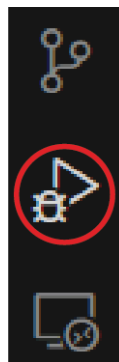
2. In the upper-right corner of the script editor, select the Run and Debug icon and then select **Debug TSP File**. The script runs until the breakpoint is triggered.



3. When the breakpoint is triggered, use the debugger controls to step through the script.

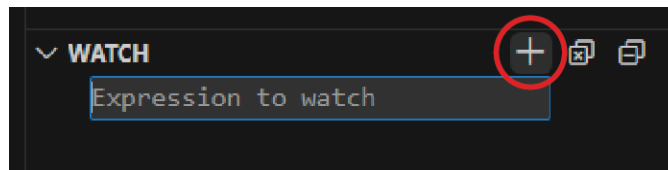


4. You can navigate to the Debug view at any time by selecting Run and Debug.

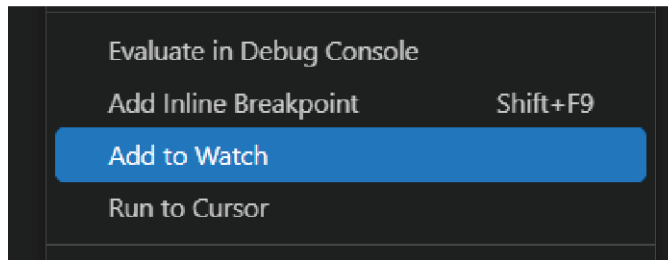


**To add expressions to the Watch pane:**

1. Select the add icon in the top right corner.



2. Enter the variable, command, or expression you wish to monitor, then press **Enter**.
3. You can also highlight the expression within the script, then right-click and select **Add to Watch**.



## Using the automated TSP script generation feature

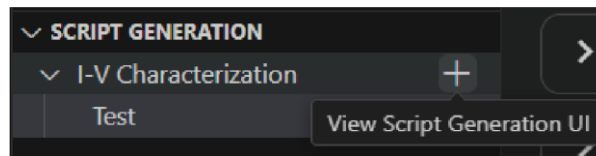
### NOTE

*This feature is only compatible with the Tektronix MP5000 Series test system PSU and SMU modules.*

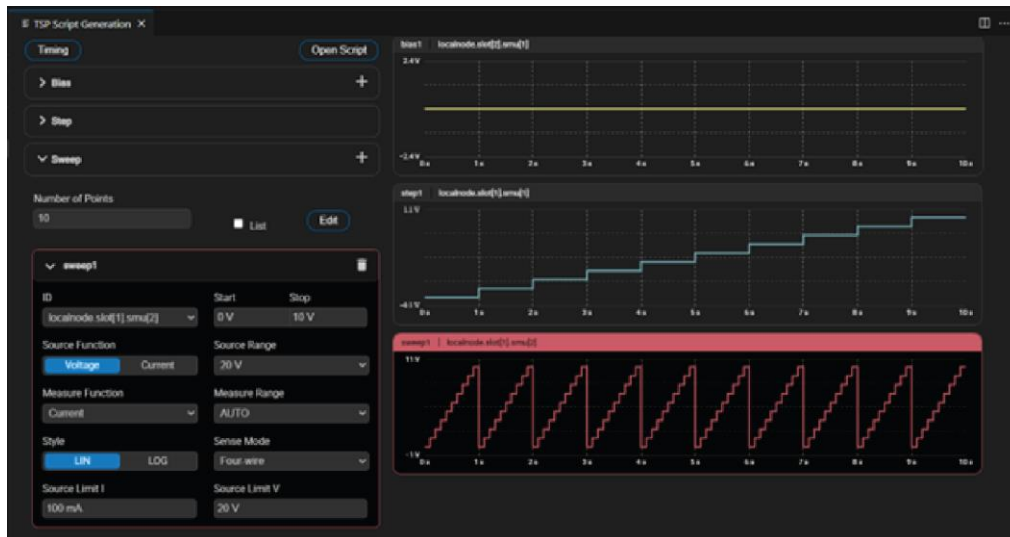
*Automated TSP script generation is not compatible with cloud-based workspaces in Microsoft OneDrive™. If you are using OneDrive, be sure that your TSP Toolkit workspace is saved to your local computer.*

**To create a TSP script using the Script Generation UI:**

1. From the Explorer pane, select the Script Generation panel.
2. Select + to view the TSP Toolkit Script Generation user interface.



- Use the UI controls to configure the source and measure settings. You can use the waveform previews to verify that the settings produce the desired sourcing behavior.



- When you are finished adjusting parameters, select **Open Script**.

Open Script

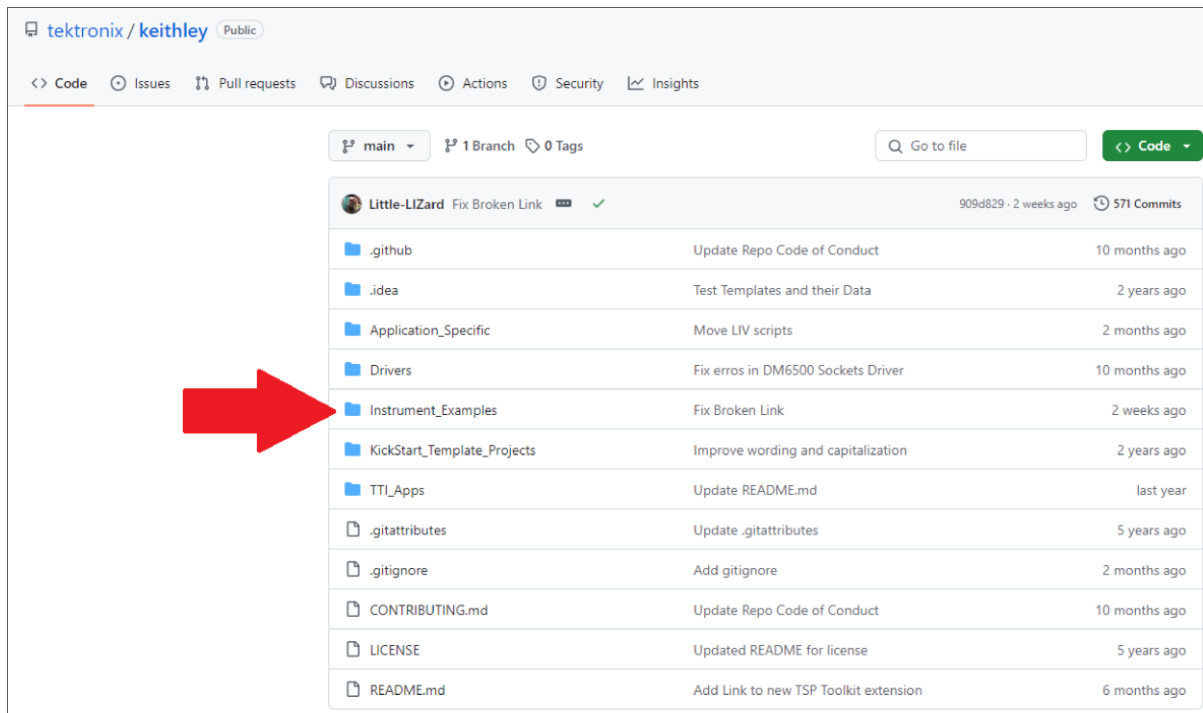
- The generated script is displayed in a new editor tab. You can run, save, or edit the script.

## Downloading and using TSP example scripts

Example TSP Scripts are available for download on the [TSP GitHub Repository](#).

### To download and use a script:

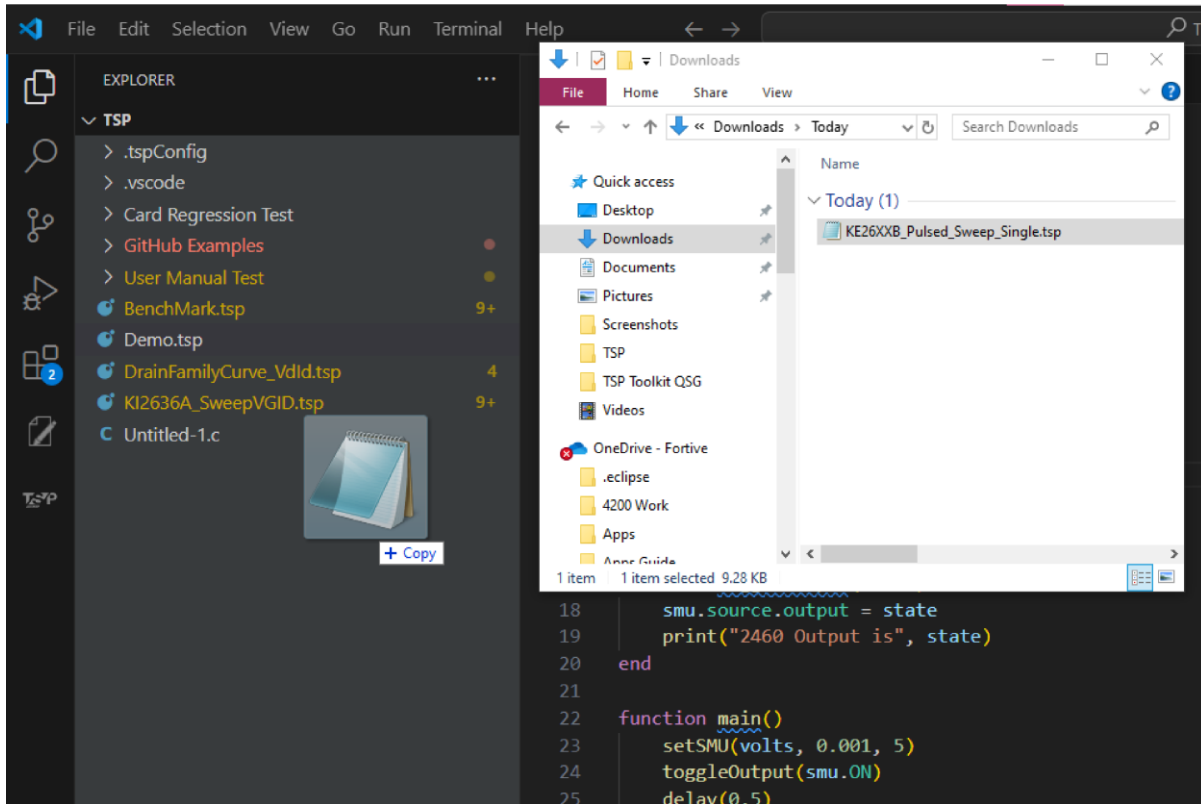
1. Select either the **Application\_Specific** or **Instrument\_Examples** folder to find .tsp scripts.



2. Navigate the folders to find example scripts organized by instrument and application.
3. You can click on a script to view the code within GitHub. Select the download icon to copy the script to your computer.



4. When the download is finished, copy the script to your TSP Toolkit Workspace file location.



## Additional resources and tutorials

- [Application note: How to write scripts for TSP](#)
- [Tektronix TSP GitHub script example repository](#)
- [TSP page on Tek.com](#)
- [TSP Toolkit feature walkthrough video](#)
- [TSP Toolkit product page](#)
- [TSP video series](#)