Customizing how changed files appear on GitHub

To keep certain files from displaying in diffs by default, or counting toward the repository language, you can mark them with the `linguist-generated` attribute in a *.gitattributes* file.

Use a *.gitattributes* file to mark files that match a given "pattern" with the specified attributes. A *.gitattributes* file uses the same rules for matching as *.gitignore* files. For more information, see [PATTERN FORMAT](#) in the Git documentation.

1. Unless the *.gitattributes* file already exists, create a *.gitattributes* file in the root of the repository.

2. Use the `linguist-generated` attribute to mark or unmark paths that you would like to be ignored for the repository's language statistics and hidden by default in diffs.

   For example, to mark `search/index.json` as a generated file, add this line to *.gitattributes*:

   ```
   search/index.json linguist-generated=true
   ```

Further reading 🔗

- "[Generated code](#)" in the Linguist documentation
- "[Creating new files](#)"