

Popular keyboard shortcuts for Visual Studio

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You can access frequently used commands in Visual Studio by choosing these default keyboard shortcuts. For a complete list of commands that have default shortcuts, see [Default keyboard shortcuts](#).

The *Global* context means that the shortcut is applicable in any tool window in Visual Studio.

Note

You can **look up the shortcut** for any command by opening the **Options** dialog box, expanding the **Environment** node, and then choosing **Keyboard**.

Build

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Build.BuildSolution	Ctrl+Shift+B [Global]
Build.Cancel	Ctrl+Break [Global]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Build.Compile	Ctrl+F7 [Global]
Build.RunCodeAnalysisonSolution	Alt+F11 [Global]

Debug

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Debug.BreakatFunction	Ctrl+B [Global]
Debug.BreakAll	Ctrl+Alt+Break [Global]
Debug.DeleteAllBreakpoints	Ctrl+Shift+F9 [Global]
Debug.Exceptions	Ctrl+Alt+E [Global]
Debug.QuickWatch	Ctrl+Alt+Q [Global] or Shift+F9 [Global]
Debug.Restart	Ctrl+Shift+F5 [Global]
Debug.RunToCursor	Ctrl+F10 [Global]
Debug.SetNextStatement	Ctrl+Shift+F10 [Global]
Debug.Start	F5 [Global]
Debug.StartWithoutDebugging	Ctrl+F5 [Global]
Debug.StepInto	F11 [Global]
Debug.StepOut	Shift+F11 [Global]
Debug.StepOver	F10 [Global]
Debug.StopDebugging	Shift+F5 [Global]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Debug.ToggleBreakpoint	F9 [Global]

Edit

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Edit.BreakLine	Enter [Text Editor, Report Designer, Windows Forms Designer] or Shift+Enter [Text Editor]
Edit.CollapseToDefinitions	Ctrl+M, Ctrl+O [Text Editor]
Edit.CommentSelection	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+C [Text Editor]
Edit.CompleteWord	Alt+Right Arrow [Text Editor, Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+Spacebar [Text Editor, Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, W [Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, Ctrl+W [Workflow Designer]
Edit.Copy	Ctrl+C [Global] or Ctrl+Insert [Global]
Edit.Cut	Ctrl+X [Global] or Shift+Delete [Global]
Edit.Delete	Delete [Global, Team Explorer] or Shift+Delete [Sequence Diagram, UML Activity Diagram, Layer Diagram] or Ctrl+Delete [Class Diagram]
Edit.Find	Ctrl+F [Global]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Edit.FindAllReferences	Shift+F12 [Global]
Edit.FindinFiles	Ctrl+Shift+F [Global]
Edit.FindNext	F3 [Global]
Edit.FindNextSelected	Ctrl+F3 [Global]
Edit.FormatDocument	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+D [Text Editor]
Edit.FormatSelection	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+F [Text Editor]
Edit.GoTo	Ctrl+G [Global]
Edit.GoToDeclaration	Ctrl+F12 [Global]
Edit.GoToDefinition	F12
Edit.GoToFindCombo	Ctrl+D [Global]
Edit.GoToNextLocation	F8 [Global]
Edit.InsertSnippet	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+X [Global]
Edit.InsertTab	Tab [Report Designer, Windows Forms Designer, Text Editor]
Edit.LineCut	Ctrl+L [Text Editor]
Edit.LineDownExtendColumn	Shift+Alt+Down Arrow [Text Editor]
Edit.LineOpenAbove	Ctrl+Enter [Text Editor]
Edit.ListMembers	Ctrl+J [Text Editor, Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, Ctrl+L [Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, L [Workflow Designer]
Edit.NavigateTo	Ctrl+, [Global]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Edit.OpenFile	Ctrl+Shift+G [Global]
Edit.Overtypemode	Insert [Text Editor]
Edit.ParameterInfo	Ctrl+Shift+Spacebar [Text Editor, Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, Ctrl+P [Workflow Designer] or Ctrl+K, P [Workflow Designer]
Edit.Paste	Ctrl+V [Global] or Shift+Insert [Global]
Edit.PeekDefinition	Alt+F12 [Text Editor]
Edit.Redo	Ctrl+Y [Global] or Shift+Alt+Backspace [Global] or Ctrl+Shift+Z [Global]
Edit.Replace	Ctrl+H [Global]
Edit.SelectAll	Ctrl+A [Global]
Edit.SelectCurrentWord	Ctrl+W [Text Editor]
Edit.SelectionCancel	Esc [Text Editor, Report Designer, Settings Designer, Windows Forms Designer, Managed Resources Editor]
Edit.SurroundWith	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+S [Global]
Edit.TabLeft	Shift+Tab [Text Editor, Report Designer, Windows Forms Editor]
Edit.ToggleAllOutlining	Ctrl+M, Ctrl+L [Text Editor]
Edit.ToggleBookmark	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+K [Text Editor]
Edit.ToggleCompletionMode	Ctrl+Alt+Space [Text Editor]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Edit.ToggleOutliningExpansion	Ctrl+M, Ctrl+M [Text Editor]
Edit.UncommentSelection	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+U [Text Editor]
Edit.Undo	Ctrl+Z [Global] or Alt+Backspace [Global]
Edit.WordDeleteToEnd	Ctrl+Delete [Text Editor]
Edit.WordDeleteToStart	Ctrl+Backspace [Text Editor]

File

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
File.Exit	Alt+F4 [Global]
File.NewFile	Ctrl+N [Global]
File.NewProject	Ctrl+Shift+N [Global]
File.NewWebSite	Shift+Alt+N [Global]
File.OpenFile	Ctrl+O [Global]
File.OpenProject	Ctrl+Shift+O [Global]
File.OpenWebSite	Shift+Alt+O [Global]
File.Rename	F2 [Team Explorer]
File.SaveAll	Ctrl+Shift+S [Global]
File.SaveSelectedItems	Ctrl+S [Global]
File.ViewInBrowser	Ctrl+Shift+W [Global]

Project

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Project.AddExistingItem	Shift+Alt+A [Global]
Project.AddNewItem	Ctrl+Shift+A [Global]

Refactor

Command	Keyboard shortcut [Context]
Refactor.ExtractMethod	Ctrl+R, Ctrl+M [Global]

Tools

Command	Keyboard shortcut [Context]
Tools.AttachtoProcess	Ctrl+Alt+P [Global]

View

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
View.ClassView	Ctrl+Shift+C [Global]
View.EditLabel	F2 [Global]
View.ErrorList	Ctrl+\\, Ctrl+E [Global] or Ctrl+\\, E [Global]
View.NavigateBackward	Ctrl+- [Global]
View.NavigateForward	Ctrl+Shift+- [Global]
View.ObjectBrowser	Ctrl+Alt+J [Global]

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
View.Output	Ctrl+Alt+O [Global]
View.PropertiesWindow	F4
View.Refresh	F5 [Team Explorer]
View.ServerExplorer	Ctrl+Alt+S [Global]
View.ShowSmartTag	Ctrl+. [Global] or Shift+Alt+F10 [Global, HTML Editor Design View]
View.SolutionExplorer	Ctrl+Alt+L [Global]
View.TfsTeamExplorer	Ctrl+\\ , Ctrl+M [Global]
View.Toolbox	Ctrl+Alt+X [Global]
View.ViewCode	Enter [Class Diagram] or F7 [Settings Designer]
View.ViewDesigner	Shift+F7 [HTML Editor Source View]

Window

Commands	Keyboard shortcuts [Contexts]
Window.ActivateDocumentWindow	Esc [Global]
Window.CloseDocumentWindow	Ctrl+F4 [Global]
Window.NextDocumentWindow	Ctrl+F6 [Global]
Window.NextDocumentWindowNav	Ctrl+Tab [Global]
Window.NextSplitPane	F6 [Global]