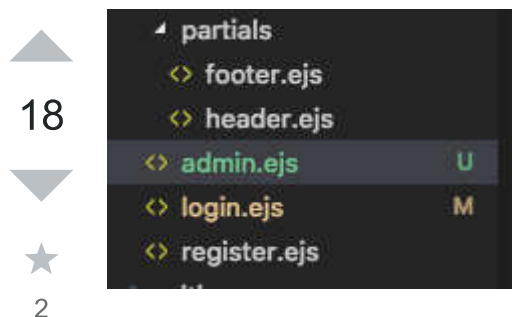


# What are U & M file markers in Visual Studio Code?



What does U and M means in the image. I am using visual studio code and git. I did some search on internet but could not find anything on this.

[git](#)[visual-studio-code](#)

edited Jan 17 '18 at 15:10

[Alex KeySmith](#)

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asked Jan 17 '18 at 15:08

[abhi](#)

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3 Please make the question an actual question "Visual studio code" is not a question – [Joe Phillips](#) Jan 17 '18 at 15:09

@JoePhillips good point, edited. – [Alex KeySmith](#) Jan 17 '18 at 15:10

There exists an issue about using "U" character: [github.com/Microsoft/vscode/issues/36912](https://github.com/Microsoft/vscode/issues/36912) – [Alex](#) Jan 17 '18 at 15:30

@JoePhillips thanks for editing the question. I am new to posting questions in stackoverflow – [abhi](#) Jan 17 '18 at 18:39

@Abhinay Your first lesson is that I didn't edit it :D... it says who did right in the question :p – [Joe Phillips](#) Jan 17 '18 at 18:46

## 2 Answers

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the 'M' and 'U' in the case is just Visual Studio Code picking up what git and recognizing (very nicely) in the UI, highlighting which files have been modified and which files are untracked.

It's just a nice, clear and easy way to look through your workspace and see exactly what your current git status is without having to enter the command on the command line.

### Please Note:

You will only ever see modified or untracked files highlighted in Visual Studio Code.

If you delete a file, for example, it will just disappear from your workspace, however your git status, when executed from the command line, will still include a deleted status for that file. But you won't see any additional visual representation for this in Visual Studio Code (the file will just not be listed in your workspace any more).

edited Jan 17 '18 at 15:50

answered Jan 17 '18 at 15:44



AJC24

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The 'U' means the files are 'untracked' and the 'M' means the files have been 'modified'

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You can use the commands `git add -A` - to add all the files to the staging area and `git commit -m 'message'` - to create a 'snapshot' of the files on the staging area.

Hope this explains what you were trying to figure out.

edited Feb 19 at 15:27

answered Feb 19 at 8:01



RealMJDev

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1 Whilst your answer does fix the issue, the OP asked what the U & M markers meant, not how to get rid of them. Perhaps edit your answer to explain it and what your answer means with regards to the OP's question? – rrd Feb 19 at 8:43

I edited my answer to explain what the U and M means and also gave a solution. – RealMJDev Feb 19 at 15:30

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