

Good-to-Know Eclipse Key Sequences

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Here are some good-to-know key sequences to make things work in Eclipse. You can find others by expanding the top-level menu and looking at the keys associated with various menu items.

What it does	Windows	MacOS
Reformat code in editor (click in editor first)	Ctrl+Shift+F	Cmd+Shift+F
Popup context menu/code completion	Ctrl+Space	Ctrl+Space
Rename element – class, variable or method (click on element)	Alt+Shift+R	Opt+Com+R
Refactor extract code to method – select code to put in new method, then...	Alt+Shift+M	Opt+Com+M
Display Source menu as popup – in editor...	Alt+Shift+S	Opt+Com+S
Toggle single-line comment on selected lines or on line with cursor	Ctrl+/	Cmd+/
Add block comment – select code and press...	Ctrl+Shift+/	Cmd+Ctrl+/
Remove block comment – select code and press...	Ctrl+Shift+\	Cmd+Shift+\ or Cmd+Ctrl+\
Organize import statements	Ctrl+Shift+O	Cmd+Shift+O
Get "Quick Tip" hint on error (red squiggly lines) – click on line, then...	Ctrl+1	Cmd+1
Copy to clipboard – select text, then...	Ctrl+C	Cmd+C
Paste from clipboard	Ctrl+V	Cmd+V
Navigate to method – click on the method name, then press...	F3	fn+F3

Other operations

1. **Tell Eclipse to create a method from a method signature:** Write the method signature first, then wave the mouse over the signature. Or else you can click on the method signature (click on the red squiggly), then type Ctrl+1 (Windows) or Cmd+1 (MacOS).
2. **Navigate to method declaration in interface or to the implementation:** Hold down the Ctrl key (Windows) or the Cmd key (MacOS), then move the mouse over the method name. A menu will pop up. Select "Declaration" to bring the interface up in the editor, or "Implementation" to bring the implementing method up in the editor.