

# Sublime Tricks

## What is Sublime?

Sublime is nice text editor application that is pre-installed on all the lab machines. I am pretty fond of it myself.

## Multiple Cursors

What kind of things you do when you've found the same problem in your multiple lines of code. But I know, this time you just trying to pull off all the hair from your head relentlessly. However there is a stylish way out from this sudden disturbance.

So this time multiple cursors at your service, just type CTRL+SHIFT+ARROW KEY it will add another mark to the line above or under the present position. The entire following orders will now be carried out at the same time by all the cursors that you have formed. It seems that this method is directed to save your precious time.

- `[ctrl] + d`: to select the current and the next same code
- `[ctrl] + click`: will create a cursor to edit in every place you click
- `[ctrl] + [shift] + f` and `[alt] + [enter]`: it'll find a specific code in your files and afterwards it selects all of them

## Joining and Swapping Lines

From the beginning of this IDE, it offers lots of mind-blowing editing methods to reveal oneself as a pro coder. Like an editing screen where you can go at the final line between seconds. Sublime text adds many items to give extra speed on coding.

Using this joining and swapping lines method, you can easily join the lines in following with the present one excluding all the whitespace in between, just hit `[ctrl] + j`. Use `[ctrl] + [shift] + [arrow key]` if you need to swap these lines.

## Closing Current HTML Tag

Especially Frontend developers love this method and also helpful for writing maximum amount of HTML code each day. Here Except the installed Tag package, you might've surprised how to lock the HTML tag you are presently inside. `[ctrl] + [alt]`. will do just what you need, saving your materials a few seconds per day that you can now bestow yourself to become a super duper ninja coder at HTML coding by learning Emmet.

## Matching Brackets

When you're compiling code in a programming language like PHP, JavaScript or whatever you happen to be within circles, loops, conditions, capacities or constantly on the programming builds. What's more, the possibility with which you'll locate its comparing opening and shutting section with your bare eye is generally corresponding to how reflective your present line is settled in the code.

You can do it by using `[ctrl] + m` however, you can shift your cursor immediately there, and just hitting it twofold will take you to its opening or closing counterpart.

## Keyboard Scrolling

Sometimes mouse becomes the cause of pain or sometimes needy to us or when your mouse or touch device possibly unworkable and you just want to scroll up or down a few lines of code without losing the position of current cursor.

If you want to work it on your own, just use the arrow keys as usual in combination with `[ctrl] + [alt] + [arrows]`. Now you can scroll without taking off your hands from keyboard.

## Quick Comment

Scripts are useless without comment, if you can't define your code by yourself, no one ever understand it perfectly. So commenting is most important part to sum up your entire script. If you're continually commenting your code or for momentarily testing and see how disabling a block of code affects on your project.

In sublime text you can quickly comment, firstly by highlighting the code and then use `[ctrl] + /`. Unless you don't highlight any code specifically, using this shortcut key that will comment out the entire line.

## Deleting Cheap Lines

Sometimes codes need to be reformed or refurbished. Because when a line of code or small portion of code is out of order, there needs to change by remove.

So that's why Sublime text has usable shortcut for deleting extra or unimportant lines without having to select the entire line simultaneously. Just hit `[ctrl] + [shift] + k` and that will delete the entire line on cursor in on.

## Crawling File

This tips and trick is very much useful as well as helpful for those who want variation on their CSS editing. This feature is really helpful because of its neutrality in nature.

Just follow `[ctrl] + r`, and then a box will open with appearing list of CSS selector. So now you can search the actual selector and make them work.

## DocBlockr

Many of us don't know how to block a specific area in a content, we're just use `[ctrl] + x`, `[ctrl] + s` and `[ctrl] + z`. but there is more than that, DocBlockr will give you the solution to create a block easily in a script like JavaScript, PHP, CoffeeScript and many more. Just hitting `/**` above the function and press tab. And see what happened.

## Speedily Indent

Always have in mind, you're not the only person to look at you code. There will be another person or you and it's counting. It's about making your code legible and easier to understand. If you're a developer, you better know this language called 'Indent'. Indent means creating minimum space to detect code perfectly.

For implying Indent you have to use

`[ctrl] + ]` - increases the current lines indent  
`[ctrl] + [` - decreases the indent of that line

## Initiate Open User Settings

In the following piece of this smaller than usual arrangement, here we'll go over the most widely recognized settings and all individuals have a tendency to alter keeping in mind the end goal is to enhance their work process. Sublime text is doing this job perfectly over and over again with its smooth open user settings.

Here you might want to go forward as well as experiment a bit with your sublime text user settings (which over rule the default settings initiate under `Preferences > Settings - Default`. You just need to press `[ctrl] +`, and it'll take you there within a blink of eyes.

## Go to Anything

To go to a file:

`[ctrl] ^ + p`

Press the keyboard short code, and start typing the name of a file. Sublime Text will perform a fuzzy search and fetch you the desired file instantly.

Go to a symbol:

`[ctrl]l ^ + r`

Go to a line:

`[ctrl] ^ + g`

To go to a specific line in a file, type a colon followed by the line number, or use the keyboard short code.

## Word Selection

`[ctrl] ^ + d`

Put your cursor on a word, press the keyboard short code, and the word will instantly be selected. If you press the same key combination again, Sublime Text will go into multi-selection mode and select other instances of the same word in the document. You can use this method to quickly add or replace text in all instances of a word.

*Word selection.*

`[alt] + F3`

This is another way to achieve the same thing. Instead of incrementally searching for a word, it performs a bulk search of the word under the cursor and switches to multi-selection mode.

## Expand Selection to Scope

`[ctrl] ^ + [shift] ⇧ + [space]`

This shortcut is extremely useful for JavaScript developers. It selects the current scope. Pressing the same key combination again selects its parent scope.

## Break Selection Into Lines

`[ctrl] ^ + [shift] ⇧ + l`

Use this shortcut to break the selected area into multiple lines, putting Sublime Text in multi-selection mode. I use this trick to quickly convert a list of words into an enclosed array of strings.

## Column Selection

`[alt] + [shift] ⇧ + [up] ↑ / [down] ↓`

Use this shortcut to select a column in Sublime Text. Put your cursor anywhere in the document, and then press the shortcut to select columns upwards or downwards. This also takes you into multi-selection mode, like the two commands above.

## Sort

`F9`

I like to keep my CSS properties sorted alphabetically. This command is extremely useful for that. Select the block that you need to be sorted

*Pro Tip:* use `[ctrl] ^ + [shift] ⇧ + j` to select an indentation level), and then press the keyboard short code.

## Turn on Spell Check

F6

No more getting disappointed by typographical errors after the code has made it to the review stage. Use this key to quickly toggle the spellchecker.

## Duplicate Selection

`[ctrl] ^ + [shift] ⇧ + d`

By default, this shortcut duplicates the current line and puts it on the next line. If you select a region and press this shortcut, it duplicates the whole region.

## Find in Project

`[ctrl] ^ + [shift] ⇧ + f`

This is the grep equivalent of Sublime Text. It finds a term within an entire project. The special thing about this command is that it is blazing fast. There are options to make it case-sensitive and to perform a regex match as well.

To search for a particular term in the current document, project-wide, put the cursor on that term and then press `[ctrl] ^ + e`, which will put that term in the search box. Pressing the shortcode above populates the project-wide search box with this term.

## Switch Between Tabs

`[ctrl] ^ + [page up] ⇧ or [page down] ⇩`

Just like in a web browser, you can open multiple tabs in Sublime Text. To move from one tab to another, you can use the shortcuts noted above, and use `[ctrl] ^ + n` to create a new tab.

## Distraction Free Mode

`[shift] ⇧ + F11`

For writers and others who need to be able to concentrate intently, Sublime Text has an even more minimalistic interface. Use the shortcut to toggle distraction-free mode on and off.

## Changing Syntax Highlighting Mode

Sometimes you might want to change the language syntax highlighting that is being shown for the file you are editing. To do this just go to `View → Syntax` and select the language syntax you would like applied.