# yamllint

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A linter for YAML files.

yamllint does not only check for syntax validity, but for weirdnesses like key repetition and cosmetic problems such as lines length, trailing spaces, indentation, etc.

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# CHAPTER 1

Screenshot

```
> ~ > yamllint file.yml other-file.yaml
file.yml
 1:4
                     trailing spaces (trailing-spaces)
 4:4
                     wrong indentation: expected 4 but found 3 (indentation)
                     duplication of key "id-00042" in mapping (key-duplicates)
 5:4
 6:6
                     comment not indented like content (comments-indentation)
            warning
 12:6
                     too many spaces after hyphen (hyphens)
 15:12
                     too many spaces before comma
                                                   (commas)
<u>other-file.yaml</u>
                     missing document start "---" (document-start)
  1:1
            warning
 6:81
                     line too long (87 > 80 characters) (line-length)
 10:1
                     too many blank lines (4 > 2)
                                                   (empty-lines)
  11:4
                     too many spaces inside braces
                                                    (braces)
```

Note: The default output format is inspired by eslint, a great linting tool for Javascript.

# CHAPTER 2

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## 2.1 Quickstart

## 2.1.1 Installing yamllint

On Fedora / CentOS (note: EPEL is required on CentOS):

sudo dnf install yamllint

On Debian 8+ / Ubuntu 16.04+:

sudo apt-get install yamllint

On Mac OS 10.11+:

brew install yamllint

On FreeBSD:

pkg install py36-yamllint

On OpenBSD:

doas pkg\_add py3-yamllint

Alternatively using pip, the Python package manager:

pip install --user yamllint

If you prefer installing from source, you can run, from the source directory:

python setup.py sdist pip install --user dist/yamllint-\*.tar.gz

#### 2.1.2 Running yamllint

Basic usage:

```
yamllint file.yml other-file.yaml
```

You can also lint all YAML files in a whole directory:

```
yamllint .
```

Or lint a YAML stream from standard input:

```
echo -e 'this: is\nvalid: YAML' | yamllint -
```

The output will look like (colors are not displayed here):

```
file.yml
  1:4
            error trailing spaces (trailing-spaces)
           error wrong indentation: expected 4 but found 3 (indentation) error duplication of key "id-00042" in mapping (key-duplicates)
  4:4
  5:4
  6:6
          warning comment not indented like content (comments-indentation)
          error too many spaces after hyphen (hyphens)
  12:6
  15:12 error too many spaces before comma (commas)
other-file.yaml
        warning missing document start "---" (document-start)
  6:81
           error line too long (87 > 80 characters) (line-length)
  10:1
          error too many blank lines (4 > 2) (empty-lines)
           error too many spaces inside braces (braces)
  11:4
```

By default, the output of yamllint is colored when run from a terminal, and pure text in other cases. Add the -f standard arguments to force non-colored output. Use the -f colored arguments to force colored output.

Add the -f parsable arguments if you need an output format parsable by a machine (for instance for *syntax highlighting in text editors*). The output will then look like:

```
file.yml:6:2: [warning] missing starting space in comment (comments)
file.yml:57:1: [error] trailing spaces (trailing-spaces)
file.yml:60:3: [error] wrong indentation: expected 4 but found 2 (indentation)
```

If you have a custom linting configuration file (see *how to configure yamllint*), it can be passed to yamllint using the −c option:

```
yamllint -c ~/myconfig file.yaml
```

**Note:** If you have a .yamllint file in your working directory, it will be automatically loaded as configuration by yamllint.

# 2.2 Configuration

yamllint uses a set of *rules* to check source files for problems. Each rule is independent from the others, and can be enabled, disabled or tweaked. All these settings can be gathered in a configuration file.

To use a custom configuration file, use the -c option:

```
yamllint -c /path/to/myconfig file-to-lint.yaml
```

If -c is not provided, yamllint will look for a configuration file in the following locations (by order of preference):

- .yamllint in the current working directory
- \$XDG\_CONFIG\_HOME/yamllint/config
- ~/.config/yamllint/config

Finally if no config file is found, the default configuration is applied.

#### 2.2.1 Default configuration

Unless told otherwise, yamllint uses its default configuration:

```
yaml-files:
  - '*.yaml'
  - '*.yml'
rules:
 braces: enable
 brackets: enable
  colons: enable
  commas: enable
  comments:
   level: warning
  comments-indentation:
   level: warning
  document-end: disable
  document-start:
   level: warning
  empty-lines: enable
  empty-values: enable
  hyphens: enable
  indentation: enable
  key-duplicates: enable
  key-ordering: disable
  line-length: enable
  new-line-at-end-of-file: enable
  new-lines: enable
  octal-values: enable
  quoted-strings: disable
  trailing-spaces: enable
  truthy:
    level: warning
```

Details on rules can be found on the rules page.

There is another pre-defined configuration named relaxed. As its name suggests, it is more tolerant:

```
extends: default
rules:
```

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```
braces:
 level: warning
 max-spaces-inside: 1
brackets:
  level: warning
 max-spaces-inside: 1
colons:
 level: warning
commas:
 level: warning
comments: disable
comments-indentation: disable
document-start: disable
empty-lines:
 level: warning
hyphens:
 level: warning
indentation:
 level: warning
  indent-sequences: consistent
line-length:
  level: warning
  allow-non-breakable-inline-mappings: true
truthy: disable
```

It can be chosen using:

```
yamllint -d relaxed file.yml
```

### 2.2.2 Extending the default configuration

When writing a custom configuration file, you don't need to redefine every rule. Just extend the default configuration (or any already-existing configuration file).

For instance, if you just want to disable the comments-indentation rule, your file could look like this:

```
# This is my first, very own configuration file for yamllint!
# It extends the default conf by adjusting some options.

extends: default

rules:
    comments-indentation: disable # don't bother me with this rule
```

Similarly, if you want to set the line-length rule as a warning and be less strict on block sequences indentation:

```
extends: default

rules:
    # 80 chars should be enough, but don't fail if a line is longer
    line-length:
    max: 80
    level: warning

# accept both key:
```

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#### 2.2.3 Custom configuration without a config file

It is possible – although not recommended – to pass custom configuration options to yamllint with the –d (short for –-config-data) option.

Its content can either be the name of a pre-defined conf (example: default or relaxed) or a serialized YAML object describing the configuration.

For instance:

```
yamllint -d "{extends: relaxed, rules: {line-length: {max: 120}}}" file.yaml
```

#### 2.2.4 Errors and warnings

Problems detected by yamllint can be raised either as errors or as warnings. The CLI will output them (with different colors when using the colored output format, or auto when run from a terminal).

By default the script will exit with a return code 1 only when there is one or more error(s).

However if strict mode is enabled with the -s (or --strict) option, the return code will be:

- 0 if no errors or warnings occur
- 1 if one or more errors occur
- 2 if no errors occur, but one or more warnings occur

#### 2.2.5 YAML files extensions

To configure what yamllint should consider as YAML files, set yaml-files configuration option. The default is:

```
yaml-files:
- '*.yaml'
- '*.yml'
```

The same rules as for ignoring paths apply (.gitignore-style path pattern, see below).

#### 2.2.6 Ignoring paths

It is possible to exclude specific files or directories, so that the linter doesn't process them.

You can either totally ignore files (they won't be looked at):

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```
extends: default

ignore: |
   /this/specific/file.yaml
   all/this/directory/
   *.template.yaml
```

or ignore paths only for specific rules:

```
extends: default

rules:
    trailing-spaces:
    ignore: |
        /this-file-has-trailing-spaces-but-it-is-OK.yaml
        /generated/*.yaml
```

Note that this .gitignore-style path pattern allows complex path exclusion/inclusion, see the pathspec README file for more details. Here is a more complex example:

```
# For all rules
ignore: |
    *.dont-lint-me.yaml
    /bin/
    !/bin/*.lint-me-anyway.yaml

extends: default

rules:
    key-duplicates:
    ignore: |
        generated
        *.template.yaml
    trailing-spaces:
    ignore: |
        *.ignore-trailing-spaces.yaml
        ascii-art/*
```

#### 2.3 Rules

When linting a document with yamllint, a series of rules (such as line-length, trailing-spaces, etc.) are checked against.

A *configuration file* can be used to enable or disable these rules, to set their level (*error* or *warning*), but also to tweak their options.

This page describes the rules and their options.

#### List of rules

- braces
- brackets
- colons

- commas
- comments
- comments-indentation
- · document-end
- · document-start
- empty-lines
- empty-values
- hyphens
- indentation
- key-duplicates
- key-ordering
- line-length
- new-line-at-end-of-file
- new-lines
- octal-values
- quoted-strings
- trailing-spaces
- truthy

#### 2.3.1 braces

Use this rule to control the number of spaces inside braces ({ and }).

#### **Options**

- min-spaces-inside defines the minimal number of spaces required inside braces.
- $\bullet$   ${\tt max-spaces-inside}$  defines the maximal number of spaces allowed inside braces.
- min-spaces-inside-empty defines the minimal number of spaces required inside empty braces.
- max-spaces-inside-empty defines the maximal number of spaces allowed inside empty braces.

#### **Examples**

With braces: {min-spaces-inside: 0, max-spaces-inside: 0}
 the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: {key1: 4, key2: 8}
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: { key1: 4, key2: 8 }
```

2. With braces: {min-spaces-inside: 1, max-spaces-inside: 3}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: { key1: 4, key2: 8 }
```

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: { key1: 4, key2: 8 }
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
object: { key1: 4, key2: 8 }
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: {key1: 4, key2: 8 }
```

3. With braces: {min-spaces-inside-empty: 0, max-spaces-inside-empty: 0}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: {}
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
object: { }
```

4. With braces: {min-spaces-inside-empty: 1, max-spaces-inside-empty: -1} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: { }
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: {}
```

#### 2.3.2 brackets

Use this rule to control the number of spaces inside brackets ([ and ]).

#### **Options**

- min-spaces-inside defines the minimal number of spaces required inside brackets.
- max-spaces-inside defines the maximal number of spaces allowed inside brackets.
- min-spaces-inside-empty defines the minimal number of spaces required inside empty brackets.
- max-spaces-inside-empty defines the maximal number of spaces allowed inside empty brackets.

#### **Examples**

With brackets: {min-spaces-inside: 0, max-spaces-inside: 0}
 the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: [1, 2, abc]
```

```
object: [ 1, 2, abc ]
```

2. With brackets: {min-spaces-inside: 1, max-spaces-inside: 3} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: [ 1, 2, abc ]
```

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
object: [ 1, 2, abc ]
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
object: [ 1, 2, abc ]
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: [1, 2, abc]
```

3. With brackets: {min-spaces-inside-empty: 0, max-spaces-inside-empty: 0}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: []
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: [ ]
```

4. With brackets: {min-spaces-inside-empty: 1, max-spaces-inside-empty: -1} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object: [ ]
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: []
```

#### **2.3.3** colons

Use this rule to control the number of spaces before and after colons (:).

#### **Options**

- max-spaces-before defines the maximal number of spaces allowed before colons (use -1 to disable).
- max-spaces-after defines the maximal number of spaces allowed after colons (use -1 to disable).

#### **Examples**

1. With colons: {max-spaces-before: 0, max-spaces-after: 1}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
object:
- a
- b
key: value
```

2. With colons: {max-spaces-before: 1}

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
object:
- a
- b
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object:
- a
- b
```

3. With colons: {max-spaces-after: 2}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
first: 1
second: 2
third: 3
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
first: 1
2nd: 2
third: 3
```

#### **2.3.4 commas**

Use this rule to control the number of spaces before and after commas (, ).

#### **Options**

- max-spaces-before defines the maximal number of spaces allowed before commas (use -1 to disable).
- min-spaces-after defines the minimal number of spaces required after commas.
- max-spaces-after defines the maximal number of spaces allowed after commas (use -1 to disable).

#### **Examples**

1. With commas: {max-spaces-before: 0;
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
strange var:
[10, 20, 30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

```
strange var:
[10, 20 , 30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

2. With commas: {max-spaces-before: 2} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
strange var:
[10 , 20 , 30, {x: 1 , y: 2}]
```

3. With commas: {max-spaces-before: -1} the following code snippet would **PASS**:

4. With commas: {min-spaces-after: 1, max-spaces-after: 1}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
strange var:
[10, 20,30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
strange var:
[10, 20,30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

5. With commas: {min-spaces-after: 1, max-spaces-after: 3} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
strange var:
[10, 20, 30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

6. With commas: {min-spaces-after: 0, max-spaces-after: 1} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
strange var:
[10, 20,30, {x: 1, y: 2}]
```

#### 2.3.5 comments

Use this rule to control the position and formatting of comments.

#### **Options**

- Use require-starting-space to require a space character right after the #. Set to true to enable, false to disable.
- Use ignore-shebangs to ignore a shebang at the beginning of the file when require-starting-space is set.
- min-spaces-from-content is used to visually separate inline comments from content. It defines the minimal required number of spaces between a comment and its preceding content.

#### **Examples**

1. With comments: {require-starting-space: true}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
# This sentence
# is a block comment
```

the following code snippet would PASS:

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
#This sentence
#is a block comment
```

2. With comments: {min-spaces-from-content: 2}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
x = 2 ^ 127 - 1 # Mersenne prime number
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
x = 2 ^ 127 - 1 # Mersenne prime number
```

#### 2.3.6 comments-indentation

Use this rule to force comments to be indented like content.

#### **Examples**

With comments-indentation: { }
 the following code snippet would PASS:

```
# Fibonacci
[0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
# Fibonacci
[0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
```

```
list:
- 2
- 3
# - 4
- 5
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
list:
    - 2
    - 3
# - 4
    - 5
```

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
# This is the first object
obj1:
   - item A
   # - item B
# This is the second object
obj2: []
```

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
# This sentence
# is a block comment
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
# This sentence
# is a block comment
```

#### 2.3.7 document-end

Use this rule to require or forbid the use of document end marker (...).

#### **Options**

• Set present to true when the document end marker is required, or to false when it is forbidden.

#### **Examples**

1. With document-end: {present: true}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
this:
  is: [a, document]
...
---
- this
- is: another one
...
```

```
this:
is: [a, document]
---
this
-is: another one
...
```

2. With document-end: {present: false}

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
this:
is: [a, document]
---
this
-is: another one
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
this:
   is: [a, document]
...
---
- this
- is: another one
```

#### 2.3.8 document-start

Use this rule to require or forbid the use of document start marker (---).

#### **Options**

• Set present to true when the document start marker is required, or to false when it is forbidden.

#### **Examples**

1. With document-start: {present: true}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
this:
is: [a, document]
---
this
- is: another one
```

```
this:
    is: [a, document]
---
- this
- is: another one
```

2. With document-start: {present: false}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
this:
is: [a, document]
...
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
this:
is: [a, document]
...
```

# 2.3.9 empty-lines

Use this rule to set a maximal number of allowed consecutive blank lines.

#### **Options**

- max defines the maximal number of empty lines allowed in the document.
- max-start defines the maximal number of empty lines allowed at the beginning of the file. This option takes precedence over max.
- max-end defines the maximal number of empty lines allowed at the end of the file. This option takes precedence over max.

#### **Examples**

1. With empty-lines: {max: 1}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
- foo:
    - 1
    - 2
- bar: [3, 4]
```

```
- foo:
- 1
- 2
- bar: [3, 4]
```

#### 2.3.10 empty-values

Use this rule to prevent nodes with empty content, that implicitly result in null values.

#### **Options**

- Use forbid-in-block-mappings to prevent empty values in block mappings.
- Use forbid-in-flow-mappings to prevent empty values in flow mappings.

#### **Examples**

1. With empty-values: {forbid-in-block-mappings: true}
the following code snippets would PASS:

```
some-mapping:
   sub-element: correctly indented
```

```
explicitly-null: null
```

the following code snippets would FAIL:

```
some-mapping:
sub-element: incorrectly indented
```

```
implicitly-null:
```

2. With empty-values: {forbid-in-flow-mappings: true}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
{prop: null} {a: 1, b: 2, c: 3}
```

the following code snippets would FAIL:

```
{a: 1, b:, c: 3}
```

# **2.3.11 hyphens**

Use this rule to control the number of spaces after hyphens (-).

#### **Options**

• max-spaces-after defines the maximal number of spaces allowed after hyphens.

#### **Examples**

1. With hyphens: {max-spaces-after: 1}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
- first list:
    - a
    - b
- - 1
    - 2
    - 3
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- first list:
    - a
    - b
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- - 1
- 2
- 3
```

2. With hyphens: {max-spaces-after: 3

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
- key
- key2
- key42
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
- key
- key2
- key42
```

#### 2.3.12 indentation

Use this rule to control the indentation.

#### **Options**

• spaces defines the indentation width, in spaces. Set either to an integer (e.g. 2 or 4, representing the number of spaces in an indentation level) or to consistent to allow any number, as long as it remains the same within the file.

- indent-sequences defines whether block sequences should be indented or not (when in a mapping, this indentation is not mandatory some people perceive the as part of the indentation). Possible values: true, false, whatever and consistent consistent requires either all block sequences to be indented, or none to be. whatever means either indenting or not indenting individual block sequences is OK.
- check-multi-line-strings defines whether to lint indentation in multi-line strings. Set to true to enable, false to disable.

#### **Examples**

1. With indentation: {spaces: 1}

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
history:
- name: Unix
date: 1969
- name: Linux
date: 1991
nest:
recurse:
- haystack:
needle
```

2. With indentation: {spaces: 4}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
history:
- name: Unix
date: 1969
- name: Linux
date: 1991
nest:
recurse:
- haystack:
needle
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
history:
- name: Unix
date: 1969
- name: Linux
date: 1991
nest:
recurse:
- haystack:
needle
```

3. With indentation: {spaces: consistent}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
history:
- name: Unix
date: 1969
- name: Linux
```

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```
date: 1991
nest:
recurse:
- haystack:
needle
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
some:
Russian:
dolls
```

4. With indentation: {spaces: 2, indent-sequences: false} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
list:
- flying
- spaghetti
- monster
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
list:
- flying
- spaghetti
- monster
```

5. With indentation: {spaces: 2, indent-sequences: whatever}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
list:
    flying:
        spaghetti
        monster
        not flying:
            spaghetti
            sauce
```

6. With indentation: {spaces: 2, indent-sequences: consistent} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
- flying:
   - spaghetti
   - monster
- not flying:
   - spaghetti
   - sauce
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- flying:
    - spaghetti
    - monster
- not flying:
```

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```
- spaghetti
- sauce
```

7. With indentation: {spaces: 4, check-multi-line-strings: true} the following code snippet would PASS:

```
Blaise Pascal:

Je vous écris une longue lettre parce que
je n'ai pas le temps d'en écrire une courte.
```

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
Blaise Pascal: Je vous écris une longue lettre parce que je n'ai pas le temps d'en écrire une courte.
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
Blaise Pascal: Je vous écris une longue lettre parce que je n'ai pas le temps d'en écrire une courte.
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
C code:
    void main() {
        printf("foo");
    }
```

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
C code:
    void main() {
    printf("bar");
    }
```

### 2.3.13 key-duplicates

Use this rule to prevent multiple entries with the same key in mappings.

#### **Examples**

1. With key-duplicates: { }

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
- key 1: v
key 2: val
key 3: value
- {a: 1, b: 2, c: 3}
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- key 1: v
key 2: val
key 1: value
```

```
- {a: 1, b: 2, b: 3}
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
duplicated key: 1
"duplicated key": 2

other duplication: 1
? >-
    other
    duplication
: 2
```

#### 2.3.14 key-ordering

Use this rule to enforce alphabetical ordering of keys in mappings. The sorting order uses the Unicode code point number. As a result, the ordering is case-sensitive and not accent-friendly (see examples below).

#### **Examples**

With key-ordering: { }
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
- key 1: v
  key 2: val
  key 3: value
- {a: 1, b: 2, c: 3}
- T-shirt: 1
  T-shirts: 2
  t-shirt: 3
  t-shirts: 4
- hair: true
  hais: true
  hair: true
  hais: true
  haissable: true
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
- key 2: v
key 1: val
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
- {b: 1, a: 2}
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
- T-shirt: 1
t-shirt: 2
T-shirts: 3
t-shirts: 4
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
- haïr: true
hais: true
```

#### 2.3.15 line-length

Use this rule to set a limit to lines length.

Note: with Python 2, the line-length rule may not work properly with unicode characters because of the way strings are represented in bytes. We recommend running yamllint with Python 3.

#### **Options**

- max defines the maximal (inclusive) length of lines.
- allow-non-breakable-words is used to allow non breakable words (without spaces inside) to overflow the limit. This is useful for long URLs, for instance. Use true to allow, false to forbid.
- allow-non-breakable-inline-mappings implies allow-non-breakable-words and extends it to also allow non-breakable words in inline mappings.

#### **Examples**

With line-length: {max: 70}
 the following code snippet would PASS:

```
long sentence:
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do
eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
long sentence:
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.
```

2. With line-length: {max: 60, allow-non-breakable-words: true}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
this:
    is:
        - a:
            http://localhost/very/very/very/very/very/very/very/long/url

# this comment is too long,
# but hard to split:
# http://localhost/another/very/very/very/very/very/very/very/long/url
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- this line is waaaaaaaaaaaa too long but could be easily split...
```

and the following code snippet would also FAIL:

```
- foobar: http://localhost/very/very/very/very/very/very/very/long/url
```

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
- foobar: http://localhost/very/very/very/very/very/very/very/long/url
```

4. With line-length: {max: 60, allow-non-breakable-words: false} the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
this:
    is:
        - a:
            http://localhost/very/very/very/very/very/very/very/long/url
```

#### 2.3.16 new-line-at-end-of-file

Use this rule to require a new line character ( $\n$ ) at the end of files.

The POSIX standard requires the last line to end with a new line character. All UNIX tools expect a new line at the end of files. Most text editors use this convention too.

#### 2.3.17 new-lines

Use this rule to force the type of new line characters.

#### **Options**

• Set type to unix to use UNIX-typed new line characters (\n), or dos to use DOS-typed new line characters (\r\n).

#### 2.3.18 octal-values

Use this rule to prevent values with octal numbers. In YAML, numbers that start with 0 are interpreted as octal, but this is not always wanted. For instance 010 is the city code of Beijing, and should not be converted to 8.

#### **Examples**

1. With octal-values: {forbid-implicit-octal: true}
the following code snippets would PASS:

```
user:
city-code: '010'
```

the following code snippets would PASS:

```
user:
city-code: 010,021
```

```
user:
city-code: 010
```

2. With octal-values: {forbid-explicit-octal: true}

the following code snippets would **PASS**:

```
user:
city-code: '0010'
```

the following code snippets would **FAIL**:

```
user:
city-code: 0o10
```

#### 2.3.19 quoted-strings

Use this rule to forbid any string values that are not quoted. You can also enforce the type of the quote used using the quote-type option (single, double or any).

**Note**: Multi-line strings (with | or >) will not be checked.

#### **Examples**

1. With quoted-strings: {quote-type: any}
the following code snippet would PASS:

```
foo: "bar"
bar: 'foo'
number: 123
boolean: true
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
foo: bar
```

#### 2.3.20 trailing-spaces

Use this rule to forbid trailing spaces at the end of lines.

#### **Examples**

1. With trailing-spaces: {}

the following code snippet would PASS:

```
this document doesn't contain any trailing spaces
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
this document contains trailing spaces on lines 1 and 3
```

#### 2.3.21 truthy

Use this rule to forbid non-explictly typed truthy values other than allowed ones (by default: true and false), for example YES or off.

This can be useful to prevent surprises from YAML parsers transforming [yes, FALSE, Off] into [true, false, false] or {y: 1, yes: 2, on: 3, true: 4, True: 5} into {y: 1, true: 5}.

#### **Options**

• allowed-values defines the list of truthy values which will be ignored during linting. The default is ['true', 'false'], but can be changed to any list containing: 'TRUE', 'True', 'true', 'FALSE', 'False', 'false', 'YES', 'Yes', 'Yes', 'NO', 'NO', 'NO', 'ON', 'ON', 'ON', 'OFF', 'Off', 'off'.

#### **Examples**

With truthy: {}
 the following code snippet would PASS:

```
boolean: true
object: {"True": 1, 1: "True"}
"yes": 1
"on":
"True": 3
explicit:
  string1: !!str True
  string2: !!str yes
  string3: !!str off
  encoded: !!binary |
              True
             pad== # this decodes as 'N>8Qii'
  boolean1: !!bool true
  boolean2: !!bool "false"
  boolean3: !!bool FALSE
  boolean4: !!bool True
  boolean5: !!bool off
  boolean6: !!bool NO
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
object: {True: 1, 1: True}
```

the following code snippet would FAIL:

```
yes: 1 on: 2 True: 3
```

2. With truthy: {allowed-values: ["yes", "no"]}

the following code snippet would **PASS**:

```
- yes
- no
- "true"
- 'false'
- foo
- bar
```

the following code snippet would **FAIL**:

```
- true
- false
- on
- off
```

#### 2.4 Disable with comments

#### 2.4.1 Disabling checks for a specific line

To prevent yamllint from reporting problems for a specific line, add a directive comment (# yamllint disable-line ...) on that line, or on the line above. For instance:

```
# The following mapping contains the same key twice,
# but I know what I'm doing:
key: value 1
key: value 2 # yamllint disable-line rule:key-duplicates

- This line is waaaaaaaaaay too long but yamllint will not report anything about it.

→# yamllint disable-line rule:line-length
This line will be checked by yamllint.
```

or:

```
# The following mapping contains the same key twice,
# but I know what I'm doing:
key: value 1
# yamllint disable-line rule:key-duplicates
key: value 2
# yamllint disable-line rule:line-length
- This line is waaaaaaaaay too long but yamllint will not report anything about it.
This line will be checked by yamllint.
```

It is possible, although not recommend, to disabled **all** rules for a specific line:

```
# yamllint disable-line
- { all: rules, are disabled for this line}
```

If you need to disable multiple rules, it is allowed to chain rules like this: # yamllint disable-line rule:hyphens rule:commas rule:indentation.

#### 2.4.2 Disabling checks for all (or part of) the file

To prevent yamllint from reporting problems for the whole file, or for a block of lines within the file, use # yamllint disable ... and # yamllint enable ... directive comments. For instance:

```
# yamllint disable rule:colons
- Lorem : ipsum
dolor : sit amet,
  consectetur : adipiscing elit
# yamllint enable rule:colons
- rest of the document...
```

It is possible, although not recommend, to disabled **all** rules:

```
# yamllint disable
- Lorem :
    ipsum:
        dolor : [ sit,amet]
-        consectetur : adipiscing elit
# yamllint enable
```

If you need to disable multiple rules, it is allowed to chain rules like this: # yamllint disable rule:hyphens rule:commas rule:indentation.

# 2.5 Development

yamllint provides both a script and a Python module. The latter can be used to write your own linting tools:

class yamllint.linter.LintProblem(line, column, desc='<no description>', rule=None)
 Represents a linting problem found by yamllint.

```
column = None
```

Column on which the problem was found (starting at 1)

#### desc = None

Human-readable description of the problem

#### line = None

Line on which the problem was found (starting at 1)

#### rule = None

Identifier of the rule that detected the problem

yamllint.linter.run (input, conf, filepath=None)
Lints a YAML source.

Returns a generator of LintProblem objects.

#### **Parameters**

- input buffer, string or stream to read from
- conf yamllint configuration object

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# 2.6 Integration with text editors

Most text editors support syntax checking and highlighting, to visually report syntax errors and warnings to the user. yamllint can be used to syntax-check YAML source, but a bit of configuration is required depending on your favorite text editor.

#### 2.6.1 Vim

Assuming that the ALE plugin is installed, yamllint is supported by default. It is automatically enabled when editing YAML files.

If you instead use the syntastic plugin, add this to your .vimrc:

```
let g:syntastic_yaml_checkers = ['yamllint']
```

#### **2.6.2 Neovim**

Assuming that the neomake plugin is installed, yamllint is supported by default. It is automatically enabled when editing YAML files.

#### 2.6.3 Emacs

If you are flycheck user, you can use flycheck-yamllint integration.

#### 2.6.4 Other text editors

#### Help wanted!

Your favorite text editor is not listed here? Help us improve by adding a section (by opening a pull-request or issue on GitHub).

# 2.7 Integration with other software

#### 2.7.1 Integration with pre-commit

You can integrate yamllint in pre-commit tool. Here is an example, to add in your .pre-commit-config.yaml

```
# Update the sha variable with the release version that you want, from the yamllint repo
- repo: https://github.com/adrienverge/yamllint.git
sha: v1.8.1
hooks:
- id: yamllint
```

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