

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.

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