

Turn off auto formatting for json files in Visual Studio Code

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I have checked my preference multiple times and ensured that all options related to format-on-save are set to false. And yet everytime I save a .json file I see my file getting formatted.

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edited Apr 12 '18 at 12:17



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asked Jun 27 '16 at 15:22



akshay

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1 Have you installed any extensions? – [seairth](#) Jun 27 '16 at 16:21

@seairth -- I had prettify-json installed. I tried disabling it but that didn't work. – [akshay](#) Jun 27 '16 at 21:15

2 Try uninstalling the extension entirely, restarting VSCode, and then see if the behavior goes away. – [seairth](#) Jun 27 '16 at 21:19

Tried that already. :(Here are my settings : [dropbox.com/s/oxqryk2ab35nno3/default-settings.json?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/oxqryk2ab35nno3/default-settings.json?dl=0) [dropbox.com/s/p0wywuknhc89yo8/user-settings.json?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/p0wywuknhc89yo8/user-settings.json?dl=0) – [akshay](#) Jun 27 '16 at 21:27

1 I'm not sure what to suggest from here. I can't reproduce it on my copy (v1.2.1). Looking through the VSCode source, the stock install should only format JSON when performing an explicit "code format" (e.g. Shift+Alt+F on Windows). The actual registered command is "editor.action.format", so maybe you have another extension that is executing that command on save. One way to test that might be to try a different installed language and see if it acts the same way. – [seairth](#) Jun 27 '16 at 21:50

4 Answers



OK, check if you have installed this extension: "JS-CSS-HTML formatter".

Now if you have, press `CTRL+SHIFT+P`, type `Formatter` and you should see an option that says `Formatter Config`.

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After selecting that option, a file named `formatter.json` opens and all you do is edit the property (named `onSave`) from having `true` to

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answered Dec 4 '16 at 5:14

[Kitanga Nday](#)

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- 2 Thank you so much! Have been dealing with annoyance for a while now. – [Haymaker87](#) Jun 12 '17 at 17:17
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- 2 Your welcome, I wish there was a way to tell the dev to disable this feature by default – [Kitanga Nday](#) Jun 13 '17 at 4:40
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- 1 Thank you! I'm debugging a serious bug but somehow the editor acts buggy, it keeps formats the js file into a weird format. it drives me crazy. – [raven](#) Apr 17 at 8:38
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- lol, you welcome raven. Btw, this could be because you aren't using the "Javascript (Babel)" file language. You could be using "Javascript (React)" instead, or maybe even vise versa. All I know is that it messes up my code if I switch between the file language formats. – [Kitanga Nday](#) Apr 18 at 0:14
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I am using below version Visual Studio Code Editor and reached to turn off by following way.

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Version: 1.28.2 (user setup)
Commit: 7f3ce96ff4729c91352ae6def877e59c561f4850
Date: 2018-10-17T00:23:51.859Z
Electron: 2.0.9
Chrome: 61.0.3163.100
Node.js: 8.9.3
V8: 6.1.534.41
Architecture: x64

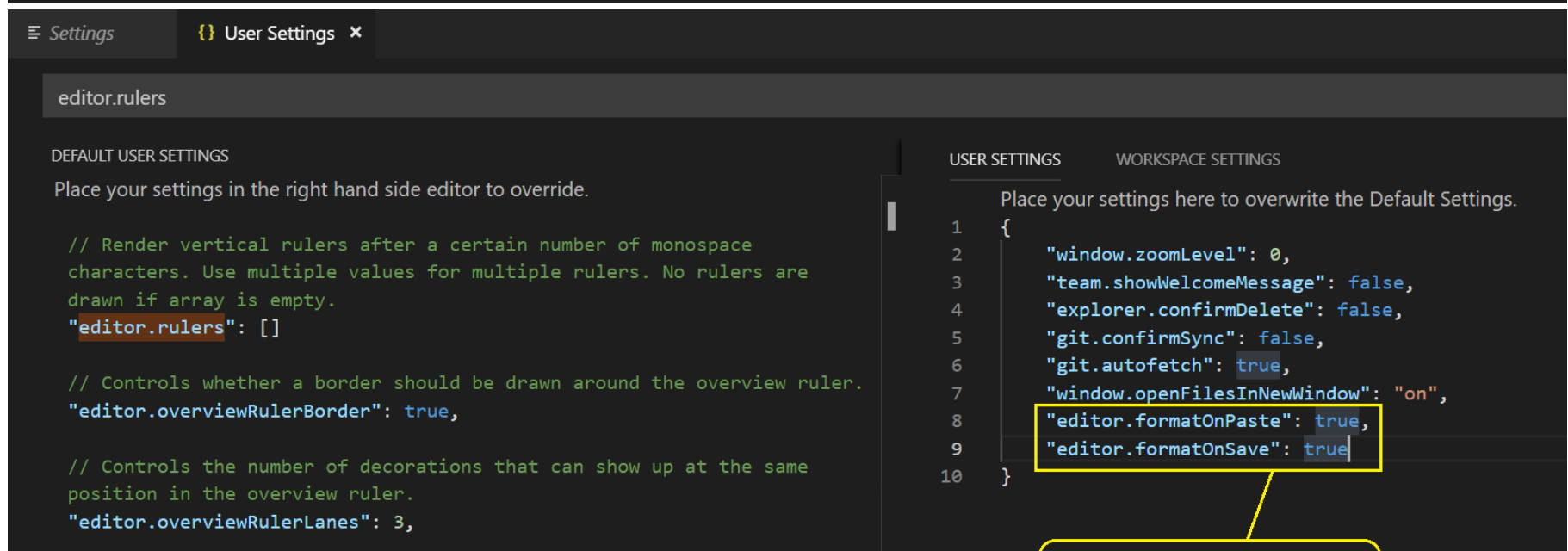
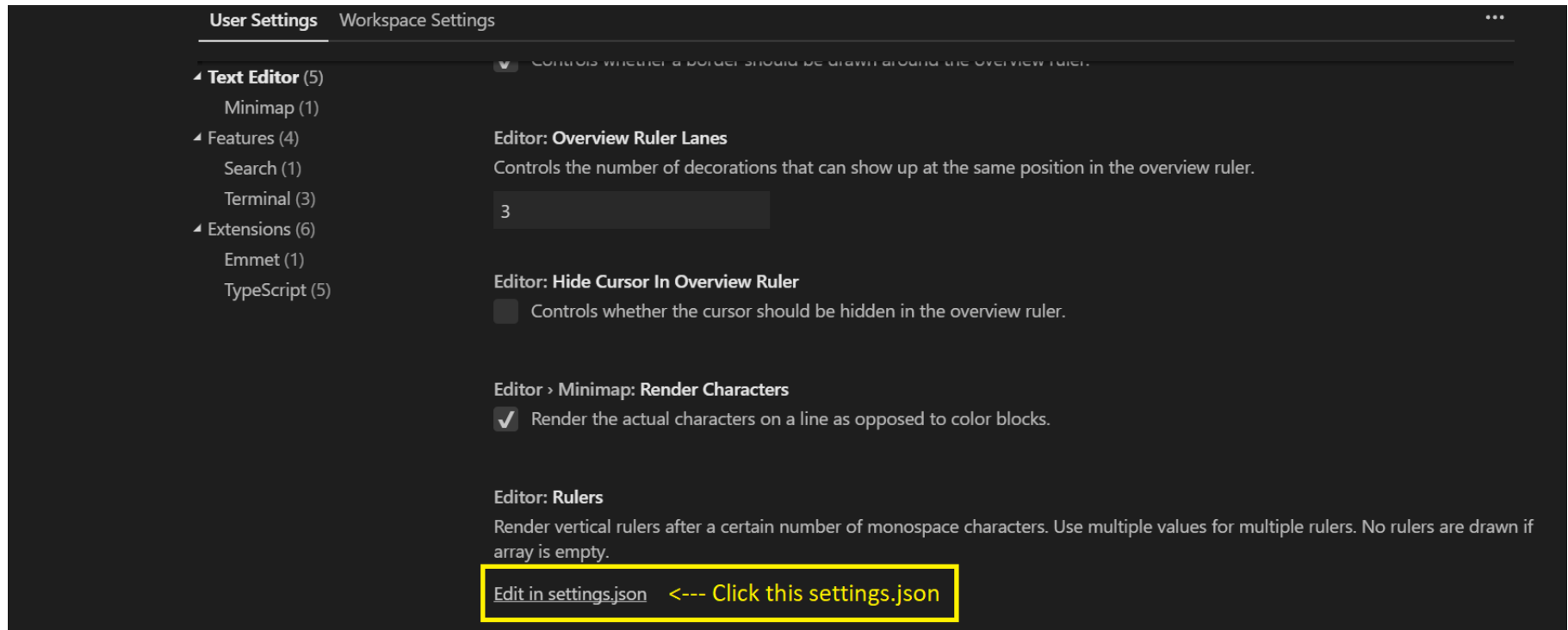
Follow these steps > CTRL+SHIFT+P > Type Settings > Select Preferences: Open User Settings

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// Controls whether the find operation is carried out on selected text  
or the entire file in the editor.  
"editor.find.autoFindInSelection": false
```

Save All > Restart Visual Studio Code Editor, Hope it may help many one.

answered Nov 6 '18 at 4:11



[ArifMustafa](#)

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1 If this solution doesn't help then try to disable `vscode-JS-CSS-HTML-formatter`, it helped in my case. Source: github.com/Microsoft/vscode/issues/16055 – [Stepan Zakharov](#) Mar 12 at 8:39

This comment should be the accepted answer actually – [Zack Shapiro](#) Apr 23 at 13:14

look for Settings.json into "project/.vscode/settings.json"

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{  
  "editor.formatOnSave": false  
}
```

answered Mar 14 at 0:04



[Abel Valdez](#)

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In Visual Studio Code, in order to stop autoformatting **only for your json files** add the following in `settings.json` file by opening **User Settings - Preferences**.

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{
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}
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answered Jun 19 at 13:57

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