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On Windows, Notepad adds `.txt` to file names, and File Explorer hides that ending. The file looks right, but it is called `.aider.model.metadata.json.txt`, and Aider does not read it.

1. Create the file from PowerShell

Open PowerShell and type:

```
notepad "$HOME\.aider.model.metadata.json"
```

Notepad asks whether to create a new file: answer yes. That way the name is exact, because PowerShell gave it. Paste the content and save with `Ctrl+S`. `$HOME` is your home folder, `C:\Users\your-name`.

2. If you use "Save as"

1. As the file type, choose **All files (*.*)**. With "Text documents", Windows adds `.txt`.
2. Type the name in quotes: `".aider.model.metadata.json"`. The quotes also stop Windows from changing the name.
3. Choose your home folder, `C:\Users\your-name`, and save.

3. Check the name

In PowerShell:

```
Get-ChildItem -Force $HOME\.aider*
```

The name must end in `.json`. If it ends in `.json.txt`, rename it:

```
Rename-Item "$HOME\.aider.model.metadata.json.txt" ".aider.model.metadata.json"
```

In Command Prompt, you do the same with `dir` and `ren`:

```
dir /a %USERPROFILE%\.aider*
ren "%USERPROFILE%\.aider.model.metadata.json.txt" .aider.model.metadata.json
```

Show file endings in File Explorer

So this does not happen again, ask File Explorer to show file name extensions. The option is in the **View** menu. With it on, a `.json.txt` file stands out at once.

Take the same care with `.aider.conf.yml` and `.env`. On Windows, always check that the name did not end up in `.txt`.

The content of the file is explained in **the .aider.model.metadata.json file**, and **this article** says which folders Aider looks in.

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