

# VSCode showing only one file in the tab bar (can't open multiple files)

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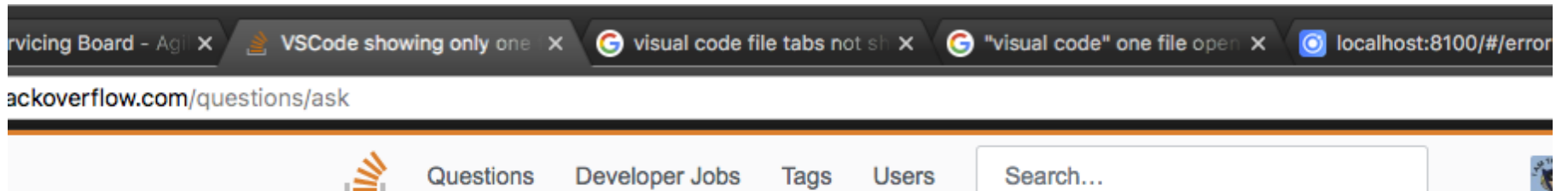
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3 import { DisclosureResponse } from '../..../models/responses/disclosure.response';
4 import { CmsTermsConditionsResponse } from '../..../models/responses/cms-terms-conditions.response';
5 import { TranslateService } from '@ngx-translate/core';
6 import { EndpointService, ENDPOINTS } from './endpoint.service';
7 import { NetworkProvider } from '../..../network.provider';
8 import { DisclosureService, TEMP_OVER_DRAFT_KEY } from './disclosure.service';
9
10 describe('DisclosureService', () => {
11
12     let service: DisclosureService;
13     let networkProvider: jasmine.SpyObj<NetworkProvider>;
14     let endpointService: jasmine.SpyObj<EndpointService>;
15     let translateService: jasmine.SpyObj<TranslateService>;
16
17     let mockCmsTermVersion: number = 1.1;
18     let mockCmsTerm: CmsTermsConditionsResponse;
19     let mockDisclosureAccept: DisclosureResponse;
20     let mockEndpoint = 'endpoint';
21
22     beforeEach(() => {
23
24         mockCmsTerm = {
25             data: {
26                 content: 'content',
27                 version: `v${mockCmsTermVersion}`
28             }
29         };
30
31         mockDisclosureAccept = {
```

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## 12 Answers

▲ If I got it right this must be your case: check [here](#). You just need to set this in your configuration file

143 "workbench.editor.showTabs": false

▼ I also think that in [this question](#) the exact opposite is being asked

✓ Hope that some of these help

edited Aug 7 '18 at 15:09



Jim G.  
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answered Feb 2 '18 at 19:46



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▲ On a mac, if both of the existing answers didn't work, you can try command + ctrl + w, worked for me.

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edited Aug 29 '18 at 10:56



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answered Aug 29 '18 at 10:48



Divyanshu Kalra  
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2 Works on windows too (ctrl + w) – [user2978241](#) Aug 30 '18 at 4:01

1 Works on Linux as well (ctrl + w) – [Chathuranga Chandrasekara](#) Sep 9 '18 at 15:26

why does this work? what does this shortcut do? I worked for me too! – [Shardul](#) Mar 14 at 17:11 ✎

worked for me as well! probably pressing this key combo was the reason to disable the tabs somehow. cheers! – [krankuba](#) Apr 26 at 9:49

@DivyanshuKalra Yep, did the same thing I think. That's why I'm here, because I couldn't figure out why I was only getting one tab at a time. So annoying! – [IceMetalPunk](#) May 7 at 20:16

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The accepted answer didn't work for me for some reason. But the answer found here: [How to config vscode to open files always in a new tab?](#) did.

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In short:

In the menu bar, click on File, Preferences, Settings.

Then add this to your settings:

```
"workbench.editor.enablePreview": false
```

edited Aug 7 '18 at 17:11

answered Aug 7 '18 at 16:35



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3 Only this other question's answer solved it for me. In short: double-click (Open) rather than single-click (Preview). – [EliadL](#) Oct 11 '18 at 11:27

This solved my problem, thanks! – [Bob](#) Aug 6 at 12:14

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By mistake i tap on mac ctrl + command + w button on visual studio code then open file tabs hide.

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Then i tap same button Ctrl+ Cmd + w then its again shows

answered Jan 28 at 8:06



Vivek Singh

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If you are using VSCODE , try this `command + ctrl + w`

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answered Apr 15 at 3:26

[user2849063](#)



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try command + ctrl + w in Mac, it works fine

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answered Jun 10 at 10:30



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note: ctrl + w in Windows closes "vs code" – [TamusJRoyce](#) Aug 1 at 16:56

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As of the most recent update, in my VSC, you have to **double-click the file icon** to get a new tab.

And this just when I was finally getting used to clicking ONCE in the older version. I mean, I get "push out a new feature set ASAP" if Microsoft wants to compete with F/OSS, but haven't they heard of [POLA](#) ... and not breaking it?

answered Sep 13 '18 at 21:49



Kevin\_Kinsey

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This is a "feature" albeit a confusing one of Visual Studio code called the "Preview" tab!

I know I struggled with it until I took the time out and searched here for an answer!.

Normally you can **single-click** on a file and open it in a preview tab, go over it and move on to the next one. This can be handy when you've opened a folder and quickly want to go through the files therein.

However, it is confusing when you're actually **working** on files. The simplest solution is to **double-click** on a file in the explorer tab, this opens up the file in it's own **separate tab**.

IMHO, an alternate approach to disabling the feature, is getting used to this "default" setting of a preview tab, rather than turning it off in settings and later on, when you re-install it or go to another machine, struggling with "Ahh...I knew I did something to disable this behaviour!".

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answered Sep 27 '18 at 8:29



[Bharat Mallapur](#)

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I think it's the property `"workbench.editor.showTabs": true` . I had the same problem and I just changed this setting to true.

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edited Dec 13 '18 at 14:52



[Zoe](#)

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answered Dec 12 '18 at 20:02



[Manuel Eduardo Romero](#)

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Go to **Preferences -> Settings -> UserSettings -> Workbench -> EditorManagement**  
check "**Show Tabs**" . Tabs will appear immediately .Enjoy

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answered Jun 7 at 4:38



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This has nothing to do with setting `workbench.editor.showTabs:true` .Just double click on the file you want open in new tab and it will VS Code will open it for you in new tab.

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answered Aug 20 at 5:58



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I had the same problem and I just changed the following settings inside visual studio 2017.

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Tools > Environment > Tabs and windows

