

# Excluding specific files from Visual Studio search

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Is it possible to exclude certain files from search in Visual Studio.

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For example jquery.js is almost always polluting my search results with half result coming from that file.



I know you can white-list specific types, but when I want to search in .js extension is there solution for that?



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## 4 Answers



Although it does not solve your problem it may help out a bit

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Ctrl + Shift + F should trigger the Find and Replace window.



From there, click Result Options and select "Display file names only".

It won't have all the info you need but might make it easier to recognize the files.

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5 "Display file names only" is a life-saver! some \*.min.js files are massive and cause VS to crash if they come up in results window – [trailmax](#) Jan 25 '17 at 11:10



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In Visual Studio 2017 there is a workaround: you can right-click a search result and then click Delete. I use it to eliminate the big minified files from the Find Results window.

answered Aug 13 '18 at 9:30



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I've got the same problem with unwanted .js files polluting the search result. Especially the minified versions (e.g. `jquery.min.js`) are really annoying since they consist of only one (1) single *very very* long line. *All* of that line is displayed line-wrapped in search result. Not ideal!

Possible solutions:

- Since .js files are (normally) just static content, you should be able to name them as you like. Rename it to `jquery.min.js.nosearch` and include the file with `<script type="text/javascript" src="jquery.min.js.nosearch"></script>` in HTML.
- Get these files from an [CDN](#) and delete your local files.
- Exclude these files from the VS project, provided that you can handle the inclusion of them in an other way when needed, e.g. when deploying (and provided that you scope your search to solution/project, not folder).

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Great idea!. also, you can add a `ren /folder/jquery.min.js.nosearch /folder/jquery.min.js` command in your post-build events :-)

 – [itsho](#) Dec 10 '17 at 9:52



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From [this answer](#) there was an UltraFind extension, which unfortunately [doesn't exist for newer than 2010](#) (but see thread for hack to "update" it to 2012)

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