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## How to disable prettier in VSCode for a specific project?

#prettier #vscode

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Prettier is an opinionated code formatter and ensures that code follows consistent style. It can automatically fix formatting related issues for HTML, CSS and JavaScript - for complete list of supported languages, please look at the official [docs](#).

If you are working in a big team and want consistent code formatting without manual intervention (code reviews), I highly recommend Prettier.

Prettier is available as [VSCode extension](#) which can be enabled and it automatically takes care of formatting. You could even set preference when to format the file i.e. on file save or when you paste text etc.

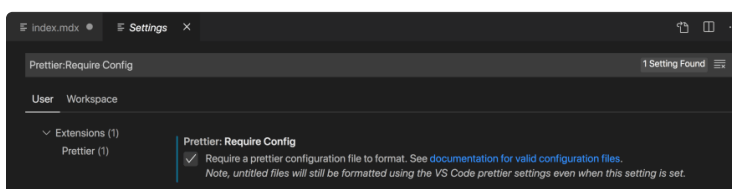
I love Prettier and use it daily for personal and organization projects. There could be a case where you do not want Prettier to automatically format files.

Now the first option is to disable the VSCode extension. I am sure this is not what you are looking for as it is pain to enable and disable the extensions every time you switch projects.

Other option is to enable Prettier only when a configuration file is present in the project. To enable this option open VSCode settings

- On Windows/Linux - File > Preferences > Settings
- On macOS - Code > Preferences > Settings

Search for **Prettier:Require Config** and make sure it is checked



### So how does this work?

By turning on this option, Prettier will only work for the projects having valid `.prettierrc` file. A valid `.prettierrc` could be as simple as having just



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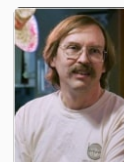


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I found out you can set the parser attribute to an invalid value, and prettier won't format your files in that project. For example, this is my .prettierrc:

```
{
  "parser": "do not use prettier in this project"
}
```

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You can disable Prettier per workspace as described here:  
[github.com/microsoft/vscode/issues...](https://github.com/microsoft/vscode/issues...)

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More info on customised settings for a workspace [here](#)  
(including changing specific settings for an extension such as prettier, or disabling it altogether)

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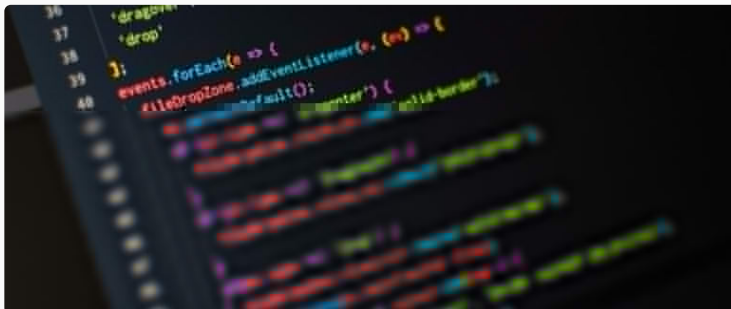
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