What does "Do not launch, but debug my code when it launches" mean?

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Visual Studio has an option called *Do not launch, but debug my code when it launches.*

For a long time, I was confused by this setting. It's like telling someone, "Don't drive my car, but wear a seat belt when you drive my car."

I also tried to parse this as

> (Do not launch, but debug my code) when it launches.

In other words, "When my code launches, don't launch it; just debug it."

Which makes no sense. "When my code launches, don't launch it."

I eventually got clued in that both of those attempts at parsing the statement were incorrect. The intended parse is

> Do not launch, but (debug my code when it launches).

In other words, "Don't launch it right now. Wait for somebody *else* to launch it, and then debug it when that launch happens."

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