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**Stanley** - December 5, 2025, 2:05 pm

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New research has found that organizations in various sensitive sectors, including governments, telecoms, and critical infrastructure, are pasting passwords and credentials into online tools like JSONformatter and CodeBeautify that are used to format and validate code.

Cybersecurity company watchTowr Labs said it captured a dataset of over 80,000 files on these sites, uncovering thousands of

<https://thehackernews.com/2025/11/years-of-jsonformatter-and-codebeautify.html>

**Terry A. Davis** - December 5, 2025, 5:21 pm

That is funny as fuck.

I for one have used those sorts of services before, but honestly, saving confidential stuff in any formatting service that isn't your IDE is crazy.

Also, who still leaves any form of credentials in files and doesn't use environment variables with small timeouts and renewals?

I bet you do, Stanley, you bitch.