SQL Server Management Studio keyboard shortcuts

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SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) offers keyboard shortcuts. By default, it uses the SQL Server scheme, with keyboard shortcuts based on Visual Studio. To change the keyboard scheme or add more keyboard shortcuts, on the **Tools** menu, select **Options**. Select the desired keyboard scheme on the **Environment**, **Keyboard** page.

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Menu Activation keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Move to the SQL Server Management Studio menu bar	ALT
Activate the menu for a tool component	ALT+HYPHEN
Display the context menu	SHIFT+F10
Display the New File dialog box to create a file	CTRL+N
Display the New Project dialog box to create a new project	CTRL+SHIFT+N
Display the Open File dialog box to open an existing file	CTRL+O
	or
	CTRL+SHIFT+G
Display the Open Project dialog box to open an existing project	CTRL+SHIFT+O
Display the Add New Item dialog box to add a new file to the current project	CTRL+SHIFT+A

Action	Shortcut
Display the Add Existing Item dialog box to add an existing file to the current project	SHIFT+ALT+A
Display the Query Designer	CTRL+SHIFT+Q
Close a menu or dialog box, canceling the action	ESC

Windows Management and Toolbar keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Close the current MDI child window	CTRL+F4
Close a menu or dialog box, cancels an operation in progress, or focuses on the current document window	ESC
Print	CTRL+P
Exit	ALT+F4
Toggle full screen mode	SHIFT+ALT+ENTER
Close the current tool window	SHIFT+ESC
Cycle through the next MDI child windows	CTRL+F6
Display the IDE navigator with the first document window selected	CTRL+TAB
Cycle through the previous MDI child windows	CTRL+SHIFT+TAB
Moves the insertion point to the drop-down bar located at the top of the code editor when the editor is in Code view or Server Code view	CTRL+F2
Move to the current tool window toolbar	SHIFT+ALT
Display the IDE navigator with the first tool window selected	ALT+F7
Move to the next tool window	ALT+F6
	or

Action	Shortcut
	F6 in the Database Engine Query Editor
Move to the previous tool window	SHIFT+ALT+F7
Move to the next pane of a split pane view of a single document	F6
Move to the previously selected window	SHIFT+ALT+F6
	or
	SHIFT+F6 in the Database Engine Query Editor
Move to the previous pane of a split pane view of a single document	SHIFT+F6
Display the dock menu	ALT+MINUS SIGN (-)
Display a popup listing all open windows	CTRL+ALT+DOWN ARROW
Opens a new query editor window	CTRL+O
Display Object Explorer	F8
Display Registered Servers	CTRL+ALT+G
Display Template Explorer	CTRL+ALT+T
Display Solution Explorer	CTRL+ALT+L
Display the Summary Window	F7
Display the Properties Window	F4
Display the Output window	CTRL+ALT+O
Display the Task List window	CTRL+ T
	or
	CTRL+ CTRL+T
Toggle between Object Explorer Details list view and Object Explorer Details property pane.	F6
Control the splitter bar that separates the Object Explorer Details list view and Object Explorer Details property pane to adjust the size of the display pane.	TAB, then UP arrow or DOWN arrow

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Action	Shortcut
Display the Toolbox	CTRL+ALT+X
Display the Bookmarks Window	CTRL+K, CTRL+W
Display the Browser Window	CTRL+ALT+R
Display a smart tag menu of common commands for Web server controls in the HTML designer	SHIFT+ALT+F10
Display the Error List Window (Transact-SQL Editor only)	CRTL+ CTRL+E
	or
	CTRL+∖, E
Move to the next entry in the Error List window (Transact-SQL Editor only)	CTRL+SHIFT+F12
Display the previous page in the viewing history. Available only in the Web browser window	ALT+LEFT ARROW
Display the next page in the viewing history. Available only in the Web browser window	ALT+RIGHT ARROW

Cursor Movement keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Move the cursor left	LEFT ARROW
Move the cursor right	RIGHT ARROW
Move up the cursor	UP ARROW
Move the cursor down	DOWN ARROW
Move the cursor to the beginning of the line	HOME
Move the cursor to the end of the line	END
Move the cursor to the beginning of the document	CTRL+HOME
Move the cursor to the end of the document	CTRL+END
Move up the cursor one screen	PAGE UP

Action	Shortcut
Move the cursor down one screen	PAGE DOWN
Moves the cursor one word to the right	CTRL+ RIGHT ARROW
Moves the cursor one word to the left	CTRL+ LEFT ARROW
Returns the cursor to the last item.	SHIFT+F8
Moves the cursor to the top of the document	CTRL+PAGE UP
Moves to the previous tab in the document	CTRL+PAGE UP
Moves the cursor to the bottom of the document	CTRL+PAGE DOWN
Moves to the next tab in the document	CTRL+PAGE DOWN

Text Selection keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Select text from the cursor to the beginning of the document	CTRL+SHIFT+ HOME
Select text from the cursor to the end of the document	CTRL+SHIFT+END
Select text from the cursor to the start of the current line	SHIFT+HOME
Moves the cursor to the start of the current line and extends the column selection	SHIFT+ALT+HOME
Select text from the cursor to the end of the current line	SHIFT+END
Moves the cursor to the end of the line, extending the column selection.	SHIFT+ALT+END
Select text down line by line starting from the cursor	SHIFT+ DOWN ARROW
Moves the cursor down one line, extending the column selection	SHIFT+ Ctrl+Shift+Del
Moves the cursor one character to the left and extends the selection	SHIFT+LEFT ARROW
Moves the cursor one character to the left and extends the column selection	SHIFT+ALT+LEFT ARROW

Action	Shortcut
Moves the cursor one character to the right and extends the selection	SHIFT+RIGHT ARROW
Moves the cursor one character to the right and extends the column selection	SHIFT+ALT+RIGHT ARROW
Select text up line by line starting from the cursor	SHIFT+UP ARROW
Move up the cursor one line, extending the selection	SHIFT+ALT+ UP ARROW
Extend selection up one page	SHIFT+ PAGE UP
Extend selection down one page	SHIFT+ PAGE DOWN
Select the entire current document	CTRL+A
Select the word containing the cursor, or the closest word	CTRL+W
Select the current location in the editor, back to the previous location in the editor	CTRL+=
Extend the selection to the top of the current window	CTRL+SHIFT+ PAGE UP
Move the cursor to the last line in view, extending the selection	CTRL+SHIFT+ PAGE DOWN
Extend the selection one word to the right	CTRL+SHIFT+ RIGHT ARROW
Extend the selection one word to the left	CTRL+SHIFT+ LEFT ARROW
Move the cursor to the right one word, extending the selection	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+ RIGHT ARROW
Move the cursor to the left one word, extending the selection	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+ LEFT ARROW
Move the cursor to the next brace, extending the selection	CTRL+SHIFT+]
Select the text from the current location of the cursor to the Navigate Backward (CTRL+MINUS SIGN (-)) location	CTRL+EQUAL SIGN (=)
Go back to the previous document or window in the navigation history	CTRL+MINUS SIGN (-)
Go forward to the next document or window in the navigation history	CTRL+SHIFT+MINUS SIGN (-)
Swaps the anchor and end points of the current selection	CTRL+K, CTRL+A
Moves the cursor to the first line in view, extending the selection	CTRL+SHIFT+PAGE UP

Action	Shortcut
Moves the cursor to the last line in view, extending the select	ion CTRL+SHIFT+PAGE DOWN

Bookmark keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Set or remove a bookmark at the current line	CTRL+K, CTRL+K
Next bookmark	CTRL+K, CTRL+N
If the current bookmark is in a folder, moves to the next bookmark in the folder. Bookmarks outside the folder are skipped.	CTRL+SHIFT+K, CTRL+SHIFT+N
If the bookmark isn't in a folder, moves to the next bookmark at the same level.	
If the Bookmarks window contains folder, bookmarks in folders are skipped.	
Previous bookmark	CTRL+K, CTRL+P
If the current bookmark is in a folder, moves to the next bookmark in the folder. Bookmarks outside the folder are skipped.	CTRL+SHIFT+K, CTRL+SHIFT+P
If the bookmark isn't in a folder, moves to the next bookmark at the same level.	
If the Bookmarks window contains folder, bookmarks in folders are skipped.	
Clear bookmarks	CTRL+K, CTRL+L

Tree Control keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Collapse tree nodes	- (on the numeric keypad)
Expand all tree nodes	* (on the numeric keypad)

Action	Shortcut
Scroll up the tree control in the window	CTRL+UP ARROW
Scroll the tree control down in the window	CTRL+DOWN ARROW

Code Editor keyboard shortcuts

All shortcuts aren't implemented in all types of code editors.

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Action	Shortcut
Toggle the full-screen display	SHIFT+ALT+ENTER
Scroll text up one line	CTRL+UP ARROW
Scroll text down one line	CTRL+DOWN ARROW
Reverse the last editing action	CTRL+Z
	or
	ALT+BACKSPACE
Restore the previously undone edit	CTRL+SHIFT+Z
	or
	CTRL+Y
	or
	ALT+SHIFT+BACKSPACE
Save the selected item	CTRL+S
Save all	CTRL+SHIFT+S
Close	CTRL+F4
Print	CTRL+P
Exit	ALT+F4
Open the current file in a browser	CTRL+SHIFT+W

Action	Shortcut
Delete all text in the current file	CTRL+SHIFT+DEL
Display the Go To Line dialog box	CTRL+G
Display the Navigate To dialog box.	CTRL+PLUS SIGN (+)
Increase line indent	TAB
Decrease line indent	SHIFT+TAB
Make the selected text upper case	CTRL+SHIFT+U
Make the selected text lower case	CTRL+U
Make the selected text a comment	CTRL+K, CTRL+C
Uncomment the selected text	CTRL+K, CTRL + U
Open a new query with current connection	CTRL+N
Open database in Object Explorer	ALT+F8
Specify values for template parameters	CTRL+SHIFT+M
Run the selected portion of the query editor or the entire query editor if nothing is selected	F5
	or
	CTRL+SHIFT+E
Parse the selected portion of the query editor or the entire query editor if nothing is selected	CTRL+F5
Display the estimated execution plan	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+L
Cancel the executing query	ALT+BREAK
Include actual execution plan in the query output	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+M
Output results in a grid	CTRL+SHIFT+D
Output results in text format	CTRL+T
Output results to a file	CTRL+SHIFT+T
Show or hide the query results pane	CTRL+R
Show the query results pane	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+R
Toggle between query and results pane	F6

Action	Shortcut
Copy the result grid and headers to the clipboard	CTRL+SHIFT+C
Move to the next active window in SSMS	ALT+F6
Open SQL Server Profiler	CTRL+ALT+P
Display the Query Designer dialog from the query editor window	CTRL+SHIFT+Q
Run the sp_help system stored procedure	ALT+F1
Run the sp_who system stored procedure	CTRL+1
Run the sp_lock system stored procedure	CTRL+2
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+3
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+4
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+5
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+6
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+7
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+7
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+8
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+9
Run the stored procedure configured for this shortcut in the Tools , Options , Keyboard , Query Shortcuts dialog	CTRL+0

Text Manipulation in Code Editor keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Insert a new line	ENTER or SHIFT+ENTER
Swap the characters on either side of the cursor (doesn't apply to the SQL Editor.)	CTRL+T
Delete one character to the right of the cursor	DELETE
Delete one character to the left of the cursor	BACKSPACE
	or
	SHIFT+
	BACKSPACE
Delete whitespace in the selection, or deletes whitespace next to the cursor if there's no selection	CTRL+K, C
Insert the number of spaces configured for the editor	TAB
Insert a blank line above the cursor	CTRL+ENTER
Insert a blank line below the cursor	CTRL+SHIFT+ ENTER
Change the selected text to lowercase	CTRL+SHIFT+L
Change the selected text to uppercase	CTRL+SHIFT+U
Toggle between insert mode and overtype mode	INSERT
Move selected lines to the left on tab stop	SHIFT+TAB
Delete the word to the right of the cursor	CTRL+DELETE
Delete the word to the left of the cursor	CTRL+BACKSPACE
Transpose the words on either side of the cursor (doesn't apply to the SQL Editor.)	
Moves the line containing the cursor below the next line	SHIFT+ALT+T
Applies the indenting and space formatting for the language specified on the Formatting pane of the language in the Text Editor section of the Options dialog. Available only in the text editor.	CTRL+K, CTRL+D
Correctly indents the selected lines of code based on the surrounding lines of code	CTRL+K, CTRL+F

Action	Shortcut
Set or remove a shortcut in the current line	CTRL+K, CTRL+H
Remove the comment syntax from the current line	CTRL+K, CTRL+U
Shows or hides spaces and tabs	CTRL+R, CTRL+W
Enables or disables word wrap in an editor	Alt+F, CTRL+W
Collapses all outlining regions to show just the outermost groups in the hierarchy	CTRL+M, CTRL+A
Collapses the currently selected outlining region	CTRL+M, CTRL+S
Expands all outlining regions on the page	CTRL+M, CTRL+X
Expands the currently selected outlining region	CTRL+M, CTRL+E
Collapses existing outlining regions	CTRL+M, CTRL+O
Hides the selected text. A signal icon marks the location of the hidden text	CTRL+M, CTRL+H
Toggles all text sections previously marked as hidden between the hidden and display states.	CTRL+M, CTRL+L
Toggles the currently selected hidden text section between the hidden and display states	CTRL+M, CTRL+M
Removes all outlining information in the document	CTRL+M, CTRL+P
Removes the outlining information for the currently selected region	CTRL+M, CTRL+U

Microsoft IntelliSense keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
List members	CTRL+J
Complete word	CTRL+SPACE
	or
	ALT+RIGHT ARROW
Display quick information	CTRL+K, CTRL+I

Action	Shortcut
Display parameter information	CTRL+SHIFT+SPACE
Copy parameter tip	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+C
Paste parameter tip	CTRL+SHIFT+ALT+P
Jump between syntax pairs	CTRL+]
Launch code snippet picker	CTRL+K, CTRL+X
Refresh local cache	CTRL+SHIFT+R
Launch Surround With snippet picker	CTRL+K, CTRL+S
Display the Code Snippet Manager	CTRL+K, CTRL+B
Changes the IntelliSense filter level from the Common tab to the All tab.	ALT+PLUS SIGN (+)
Changes the IntelliSense filter level from the All tab to the Common tab.	ALT+PERIOD (.)

Document Window and Browser keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Toggle full-screen mode	SHIFT+ALT+ENTER
Move to the next pane of a split pane view of a document	F6
Move to the previous document in the editor or designer	CTRL+SHIFT+F6
	CTRL+SHIFT+TAB
Move to the previous pane of a document in split pane view	SHIFT+F6
Back, display the previous page in the viewing history	ALT+LEFTARROW
Forward, display the next page in the viewing history	ALT+RIGHTARROW
Closes a menu or dialog box, cancels an operation in progress, or places focus in the current window	ESC

Solution Explorer keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Display Solution Explorer	CTRL+ALT+L
Display the New File dialog box to create a new file	CTRL+N
Display the New Project dialog box to create a new project	CTRL+SHIFT+N
Display the Open File dialog box to open an existing file	CTRL+O
Change the name of the selected object	F2

Help and Books Online keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Help	F1
	or
	SHIFT+F1
Display SQL Server Books Online	CTRL+F1
Open the Help Library Manager	CTRL+ALT+F1
Display the SQL Server Resource Center Web page	CTRL+ALT+F2
Display help for the current editor window	SHIFT+F1

Search keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Display the Find dialog box	CTRL+F
Displays the definition for the selected symbol.	F12

Action	Shortcut
Displays the list of references for the selected symbol.	SHIFT+F12
Display the Replace dialog box	CTRL+H
Start incremental search. Type the characters to search for or press CTRL+I to search for characters from the previous search	CTRL+I
Find the next occurrence of the previous search text	F3
Find the previous occurrence of the search text	SHIFT+F3
Find the next occurrence of the currently selected text	CTRL+F3
Find the previous occurrence of the currently selected text	CTRL+SHIFT+F3
Display the Replace in Files dialog box	CTRL+SHIFT+H
Reverse incremental search so it starts at the bottom of the file and searches to the top	CTRL+SHIFT+I
Select or clear the Search up option in Find and Replace	ALT+F3, B
Stop the Find in Files search	ALT+F3, S
Select or clear the Find whole word option in Find and Replace	ALT+F3, W
Selects or clears the Wildcard option in Find and Replace	ALT+F3, P
Place the caret in the Find/Command box of the Standard toolbar	CTRL+/

Cut and Paste keyboard shortcuts

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Action	Shortcut
Cut (delete the currently selected item and place it to the Clipboard)	CTRL+X
Cuts all of the selected lines, or the current line if nothing is selected.	CTRL+L
	or
	CTRL+SHIFT+L
Copy to the Clipboard	CTRL+C
	or