

# Player Prefs X

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This is an extended version of Unity's `PlayerPrefs`, designed to handle more than just `int`, `float`, and `string`. It supports custom classes, arrays, lists, and more complex data types while still using Unity's `PlayerPrefs` internally.

It works by serializing non-primitive data into JSON format using Unity's `JsonUtility`. If Unity's serializer can handle it, `PlayerPrefsX` can store it. You also get a simple API with just one generic method for setting values and one for retrieving them (with an optional default fallback).

See the repository of this project on:

- <https://github.com/demircialihsan/unity-player-prefs-x>

## Installation

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You can:

- Clone or download this repository and copy/move the `PlayerPrefsX` folder into your project.

Or:

- Download the `.unitypackage` file from the releases section and import it into your project.

After importing, you can move the `PlayerPrefsX` folder anywhere within the `Assets` folder. It doesn't need to be at the root of the `Assets` directory.

## Supported Data Types

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- `int`, `float`, `string` (standard `PlayerPrefs` types)
- `bool`
- Plain `class` and `struct` with the `[Serializable]` attribute that contain fields supported by the Unity serializer.
- **Arrays** and **Lists** of any supported type

# How To Use

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## API

Include `UnityPlayerPrefsX` namespace to access `PlayerPrefsX` :

- `using UnityPlayerPrefsX;`

### PlayerPrefsX

`void Set<T>(string key, T value)` : Sets the value for the preference identified by the given `key`.

`T Get<T>(string key)` : Returns the value corresponding to `key` in the preference file if it exists. Otherwise, returns `default` of type `T`.

`T Get<T>(string key, T defaultValue)` : Same as `T Get(string key)`, but if the key doesn't exist, returns the given `defaultValue` as is.

The following are the redirection methods. They just call the corresponding functions with the same names of standard `PlayerPrefs`.

```
void DeleteAll()
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void DeleteKey(string key)
```

```
bool HasKey(string key)
```

```
void Save()
```

Since this system uses `PlayerPrefs` internally, do not use the same keys you have used in `PlayerPrefs`.

## Example code

```
void Example()  
{  
    // if the key doesn't exist;
```

```

// returns the default of int, 0
var number = PlayerPrefsX.Get<int>("number");

// returns specified red color
var color = PlayerPrefsX.Get("color", Color.red);

// returns null
Vector3[] points = PlayerPrefsX.Get<Vector3[]>("points");

points ??= new Vector3[]
{
    new(0, 1, 0),
    //...
};

PlayerPrefsX.Set("number", number);
PlayerPrefsX.Set("color", color);
PlayerPrefsX.Set("points", points);
}

```

You can also explore the example usage of saving a list of custom data classes in the [PlayerPrefsX/Samples](#) folder. You can safely delete this folder once you no longer need it.

## Editor

You can access *PlayerPrefsX* menu from **'Tools > PlayerPrefsX'**.

## Clearing the Data

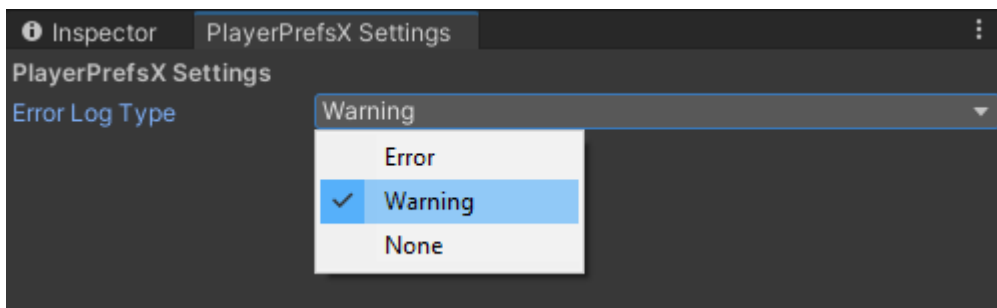
Use **'Tools > PlayerPrefsX > Clear All PlayerPrefsX'** to clear all the data.

Clearing all *PlayerPrefsX* data will clear all *PlayerPrefs* data.

## Error Handling

If a saved JSON entry becomes corrupted, it won't load properly and may throw errors. You can set *Error Log Type* to *Warning* or *None* to avoid breaking your game:

1. Open settings from **'Tools > PlayerPrefsX > Open Settings'**
2. Select the error log type from the dropdown.

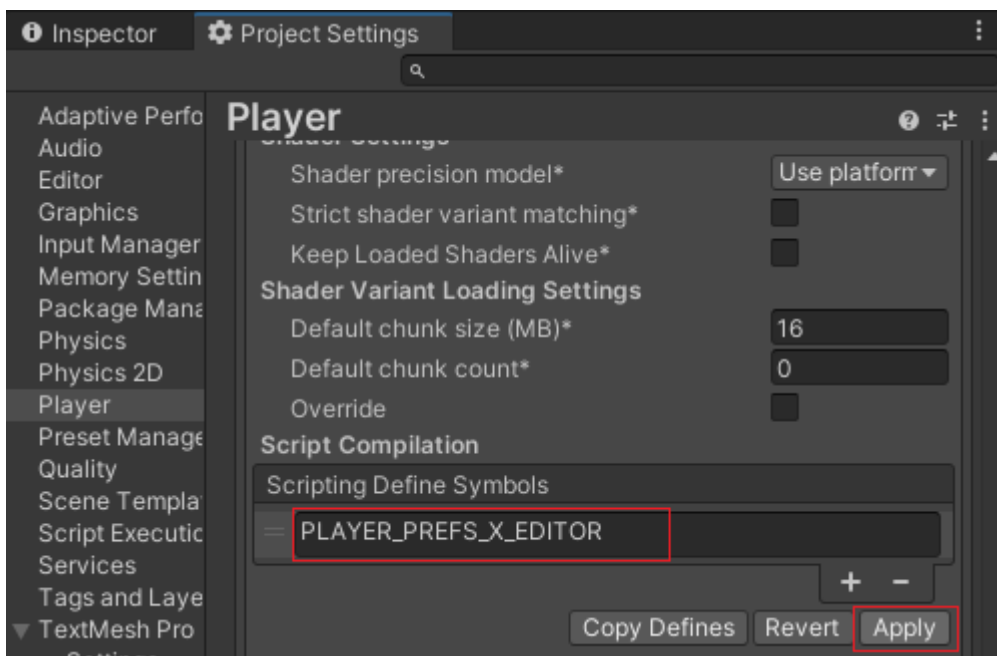


## Advanced: JSON Entry Editor

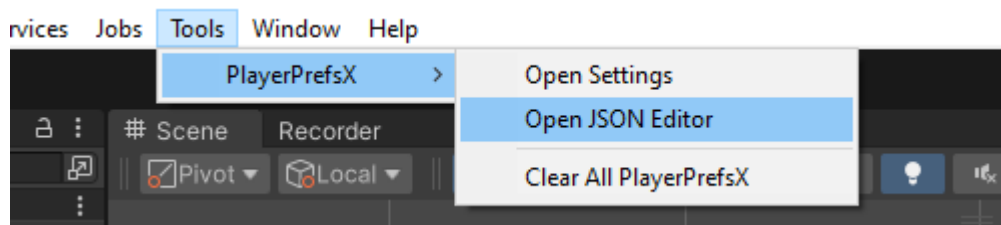
You can enable JSON Editor to edit JSON-formatted PlayerPrefs data. This requires Newtonsoft-JSON package to be installed.

1. Install the package `com.unity.nuget.newtonsoft-json` (via Unity's Package Manager).
2. Add `PLAYER_PREFS_X_EDITOR` to '**Project Settings > Player > Scripting Define Symbols**'.

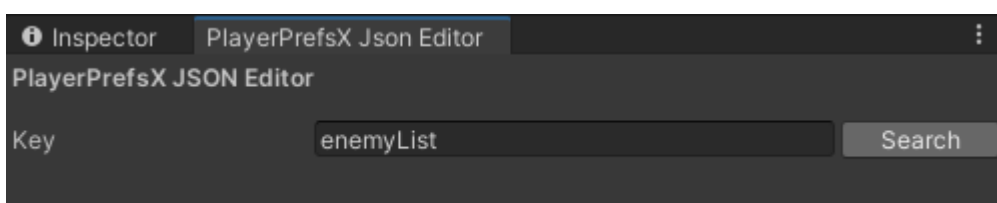
Make sure to click *Apply*.



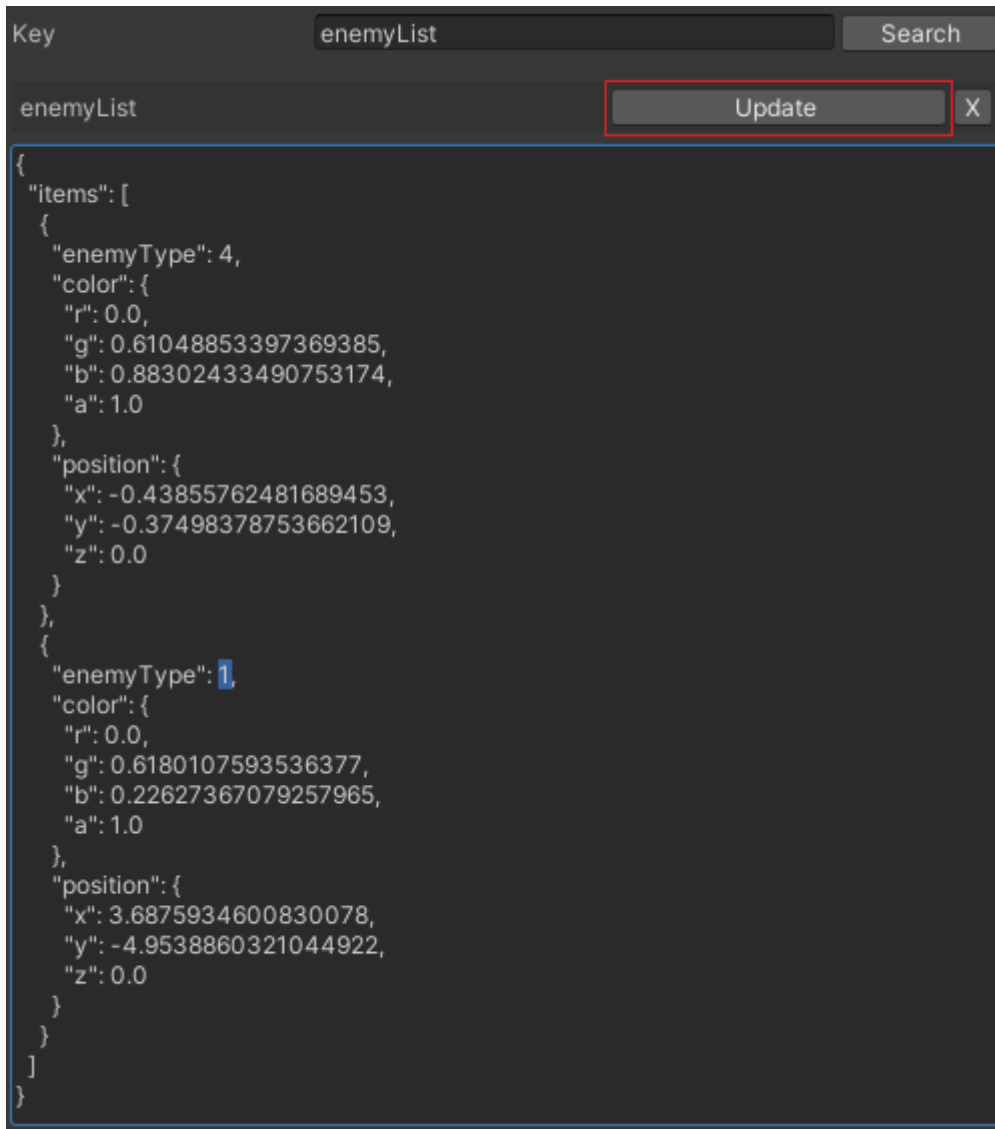
3. A new menu option '**Tools > PlayerPrefsX > Open JSON Editor**' will appear. Open the JSON editor.



4. Enter the **key** for your preference and click the *Search* button.



5. Edit the JSON displayed in the text area and click *Update*.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Key" with a search bar containing "enemyList". Below the search bar, the key "enemyList" is displayed. To the right of the key is a button labeled "Update", which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Further right is a small "X" button. The main area of the window contains a JSON array of two enemy objects. The first object has "enemyType": 4, and the second object has "enemyType": 1. The JSON is formatted with indentation and line breaks.

```
{
  "items": [
    {
      "enemyType": 4,
      "color": {
        "r": 0.0,
        "g": 0.61048853397369385,
        "b": 0.88302433490753174,
        "a": 1.0
      },
      "position": {
        "x": -0.43855762481689453,
        "y": -0.37498378753662109,
        "z": 0.0
      }
    },
    {
      "enemyType": 1,
      "color": {
        "r": 0.0,
        "g": 0.6180107593536377,
        "b": 0.22627367079257965,
        "a": 1.0
      },
      "position": {
        "x": 3.6875934600830078,
        "y": -4.9538860321044922,
        "z": 0.0
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

The *JSON Editor* won't let you update a preference with invalid JSON. Still, it is meant to be used for testing purposes. Use it with caution.