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# ignorePatterns in Config Files

You can tell ESLint to ignore specific files and directories using ignorePatterns in your config files. ignorePatterns patterns follow the same rules as .eslintignore. Please see the the <u>.eslintignore file documentation</u> to learn more.

```
"ignorePatterns": ["temp.js", "**/vendor/*.js"],
         "rules": {
             //...
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```

• Glob patterns in ignorePatterns are relative to the directory that the config file is placed in. You cannot write ignorePatterns property under overrides property.

• Patterns defined in .eslintignore take precedence over the ignorePatterns property of

- config files. If a glob pattern starts with /, the pattern is relative to the base directory of the config file. For

example, /foo.js in lib/.eslintrc.json matches to lib/foo.js but not lib/subdir/foo.js.

If a config is provided via the --config CLI option, the ignore patterns that start with / in the config are relative to the current working directory rather than the base directory of the given config. For example, if --config configs/.eslintrc.json is present, the ignore patterns in the config are relative to . rather than ./configs.

## You can tell ESLint to ignore specific files and directories by creating an .eslintignore file in your

The .eslintiqnore File

indicating which paths should be omitted from linting. For example, the following will omit all JavaScript files:

project's root directory. The .eslintignore file is a plain text file where each line is a glob pattern

```
**/*.js
When ESLint is run, it looks in the current working directory to find an .eslintignore file before
```

determining which files to lint. If this file is found, then those preferences are applied when

traversing directories. Only one .eslintignore file can be used at a time, so .eslintignore files other than the one in the current working directory will not be used. Globs are matched using <u>node-ignore</u>, so a number of features are available:

Lines beginning with # are treated as comments and do not affect the ignore patterns.

- Paths are relative to the current working directory. This is also true of paths passed in via the --ignore-pattern command.
- Lines preceded by ! are negated patterns that re-include a pattern that was ignored by an earlier pattern.

Of particular note is that like .gitignore files, all paths used as patterns for both .eslintignore

- Ignore patterns behave according to the .gitignore specification.
- # Valid

and --ignore-pattern must use forward slashes as their path separators.

/root/src/\*.js

```
# Invalid
          \root\src\*.js
Please see <u>.gitignore</u>'s specification for further examples of valid syntax.
```

In addition to any patterns in the .eslintignore file, ESLint always follows a couple of implicit

ignore rules even if the --no-ignore flag is passed. The implicit rules are as follows:

node\_modules/ is ignored.

- There are also some exceptions to these rules:

• dot-files (except for .eslintrc.\*), as well as dot-folders and their contents, are ignored.

• If the path to lint is a glob pattern or directory path and contains a dot-folder, all dot-files and dot-folders will be linted. This includes dot-files and dot-folders that are buried deeper in the

prioritized above implicit ignore rules.

directory structure. For example, eslint .config/ will lint all dot-folders and dot-files in the .config directory, including immediate children as well as children that are deeper in the directory structure.

• If the path to lint is a specific file path and the --no-ignore flag has been passed, ESLint will

lint the file regardless of the implicit ignore rules. For example, eslint .config/my-config-file.js --no-ignore will cause my-config-

file.js to be linted. It should be noted that the same command without the --no-ignore line will not lint the my-config-file.js file.

• Allowlist and denylist rules specified via --ignore-pattern or .eslintignore are

# Allowlist 'test.js' in the '.build' folder

folders and their children are ignored by default, .build must first be allowlisted so that eslint becomes aware of its children. Then, .build/test.js must be explicitly allowlisted, while the rest of the content is denylisted. This is done with the following .eslintignore file:

For example, in this scenario, .build/test.js is the desired file to allowlist. Because all dot-

```
!.build
         .build/*
         !.build/test.js
The following --ignore-pattern is also equivalent:
```

# But do not allow anything else in the '.build' folder to be lin

eslint --ignore-pattern '!.build' --ignore-pattern '.build/\*' --ig

### If you'd prefer to use a different file than the .eslintignore in the current working directory, you can specify it on the command line using the --ignore-path option. For example, you can use .jshintignore file because it has the same format:

Using an Alternate File

eslint --ignore-path .jshintignore file.js

```
You can also use your .gitignore file:
         eslint --ignore-path .gitignore file.js
```

Using eslintlgnore in package.json

If an .eslintignore file is not found and an alternate file is not specified, ESLint will look in

Any file that follows the standard ignore file format can be used. Keep in mind that specifying --

ignore-path means that any existing .eslintignore file will not be used. Note that globbing

package.json for an eslintIgnore key to check for files to ignore.

rules in .eslintignore follow those of .gitignore.

"name": "mypackage", "version": "0.0.1", "eslintConfig": {

```
"env": {
                      "browser": true,
                      "node": true
             "eslintIgnore": ["hello.js", "world.js"]
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Ignored File Warnings
When you pass directories to ESLint, files and directories are silently ignored. If you pass a specific
```

### file to ESLint, then you will see a warning indicating that the file was skipped. For example, suppose you have an .eslintignore file that looks like this:

foo.js

```
eslint foo.js
```

You'll see this warning:

like this:

foo.js

And then you run:

```
0:0 warning File ignored because of a matching ignore pattern. Use
X 1 problem (0 errors, 1 warning)
```

Consider another scenario where you may want to run ESLint on a specific dot-file or dot-folder, but have forgotten to specifically allow those files in your .eslintignore file. You would run something

message indicates, you can use --no-ignore to omit using the ignore rules.

This message occurs because ESLint is unsure if you wanted to actually lint the file or not. As the

eslint .config/foo.js

```
.config/foo.js
```

You would see this warning:

```
0:0 warning File ignored by default. Use a negated ignore pattern
         X 1 problem (0 errors, 1 warning)
This message occurs because, normally, this file would be ignored by ESLint's implicit ignore rules
```

(as mentioned above). A negated ignore rule in your .eslintignore file would override the implicit rule and reinclude this file for linting. Additionally, in this specific case, --no-ignore could be used to lint the file as well.

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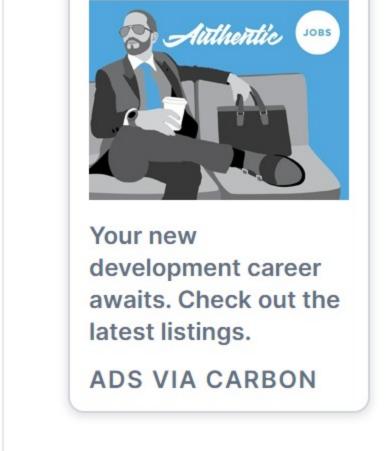
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