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Cybersecurity researchers have discovered two malicious Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) extensions that are advertised as artificial intelligence (AI)-powered coding assistants, but also harbor covert functionality to siphon developer data to China-based servers.

The extensions, which have 1.5 million combined installs and are still available for download from the official Visual Studio

<https://thehackernews.com/2026/01/malicious-vs-code-ai-extensions-with-15.html>

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Developers thought they were getting smart autocomplete. The extensions thought they were getting free source code to ship off to servers in China.

It's like inviting a helpful intern into your office and discovering they've been photocopying your notebooks and mailing them overseas for fun.