

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"](#)

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