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# Introduction

The Visual Studio Code (VSCode) software is a code editor made for Windows, Linux and macOS. It includes support for debugging, embedded Git control, syntax highlighting, and more. The intended use of VSCode is a general-purpose code editor, but it has specific support for web development and programing.

This instruction manual is for new users of VSCode that are looking to customize VSCode to their liking. These instructions will walk you through the steps necessary to customize the appearance of your code editor. Whether you prefer a light or dark theme, or want to experiment with different color schemes, this guide will show you how to make those changes in VSCode. VSCode allows custom themes, fonts, and more to help you personalize your VSCode.

# Change the Theme in VSCode

A theme is a personalization features that changes the appearance of VSCode. To change the theme,

1. Click **Extensions** in the left-hand menu

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1. Type a theme in the **search box**

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1. Click the desired **theme**
2. Click **Install**

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1. Click **Set Color Theme**

Graphical user interface, text, application, chat or text message

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# Changing the Font in VSCode

**Overview**

Changing the font and enabling ligatures in VSCode can help improve readability of code. Ligatures are unique representations of two or more symbols that are used together. For example, “!=” becomes “≠” or “<=” becomes “≤”. There are two steps to change font and enable Ligatures:

## Step 1: Change Font

1. Click **File**

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1. Click **Preferences > Settings** in the drop down menu

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1. Click **Text Editor**

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1. Click **Font** in the drop down menu under Text Editor

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1. Type your desired font in the **Font Family** box

If the name of the chosen font contains a space it must be surrounded by quotations like: **’***example font****’***

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## Step 2: Enable Ligatures

**Warning:** Changes made in the settings.json file could cause potential issues, please proceed with caution.

1. Click **Edit in settings.json** under the Font Ligatures section

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1. Replace “editor.fontLigatures” value from **false** to **True**

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# Creating a Custom Workspace

**Overview**

Creating a custom workspace helps improve the overall usability of VSCode. A workspace is a collection of files that you can access easily through VSCode. The workspace can be saved so you can quickly change between different projects. First, you need to add your files to your workspace

## Step 1: Importing Files

1. Click **File**

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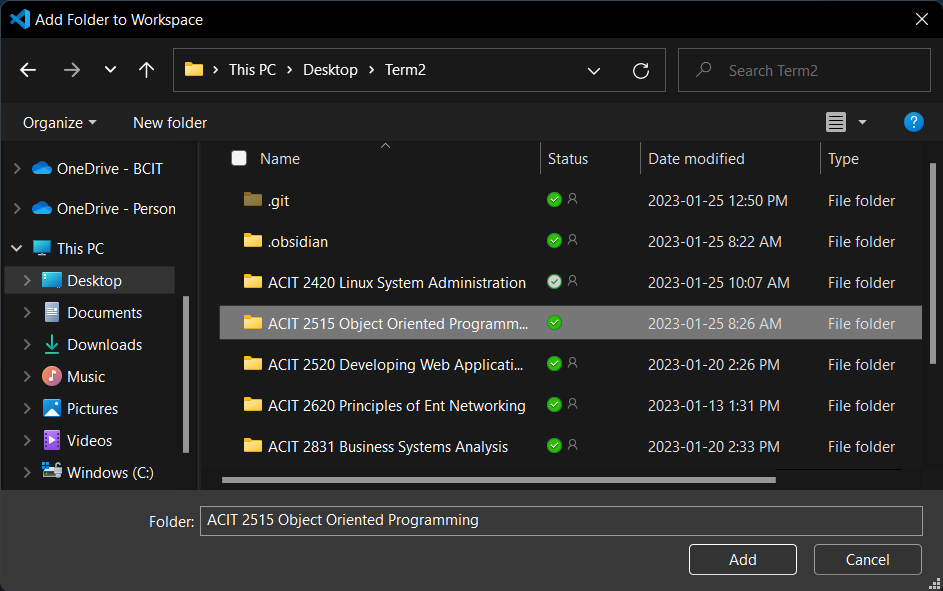
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1. Click **Add Folder to Workspace** in the drop down menu

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1. Click your desired **file**



1. Click **Add**

## Step 2: Save Your Workspace

1. Click **File**

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1. Click **Save Workspace As** in the drop down menu

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1. Type your desired **name** for the workspace

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1. Click **Save**

# Customize Terminal

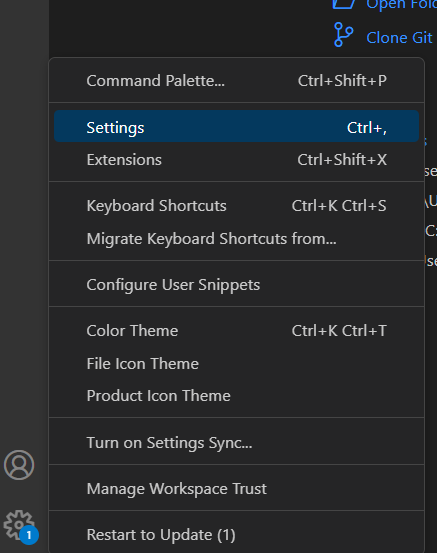
**Overview**

Customizing the terminal in Visual Studio Code (VSCode) allows you to personalize your development environment and streamline your workflow.

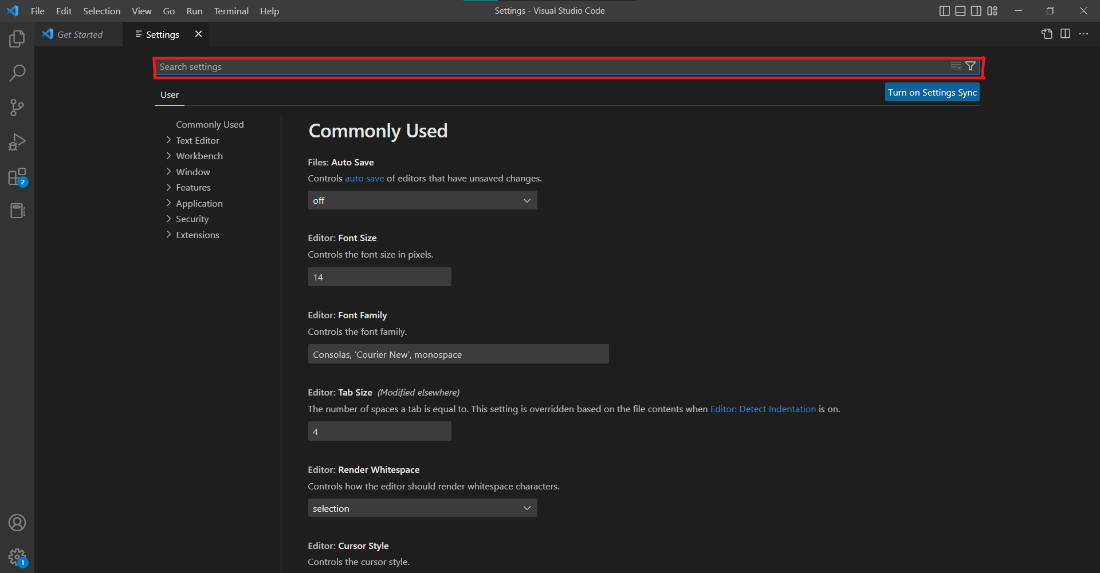
1. Click the **Gear Icon** on the bottom right

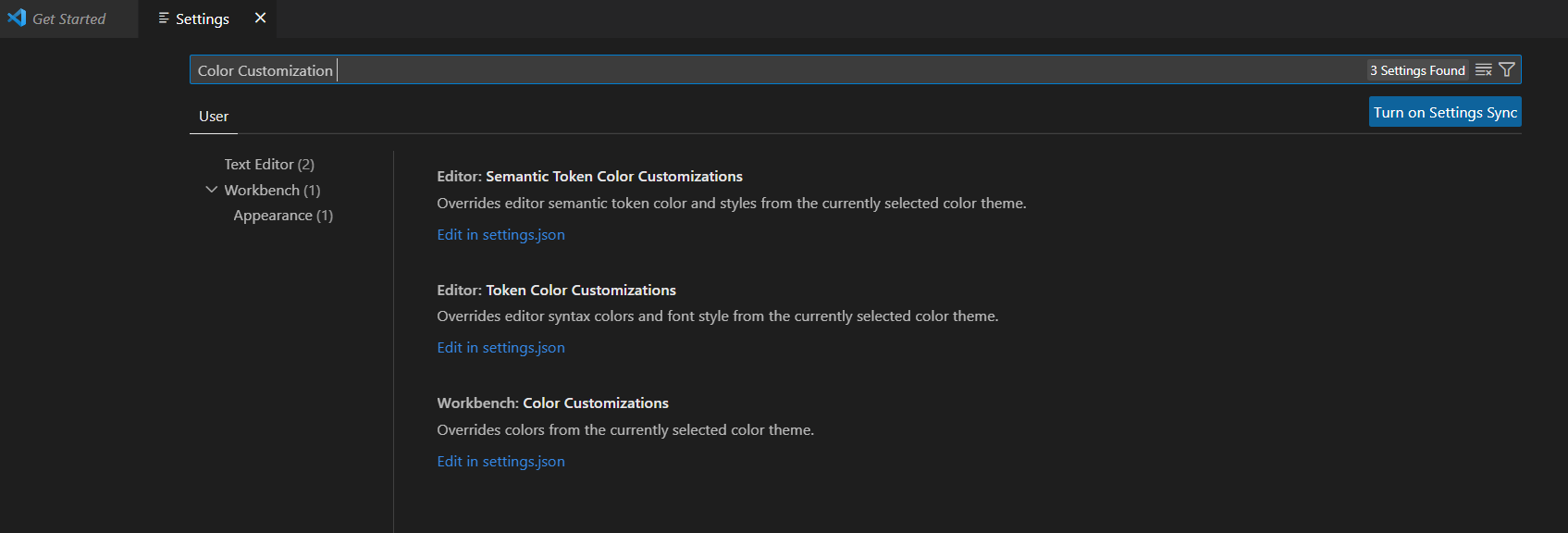


1. Click **Settings** in the drop down menu

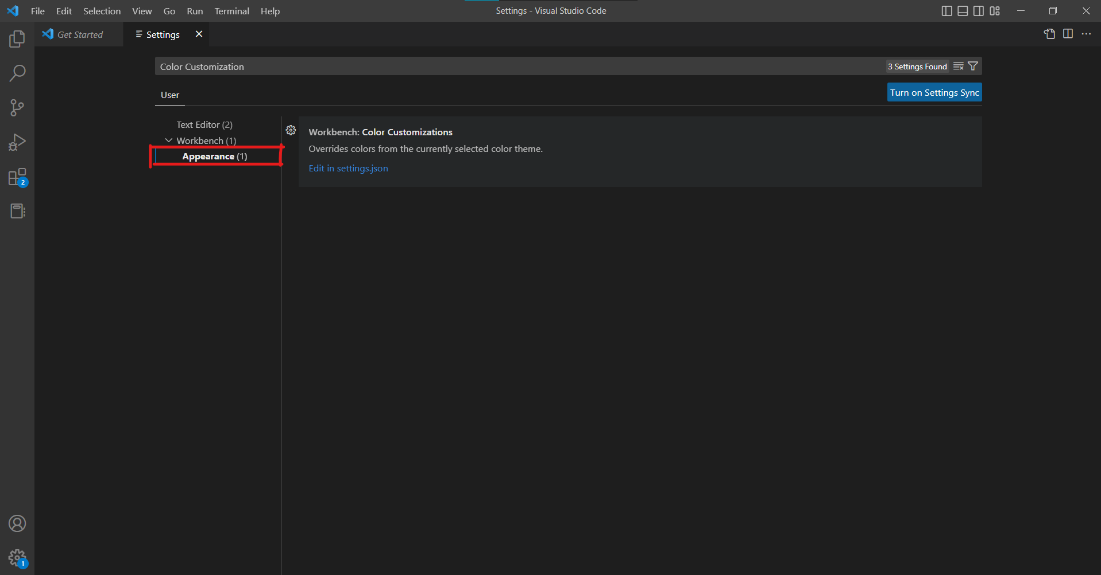


1. Type in **Color Customization** In the Search box

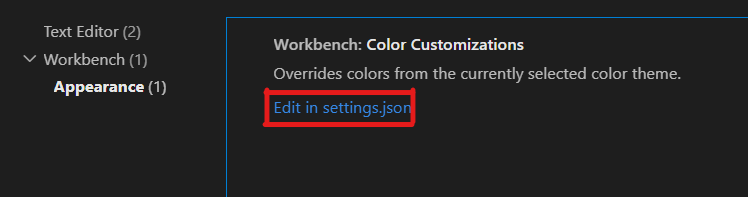




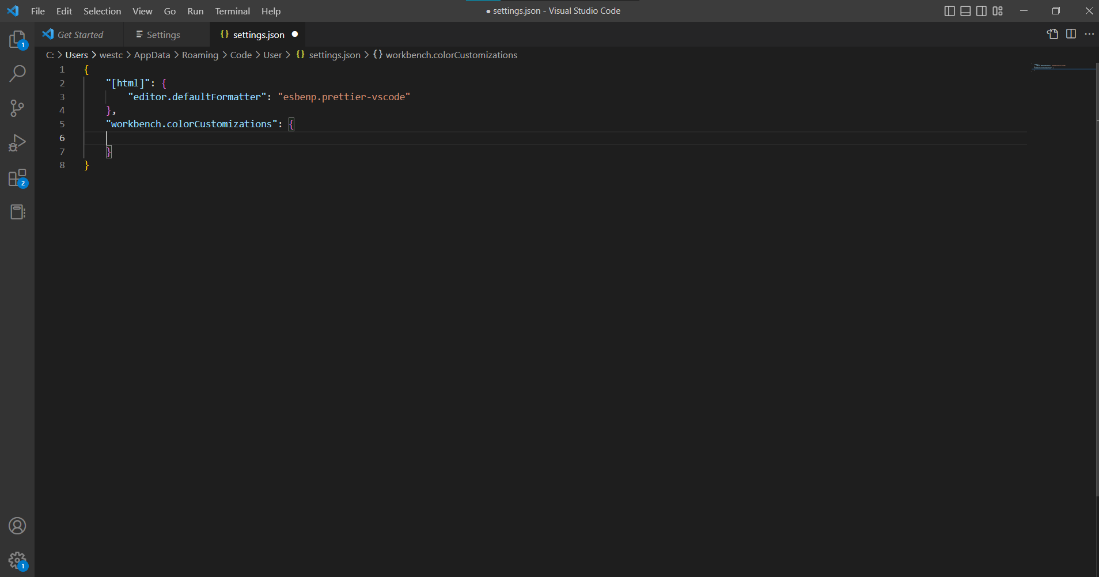
1. Click **Appearance** Option



1. Click **Edit in settings.js**



1. Paste desired color pallet under workbench.colorCustomizaions:



# Glossary

Terminal- Workplace to move into desired root directory or type in code

Theme- A theme is a combination of desktop background pictures, window colors, and sounds

# Trouble-shooting Guide