# Shortcuts

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| **Groups of Functions** | **Functions** | **Shortcuts** |
| **Edit** | Indent | Tab |
| Re-indent | Shift + Tab |
| Toggle single comment | Ctrl + / |
| Toggle block comment | Shift + Alt + A 🡪 change to Ctrl + Shift + / |
| Set multiple cursors | **Each time**: Hold Ctrl while clicking at different positions to add different cursors simultaneously  **All-in-one**: Black out the text, then press Shift + Alt + I. To move left / right / beginning / ending, press Left / Right / Home / End (to blackout while moving, combine these keys with Shift). |
| Delete a whole word | Ctrl + Delete / Backspace |
| Delete line(s) | Ctrl + Shift + K |
| Duplicate line(s) | Shift + Alt + ↑ / ↓ |
| Copy / cut line(s) | Ctrl + C / X |
| Move line(s) up / down | Alt + ↑ / ↓ |
| Show completion | Ctrl + Space |
| **Navigation** | Quick jump | **Jump to file**: Ctrl + P  **Jump to line**: Ctrl + P, then type : (or Ctrl + G)  **Jump to method**: Ctrl + P, then type @  **Jump back**: Alt + ←  **Jump forward**: Alt + →  **Jump to last edit**: Ctrl + K + Q 🡪 change to Alt + -  **Jump to bracket**: Ctrl + Shift + \ 🡪 change to Alt + ]  **Jump to Definition**: F12  **Jump to Declaration**: Ctrl + F12  **Open Peek Definition**: Alt + F12  **Open Peek Declaration**: Ctrl + Alt + F12 |
| Select occurrences of current word | **Each time**: Ctrl + D  **All-in-one**: Ctrl + F2  **Redo**: Ctrl + U |
| Go to:   * Beginning of a line * Ending of a line * Beginning of a file * Ending of a file | * Home * End * Ctrl + Home * Ctrl + End |
| Switch between files | Ctrl + Tab |
| **View** | Toggle Sidebar | Ctrl + B﻿ |
| Open error and warning window | Ctrl + Shift + M |
| **Others** | Save all | Ctrl + K + S 🡪 change to Ctrl + Shift + S |
| Show Preference / Setting | Ctrl + , |
| Scroll fast with mouse wheel | Alt + Scroll |

# Extensions

## C/C++

### [C/C++](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/cpp)

Adds language support for C/C++, including:

Language services:

* Syntax highlight
* Code formatting (clang-format)
* Snippet
* Go to definition/declaration
* Peek definition/declaration
* Class/method/symbol navigation
* Signature help
* Quick info (hover)
* Error squiggles
* IntelliSense

Debugging:

* Windows (PDB, MinGW/Cygwin), Linux and macOS applications
* Line by line code stepping
* Breakpoints (including conditional and function breakpoints)
* Variable inspection
* Multi-threaded debugging support
* Core dump debugging support
* Executing GDB or MI commands directly when using 'C++ (GDB/LLDB)' debugging environment

#### Debug

Ref: [Debug C++ in Visual Studio Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/cpp-debug)

Common errors:

1. To fix error *'Unable to launch debugger (gdb) with root permissions'*, run one of following commands:

echo 0| sudo tee /proc/sys/kernel/yama/ptrace\_scope

// or

sudo sysctl -w kernel.yama.ptrace\_scope=0

#### Attach Debug

**When to use attach debug?**

1. Multi processes
2. Don't need to build src (clicking on Debug button will first build src, then debug it. But if we don't want to build src, or simply cannot build it with VSCode (because, e.g., we have to use a makefile? Use attach debug!)

**How to attach debug C/C++ src in VSCode?**

Modify launch.json:

{

  "version": "2.0.0",

  "options": {

    // Environment variables

    "env": {

      // The PATH to system executables (and user executables). Each path is separated by a ':' notation (without spaces)

      "PATH": "/bin/:/sbin:/usr/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/other\_paths/to/binary/files",

      // Path(s) to dynamic libs (.so files). Each path is separated by a ':' notation (without spaces)

      "LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH": "/path1/to/dynamic/libs:/path2/to/dynamic/libs"

    }

  },

  "configurations": [

    {

      "name": "myConfig1",                      // Configuration name (can be anything)

      "processId": "${command:pickProcess}",    // Pick a process from drop-down list every time starting debugging

      "program": "/path/to/executable1",        // Specify an executable file's path. Can use ${workspaceFolder}

      "type": "cppdbg",

      "request": "attach",                      // Here we want ATTACH debugging

      "MIMode": "gdb",

      "setupCommands": [

        {

          "description": "Enable pretty-printing for gdb",

          "text": "-enable-pretty-printing",

          "ignoreFailures": false

        }

      ],

      "miDebuggerPath": "/usr/bin/gdb"          // Path to debugger

    },

    {

      "name": "myConfig2",                      // Another configuration name (can be anything)

      "processId": "${command:pickProcess}",    // Pick another process from drop-down list every time starting debugging

      "program": "/path/to/executable2",        // Specify another executable file's path. Can use ${workspaceFolder}

      // ..... Similar settings as above

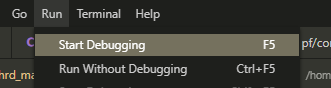
    }

  ]

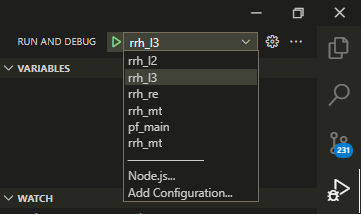
}

Note:

Don't start debugging from menu, which cannot pick process:

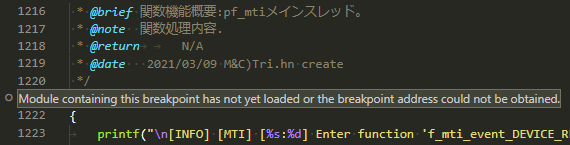


But start debugging from sidebar:

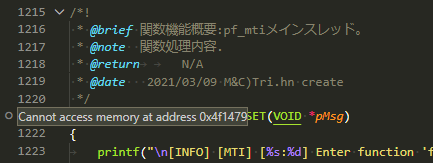


Common errors:

Wrong process:



Unknow issue:



**Compile multiple source files**

By default, VS Code only compiles the active file. To make it work with multiple source files is to change setting "g++ ${file}" to "g++ ${fileDirname}/\*\*.cpp" in tasks.json file. For example:

{

    "tasks": [

        {

            "type": "shell",

            "label": "C/C++: g++.exe build active file",

            "command": "C:/Program Files/mingw-w64/bin/g++.exe",

            "args": [

                "-g",

                "${fileDirname}/\*.cpp",

                "-o",

                "${fileDirname}/${fileBasenameNoExtension}.exe"

            ],

            "options": {

                "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}"

            },

            "problemMatcher": [

                "$gcc"

            ],

            "group": {

                "kind": "build",

                "isDefault": true

            }

        }

    ],

    "version": "2.0.0"

}

**Align variable declarations and assignments (equal sign)**

In your settings.json, add:

{

  "C\_Cpp.clang\_format\_style":

// C/C++ format {use Clang format, align declarations, align assignments}

      "{BasedOnStyle: LLVM, AlignConsecutiveDeclarations: true, AlignConsecutiveAssignments: true }",

}

Now this setting is included in *Format Document* and *Format Selection*.

For more info about Clang Format at this tutorial: *Personal\Tutorials\Others\Format-Clang Tutorial.docx*

For other formatting tool, check Better Align section.

### [C++ Helper](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=amiralizadeh9480.cpp-helper)

Generating:

* Implementation for declarations.
* Header guard for headers

### [C++ Algorithm Mnemonics](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=davidbroetje.algorithm-mnemonics-vscode)

Provides code templates for C++ STL algorithms.

### Cppcheck

Cppcheck is a static analysis tool for C/C++ code. Unlike C/C++ compilers and many other analysis tools, it doesn't detect syntax errors. Instead, Cppcheck detects types of bugs that the compilers normally fail to detect.

Common types of bugs Cppcheck can detect: uninitialized/unused variables and functions, out of bounds, exception safety, memory leaks, obsolete functions, invalid usage of STL, etc.

Cppcheck guide: [http://cppcheck.sourceforge.net/manual.pdf](https://www.youtube.com/redirect?q=http%3A%2F%2Fcppcheck.sourceforge.net%2Fmanual.pdf&redir_token=1rAcDj9HICj81pqUg5flpmwo5Ph8MTU0NjUyMjcxMEAxNTQ2NDM2MzEw&stzid=UgwXf60YkcI5ugBscnV4AaABAg&event=comments)

## C#

### [C#](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-vscode.csharp)

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Language services:

* Code formatting
* Snippet
* Go to definition
* Peek definition
* Find all references
* Class/method/symbol navigation
* Quick info (hover)
* Error squiggles/Quick fixes/Suggestions
* Add and show/hide using
* IntelliSense
* CodeLens
* Support for project.json and csproj projects on Windows, macOS and Linux

Debugging:

* Support for .NET Core (CoreCLR). NOTE: Mono debugging is not supported. Desktop CLR debugging has limited support.

### [C# XML Documentation Comments](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=k--kato.docomment)

Generate XML documentation comments for VS Code (built-in feature in VS IDE).

## Python

### [Python](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-python.python)

Adds language support for C#, including: IntelliSense, linting, debugging, code navigation, code formatting, Jupyter notebook support, refactoring, variable explorer, test explorer, snippets, and more!

### [autoDocstring](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=njpwerner.autodocstring)

Quickly generate a docstring snippet (with briefs, parameters, return values, decorators, errors, etc.) that can be tabbed through.

## HTML & CSS

### [HTML CSS Support](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ecmel.vscode-html-css)

Add CSS supports for HTML documents:

* Class attribute completion
* Id attribute completion.
* Supports Zen Coding completion for class and id attributes.
* Scans workspace folder for CSS and CSS files.
* Supports remote CSS files.

One thing that really stands out about this one is that you can specify remote CSS files to cache as well. You can do this by adding the following setting. This example is referring the Bootstrap 4 CSS file.

"css.remoteStyleSheets": [

"https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0-alpha.6/css/bootstrap.min.css"

]

### [CSS Peek](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=pranaygp.vscode-css-peek)

Allow *Go To Definition*, *Peek Definition*, *Go To Symbol in Workspace*, *Hover* for CSS classes.

**NOTE:**

* Don't use [HTML Snippets](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=abusaidm.html-snippets): Its features are supported by the default VSCode HTML extension.

### [Quick HTML Previewer](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=daiyy.quick-html-previewer)

Side and full preview HTML and CSS files.

## PHP

### [PHP Intelephense](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=bmewburn.vscode-intelephense-client)

Adds language support for PHP, including: IntelliSense, auto completion, signature help, code navigation, hover, error reporting, refactoring and more!

**Warning:**

There is another IntelliSense extension called [**PHP IntelliSense**](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=felixfbecker.php-intellisense). Don't understand why, but it does not work for me!

### [PHP Debug](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=felixfbecker.php-debug)

Debug adapter between VS Code and XDebug. We need this extension to debug PHP code in VS Code.

### [phpcs](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ikappas.phpcs)

Code snipper for PHP. It can detect violations of a defined coding standard and automatically correct them.

### [Beautify](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=HookyQR.beautify)

Format code for JavaScript, JSON, CSS, Sass, and HTML.

Config to work with PHP: <https://stackoverflow.com/a/46855721>

### For Laravel

#### [Laravel Snippets](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=onecentlin.laravel5-snippets)

Collect almost all snippets for Laravel framework.

**Tip**: We can copy snippets (in json files) from this extension to make our own snippet file. On Windows, extensions are stored in %USERPROFILE%\.vscode\extensions.

#### [Laravel Blade Snippets](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=onecentlin.laravel-blade)

Collect almost all snippets for Laravel Blade. Plus, syntax highlight for .blade.php files.

#### [laravel-goto-controller](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=stef-k.laravel-goto-controller)

Alt + click to navigate from a route to a respective controller file. PHP IntelliSense doesn't support this feature.

#### [Laravel goto view](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=codingyu.laravel-goto-view)

Ctrl + click to navigate from a route to a respective view file. PHP IntelliSense doesn't support this feature.

## Markdown

### [reStructuredText](https://docs.restructuredtext.net/)

This plugin provides rich reStructuredText language support for VS Code, including:

* Syntax highlighting
* Code snippets
* Live preview
* Section builder
* Linter
* IntelliSense

### [Text Tables](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=RomanPeshkov.vscode-text-tables)

Help create and format table easily.

### [PlantUML](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=jebbs.plantuml)

This plugin provides rich support for PlantUML in VS Code, including:

* Preview Diagram (Alt-D)
  + Instant preview
  + Auto update
  + Zoom & scroll
* Export Diagrams
  + Export to images
  + Generate URLs.
* Editing Supports
  + Format PlantUML code
  + Syntax highlight
  + Snippets
  + Auto Include
  + Symbol List support

Supported formats: \*.wsd, \*.pu, \*.puml, \*.plantuml, \*.iuml

## CSV

### [Rainbow CSV](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=mechatroner.rainbow-csv)

* Highlight columns in comma (.csv), tab (.tsv), semicolon and pipe in different colors
* Provide info about column on hover
* Automatic consistency check for csv files (CSVLint)
* Align columns with spaces and shrink (trim spaces from fields)
* Run queries in SQL-like language
* Multi-cursor column editing

### [Preview & Edit CSV](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=janisdd.vscode-edit-csv)

View and edit csv files like in Excel. Very powerful!

## SQL

### [SQLTool](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=mtxr.sqltools)

Support various DMSs, including: MySQL, MS SQL Server/Azure, PostgreSQL, SQLite, AWS Redshift

Provide following features:

* Connect to server
* Execute SQL and view results in a grid
* IntelliSense
* Query history
* Bookmarks

Guide: [SQLTools (mteixeira.dev)](https://vscode-sqltools.mteixeira.dev/?umd_source=repository&utm_medium=readme&utm_campaign=mysql)

### [MySQL](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=cweijan.vscode-mysql-client2)

Provide following features:

* Connect to MySQL server
* Execute SQL and view results in a grid
* Generate mock data
* Query history
* Backup/Import
* Filter table by names

### [SQL Server (mssql)](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-mssql.mssql)

Provide a rich set of functionalities, including:

* Connect to Microsoft SQL Server, Azure SQL Database and SQL Data Warehouses.
* Write T-SQL script with IntelliSense, Go to Definition, snippets, syntax colorizations, error validations and GO batch separator.
* Execute SQL and view results in a grid.
* Save the result to JSON or CSV file format.

Guide: [Transact-SQL with Visual Studio Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/tsql)

## Visual Enhancements

### [Monokai](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=AndreyVolosovich.monokai-st3) ST3

This theme is exactly the same Monokai's theme of Sublime Text but for Visual Studio Code instead.

### [Text Marker (Highlighter)](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ryu1kn.text-marker)

Highlight selected text for better view.

### [TODO Highlight](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=wayou.vscode-todo-highlight)

Highlight TODO, FIXME and your own defined annotations within your code.

### [Bracket Pair Colorizer 2](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CoenraadS.bracket-pair-colorizer-2)

Match brackets with colors. The user can define which tokens to match and which colors to use.

## Remote Development

<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/remote/remote-overview>

### [Remote – SSH](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-vscode-remote.remote-ssh)

This extension helps you open project workspaces from any **remote machine**, **VM**, or **container** via **SSH**.

So, you can work on the remote machine just as you do on your own machine. Leverage all of the great features of VS Code such as **IntelliSense**, **code navigation**, **debugging**, etc. as if you were working locally.

Refs:

<https://code.visualstudio.com/blogs/2019/05/02/remote-development>

## Others

### [GitLens](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=eamodio.gitlens)

Supercharges the capabilities of the built-in Git extension in VSCode.

### [Compare Folders](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=moshfeu.compare-folders)

Compare folders and show the diffs.

### [Doxygen Documentation Generator](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=cschlosser.doxdocgen)

Creates and updates Doxygen-style documentation comments in code.

### [Comment Translate](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=intellsmi.comment-translate)

Uses the Google Translate API to translate comments among different languages.

### [Code Spell Checker](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=streetsidesoftware.code-spell-checker)

Check spelling mistakes for both code and comments.

### [Bookmarks](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=alefragnani.Bookmarks)

Mark any line of code. Also, support quick moving between multiple bookmarks.

### [Save As Snippet](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=artydeveloperduck.save-as-snippet)

Convert code blocks to snippet on the fly.

Alternative: <https://snippet-generator.app/>

### [Box Code](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=PabloAlmonte.boxcode)

Save fragments of your code to use it at another time.

### [Path Autocomplete](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ionutvmi.path-autocomplete)

Provides path completion. To make it work, start a path with './' or '/' or 'C:' or '~'.

### [Better Align](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=wwm.better-align)

Align code by colon (:), assignment(=, +=, -=, \*=, /=) and arrow (=>). It has additional support for comma-first coding style and trailing comment.

### [Favorites](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=kdcro101.favorites)

Add files and directories to workspace favorites. Create groups of directories and files.

# Tips

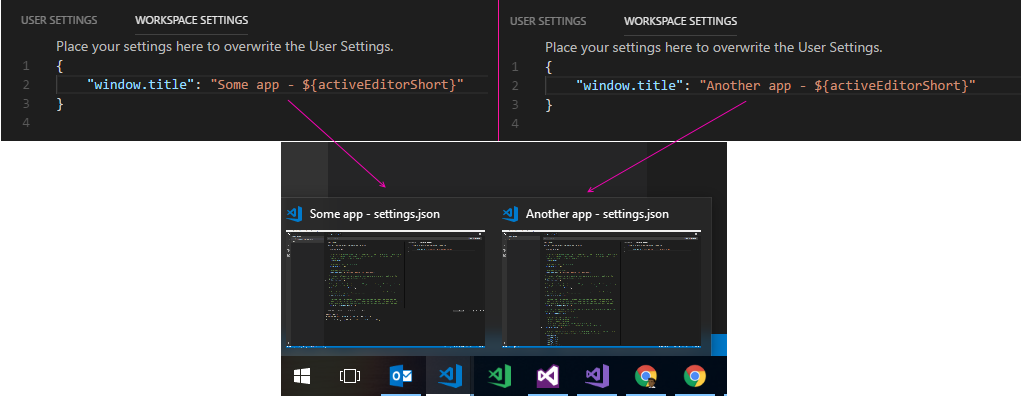
## Snippets

<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/editor/userdefinedsnippets>

## Add Windows Title

Sometimes, you have many VSCode windows (from different workspaces) opening at the same time. And it could be hard to identify all of them.

Solution: Adding "window.title" in workspace settings.json.



Below are supported values you can use in the title template:

"window.title": "${dirty}${activeEditorShort}${separator}${rootName}${separator}${appName}"

// ${activeEditorShort}: the file name (e.g. myFile.txt)

// ${activeEditorMedium}: the path of the file relative to the workspace folder (e.g. myFolder/myFile.txt)

// ${activeEditorLong}: the full path of the file (e.g. /Users/Development/myProject/myFolder/myFile.txt)

// ${folderName}: name of the workspace folder the file is contained in (e.g. myFolder)

// ${folderPath}: file path of the workspace folder the file is contained in (e.g. /Users/Development/myFolder)

// ${rootName}: name of the workspace (e.g. myFolder or myWorkspace)

// ${rootPath}: file path of the workspace (e.g. /Users/Development/myWorkspace)

// ${appName}: e.g. VS Code

// ${dirty}: a dirty indicator if the active editor is dirty

// ${separator}: a conditional separator (" - ") that only shows when surrounded by variables with values or static text

Ref: <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/settings>

## File Comparison

In the Explorer, right click to select a file and choose "Select for Compare" from the context menu.

Right click to select another file to which you want to compare, and choose "Compare with <previously selected file for compare>".

Compare windows will appear in a *side-by-side view* by default. You can switch to *inline view* via *More Actions…* setting on the right corner of the VS Code window.

# My settings.json

{

  "workbench.colorTheme": "Monokai",

  "editor.minimap.enabled": false,                // Disable mini map

  "workbench.sideBar.location": "right",          // Set side bar to the right side

  "editor.rename.enablePreview": false,           // Prevent closing current tab when opening new tab

  "workbench.editor.enablePreview": false,        // Prevent closing current tab when opening new tab

  "editor.renderWhitespace": "all",               // Show space or tab indentation

  "editor.insertSpaces": false,                   // Prevent converting Tab into Spaces

  "files.trimTrailingWhitespace": false,          // Must use when working on existing code base

  "files.exclude": {                              // Dir / files which are not shown in the Explorer

      "\*.bak": true,

      "Debug": true,

      "Release": true

  },

  "editor.multiCursorModifier": "ctrlCmd",        // Enable multi cursors in VS Code

  "editor.mouseWheelZoom": true,                  // Enable zooming out-in with mouse wheel

  "window.zoomLevel": 0,                          // Zoom out level

  "editor.fontSize": 14,                          // Set font size

"editor.fastScrollSensitivity": 8, // Speed up scrolling

  "workbench.colorCustomizations": {              // Customize color for text highlight

      "editor.selectionHighlightBackground": "#af7979",

      "editor.selectionBackground": "#cc9191",

  },

"workbench.editor.decorations.colors": true, // Set color for tab (error, new, etc.)

"workbench.editor.decorations.badges": true,

"workbench.editor.wrapTabs": true, // Wrap tabs over multile lines

// Gitlens

// Disable inline blame

"gitlens.currentLine.enabled": false,

"gitlens.codeLens.authors.enabled": false,

"gitlens.codeLens.recentChange.enabled": false,

"diffEditor.ignoreTrimWhitespace": true, // Ignore white space in diff tool

}