# Day 5: Create a Custom Developer Workspace Setup

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# **★** Why a Custom Workspace Matters

Switching between projects often means different settings, extensions, and layouts.

VS Code **Workspaces** let you create project-specific environments so you can switch instantly without manual setup every time.

### **☆** How to Create a Custom Workspace

#### **Step 1: Open Your Project**

• Launch VS Code and open the folder containing your project.

#### **Step 2: Adjust Settings for the Project**

- Go to File → Preferences → Settings and tweak settings you want for this project only.
- These will be stored in .vscode/settings.json inside your project.

#### **Step 3: Install Project-Specific Extensions**

- Install extensions you want for this project.
- Use the "Enable (Workspace)" option to limit them to this workspace.

#### Step 4: Save as Workspace

- Go to File → Save Workspace As...
- Save the .code-workspace file wherever you want.

#### **Step 5: Reopen Anytime**

Open the .code-workspace file to restore all your project-specific settings instantly.

## **©** Extra Workspace Customization Ideas

- 1. **Theme per Project** Use a light theme for documentation projects, dark for coding projects.
- 2. **Custom Snippets** Add frequently used code templates in .vscode/snippets.
- 3. **Tasks** Automate builds, tests, or deployment scripts for each project.
- 4. **Terminal Profiles** Pre-configure terminal commands for each environment.
- 5. Workspace Recommended Extensions Share .vscode/extensions.json with your team.

### Pro Tips:

- Keep a **global workspace** for personal projects and a separate one for client work.
- Use Git to track your .vscode folder for consistent setups across teams.
- Combine with **Settings Sync** to maintain setups across devices.

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