

Here's a **complete, runnable TypeScript example** that compares two JSON objects and prints their differences in a clear way — without requiring external libraries.

It works recursively, handles nested objects/arrays, and shows added, removed, and changed values.

```
// diff-json.ts
type DiffResult = {
  added?: Record<string, any>;
  removed?: Record<string, any>;
  changed?: Record<string, { oldValue: any; newValue: any }>;
};

/**
 * Recursively finds differences between two JSON objects.
 * @param obj1 First JSON object
 * @param obj2 Second JSON object
 * @returns Object containing added, removed, and changed keys
 */
function diffJSON(obj1: any, obj2: any): DiffResult {
  const result: DiffResult = { added: {}, removed: {}, changed: {} };

  // Keys present in obj1 or obj2
  const allKeys = new Set([...Object.keys(obj1 || {}),
...Object.keys(obj2 || {})]);

  for (const key of allKeys) {
    const val1 = obj1?.[key];
    const val2 = obj2?.[key];

    if (!(key in obj1)) {
      // Key added
      result.added![key] = val2;
    } else if (!(key in obj2)) {
      // Key removed
      result.removed![key] = val1;
    }
  }

  for (const key of allKeys) {
    const val1 = obj1?.[key];
    const val2 = obj2?.[key];

    if (val1 !== val2) {
      result.changed![key] = { oldValue: val1, newValue: val2 };
    }
  }

  return result;
}
```

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    } else if (isObject(val1) && isObject(val2)) {
      // Nested object → recurse
      const nestedDiff = diffJSON(val1, val2);
      if (hasChanges(nestedDiff)) {
        result.changed![key] = { oldValue: val1, newValue:
val2 };
      }
    } else if (Array.isArray(val1) && Array.isArray(val2)) {
      if (JSON.stringify(val1) !== JSON.stringify(val2)) {
        result.changed![key] = { oldValue: val1, newValue:
val2 };
      }
    } else if (val1 !== val2) {
      // Value changed
      result.changed![key] = { oldValue: val1, newValue: val2
};
    }
  }

  // Clean up empty sections
  if (!Object.keys(result.added!).length) delete result.added;
  if (!Object.keys(result.removed!).length) delete result.removed;
  if (!Object.keys(result.changed!).length) delete result.changed;

  return result;
}

function isObject(value: any): boolean {
  return value && typeof value === "object" && !
Array.isArray(value);
}

function hasChanges(diff: DiffResult): boolean {
  return !(diff.added || diff.removed || diff.changed);
}
```

```
// Example usage
const json1 = {
  name: "Alice",
  age: 25,
  address: { city: "Rome", zip: "00100" },
  hobbies: ["reading", "traveling"]
};

const json2 = {
  name: "Alice",
  age: 26,
  address: { city: "Milan", zip: "20100" },
  hobbies: ["reading", "sports"],
  email: "alice@example.com"
};

console.log("Differences:", JSON.stringify(diffJSON(json1, json2),
null, 2));
```

How it works

- **Added keys** → Present in **obj2** but not in **obj1**.
- **Removed keys** → Present in **obj1** but not in **obj2**.
- **Changed keys** → Present in both but with different values (including nested objects and arrays).
- Uses recursion for deep comparison.

Example Output

For the example above:

```
{
  "added": {
    "email": "alice@example.com"
  }
}
```

```
  },
  "changed": {
    "age": {
      "oldValue": 25,
      "newValue": 26
    },
    "address": {
      "oldValue": { "city": "Rome", "zip": "00100" },
      "newValue": { "city": "Milan", "zip": "20100" }
    },
    "hobbies": {
      "oldValue": ["reading", "traveling"],
      "newValue": ["reading", "sports"]
    }
  }
}
```

If you prefer, I can also give you a **version using the `json-diff-ts` npm package** for a more compact solution.

Do you want me to provide that?