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This document covers the Visual Studio Code workspace configuration for the PadelFlow project. It explains the workspace setup, project organization, and how the IDE configuration integrates with the overall development environment.

For information about debugging configuration, see Debugging Setup. For broader project configuration details, see Project Configuration.

Workspace Configuration Overview

The PadelFlow project uses a VS Code workspace configuration to provide a consistent development environment. The workspace is defined in `PadelFlow.code-workspace`, which establishes the project structure and IDE settings.

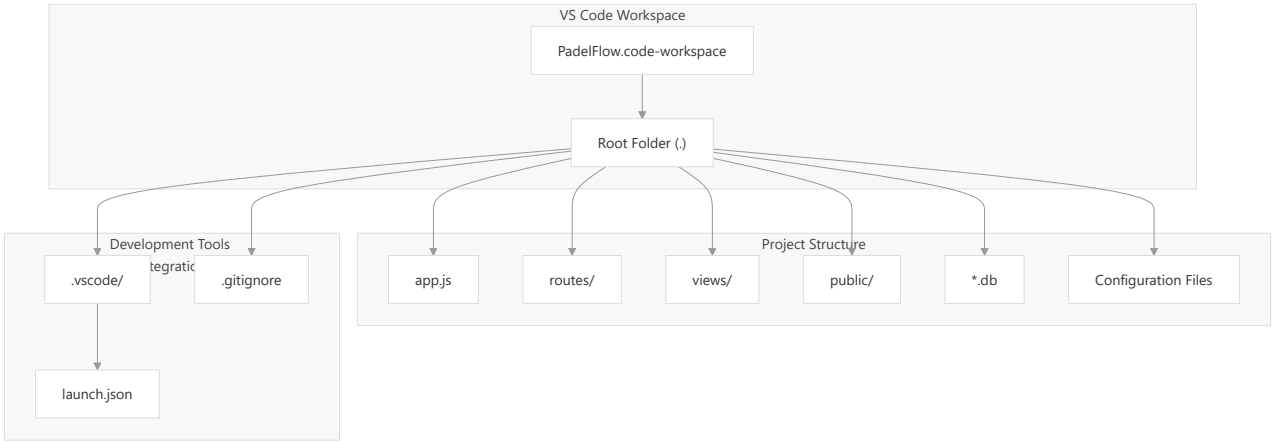
The workspace configuration follows a minimal approach with a single folder structure:

Property	Value	Purpose
`folders`	`[{"path": "."}]`	Defines the root project directory as the workspace folder
`settings`	`{}`	Currently empty, allowing for future IDE customizations

Sources: PadelFlow.code-workspace 1-8

Workspace Structure and File Organization

The workspace configuration creates a unified view of the PadelFlow codebase, organizing all project components under a single root directory.



The workspace provides access to all core application files including the main Express server (`app.js`), route modules, view templates, static assets, and database files within a single IDE environment.

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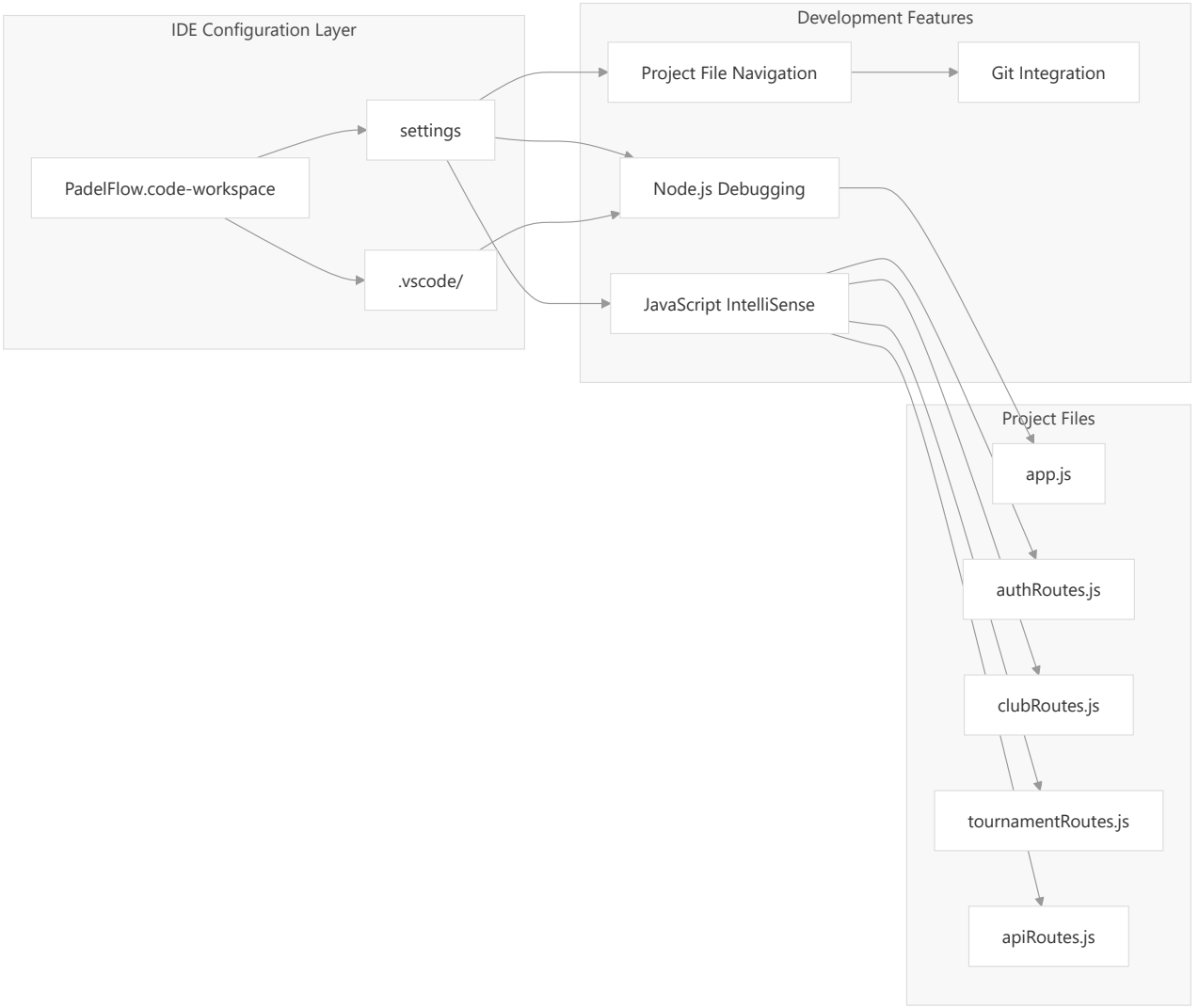
IDE Configuration Architecture

The workspace configuration integrates with VS Code's development capabilities to provide a cohesive development experience for the PadelFlow platform.



The configuration enables VS Code to understand the project structure and provide appropriate language support for the Node.js/Express.js codebase.

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Development Environment Integration

The workspace configuration serves as the foundation for integrating various development tools and workflows:

File Explorer Organization

The single-folder workspace structure provides immediate access to:

- Main application entry point (`app.js`)
- Route module directories
- Template files and static resources
- Database files and configuration

Extension Compatibility

The empty settings object in the workspace allows for:

- Future IDE customizations without breaking existing functionality
- Per-project extension configurations
- Team-wide settings synchronization
- Language-specific formatting and linting rules

Multi-root Workspace Potential

While currently configured as a single-root workspace, the folder array structure supports future expansion to multi-root configurations if the project grows to include separate frontend, backend, or tooling directories.

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Workspace Benefits for PadelFlow Development

The IDE configuration provides several advantages specific to the PadelFlow codebase:

Benefit	Description	Impact
Unified Project View	Single workspace encompasses all project files	Simplified navigation between Express routes, templates, and static assets
Debugging Integration	Works with launch.json for Node.js debugging	Enables debugging of tournament management logic and real-time features
IntelliSense Support	JavaScript/Node.js language features	Better code completion for Express middleware, SQLite queries, and SSE implementation
Git Integration	Built-in source control management	Seamless version control for collaborative development
Extension Ecosystem	Access to VS Code extension marketplace	Support for EJS templates, SQLite viewing, and Express.js development tools

The workspace configuration specifically supports development of PadelFlow's key components including the Express server, tournament routing logic, and real-time score update features.

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