Remove trailing spaces automatically or with a shortcut

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Is there a way to remove trailing spaces in Visual Studio Code (automatically or with a shortcut)?

I've been looking for this in the command palette and in the editor settings, but I cannot find what I am looking for.

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You can enable whitespace trimming from settings:

1. Open VS User Settings (Preferences > Settings > User Settings tab).

2. Click the `{}` icon in the top-right part of the window. This will open a document.

3. Add a new `"files.trimTrailingWhitespace": true` setting to the User Settings document if it's not already there. This is so you aren't editing the Default Setting directly, but instead adding to it.

4. Save the User Settings file.

We also added a new command to trigger this manually (`Trim Trailing Whitespace` from the command palette).

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1   Is there a way to have it enabled for all files but disabled for certain file types? Markdown comes to mind, for example. – Prashanth Chandra Jan 16 '17 at 22:25

2   Currently not, but we are looking into language specific settings for this milestone. See our iteration plan here: github.com/Microsoft/vscode/issues/17608 – Benjamin Pasero Jan 17 '17 at 5:52

4   WHY is this not on by default? The number of times this could've saved me from the wrath of `pylint` ... – rookie1024 Apr 1 '17 at 22:12

Not only can you change the VS Code settings to trim trailing whitespace automatically, but you can also do this from the command palette:

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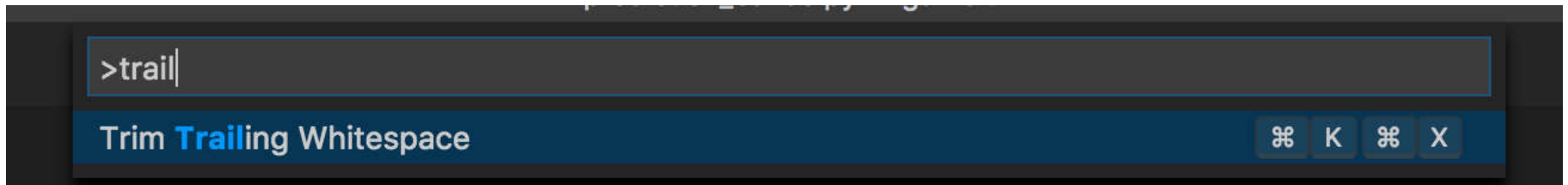
As you can see from my screenshot, on Mac you can also use the keyboard shortcut: ⌘ k + ⌘ x . On Windows, you can use `Ctrl` +
`Shift` + `P`.

(I'm using VS Code 1.20.1.)

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2   On Linux, you can use `Ctrl + K  Ctrl + X` . – Penny Liu Apr 19 at 9:47 ✏

File -> Preference -> Settings ->
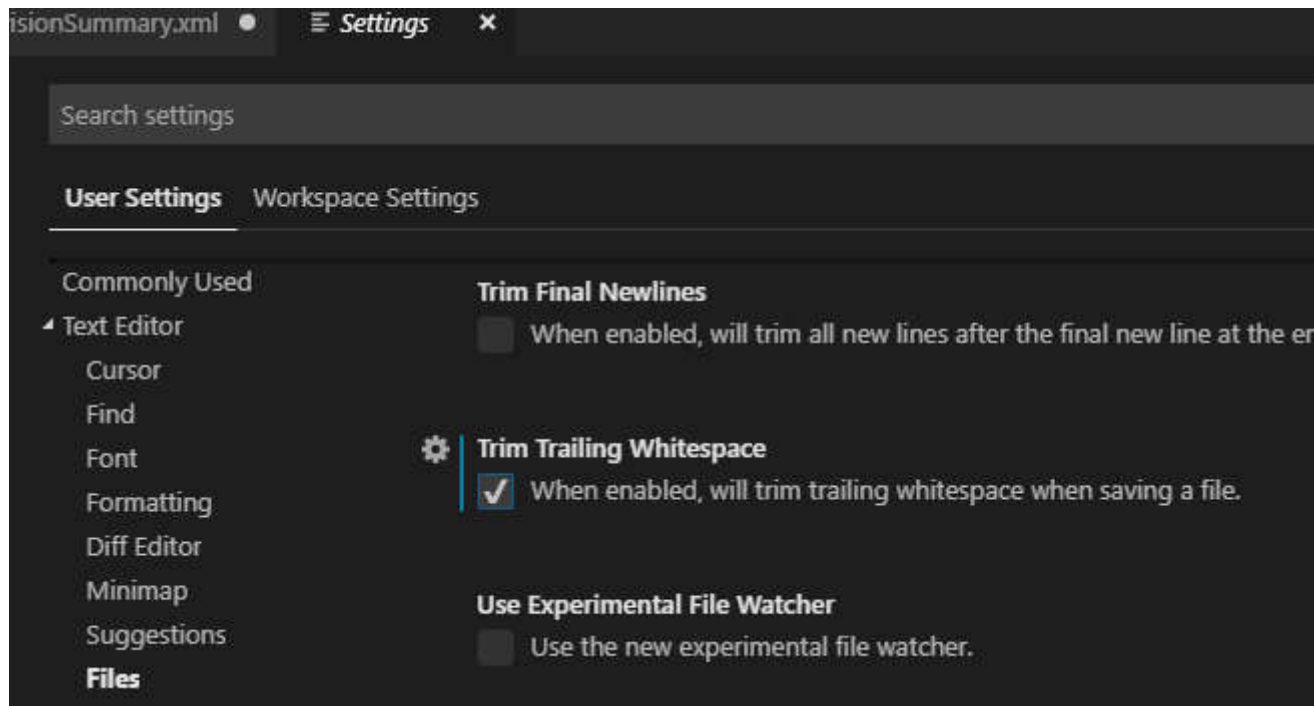
Check this option

1   @daGo as far as I know, the action is only called before saving the file. It won't deteriorate the VS Code performance unless you save each line. –
    Shivkumar Birnale May 7 at 11:48

In recent VSCode versions you can find settings here:

9   `File -> Preference -> Settings -> Text Editor -> Files -> (Scroll down a bit) Trim`

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Have you looked at the EditorConfig plugin (https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=EditorConfig.EditorConfig)? By using the plugin you can have settings specific for various projects. The vscode also has intellisense built-in for .editorconfig files.

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answered Oct 4 '17 at 20:27

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