

# Is it possible to configure control + scroll-wheel to increase/decrease zoom in VS Code?



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Similar to the default in the Visual Studio editors or Sublime, I would like to use control + scroll-wheel to change the font size / zoom level, rather than control-plus/minus. I did not see any option in the User or Workspace preferences.

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asked May 12 '15 at 13:49

[Ed Schembor](#)

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The current zooming in VSCode is not limited to the editor but all controls. I assume you only want the editor to zoom, but not the rest of the workbench? – [Benjamin Pasero](#) May 12 '15 at 14:07

Have you tried Ctr+ and Ctrl- I think its more biased towards editor rather than IDE – [Thanigainathan](#) May 12 '15 at 21:04

Yes I am using ctrl+/- but was hoping for a scroll-wheel alternative – [Ed Schembor](#) May 13 '15 at 13:57

## 3 Answers



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You can edit settings.json and add this line:

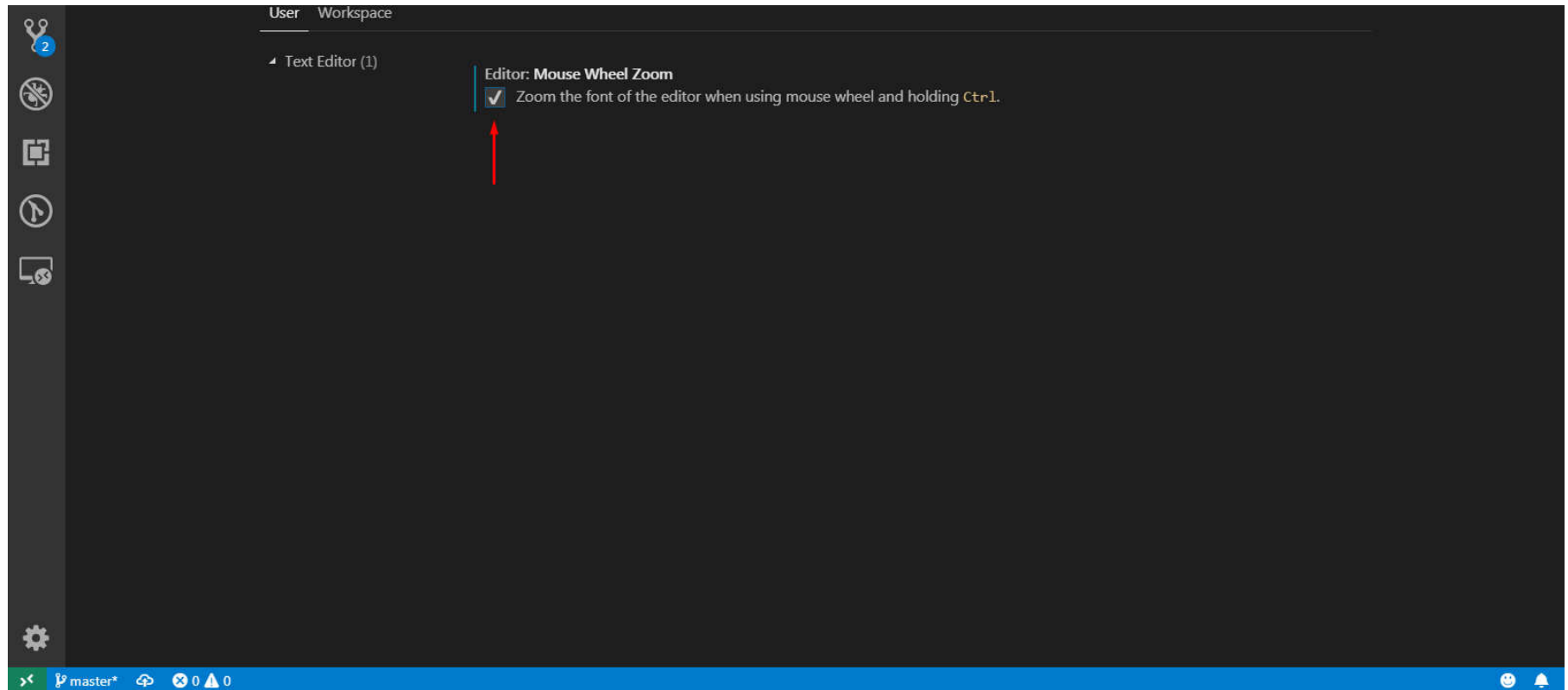
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"editor.mouseWheelZoom": true
```

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edited Jun 10 at 9:29



Snow Bases

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answered Jul 13 '16 at 19:31



MattSlay

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- 3 Verified this setting works as of 1.3.1 – [Ed Schembor](#) Jul 14 '16 at 15:50
- 1 @EdSchembor This works when I add this line to the json file but it seems to take away my ability to indent a block of code by highlight lines of code and pressing tab. Any ideas on how to resolve this issue? – [theQuestionMan](#) Sep 7 '16 at 5:39
- 4 How in the name of sweet, almighty God can that not be a default setting?! I get that it's a new tool, still under development but c'mon! I still can't find the option jump-to-next-camel-hump in method names. I like humping camels. – [Konrad Viltersten](#) Nov 14 '16 at 17:06
- 1 thanks, have been looking for this! – [Fredrik](#) Jan 9 '17 at 11:36

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File -&gt; preferences -&gt; settings -&gt; search for " mouse wheel zoom "

answered Sep 19 '18 at 19:25



Mahmoud Farahat

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4 that was helpful! – [physicist](#) Nov 7 '18 at 16:59

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The main problem is how VSCode is built, with a [Electron frame](#) and Microsoft Monaco Editor which is built with TypeScript and such web techniques. Therefore VSCode behaves exactly like a browser window would do - zooming the whole application including sidebar etc.

answered May 13 '15 at 7:17



Slowmove

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7 This is not the case anymore. The rest of the application such as the sidebar and the explorer stay put while zooming the editor with ctrl + mousewheel – [Brice](#) Jul 24 '16 at 12:03

I still miss the tab/file specific zooming that Sublime has. I enjoy VSCode a lot otherwise – [mix3d](#) Dec 7 '16 at 20:56

1 @Brice I thought the same, but VSCode does support separate zooming of the editor and the whole application. For me, CTRL- '+' and CTRL- '-' zoom the whole application, while the scroll wheel only zooms the editor. – [ThePadawan](#) Dec 31 '17 at 8:21

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