

# Search all the occurrences of a string in the entire project in Android Studio

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I've just started using Android Studio (IntelliJ), and I now look for the feature to find the occurrence of a string in any of the files in my project. For example: I want to find all the files that contain the string " .getUuid() "

The search at the top right doesn't give me the correct results, and I don't think I can find this feature under Edit > Find.

Could anybody point me at the right direction?

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edited Feb 27 at 16:00

 **Zoe**  
14.6k   8   56   88

asked Nov 27 '13 at 20:11

 **kramer65**  
10.7k   63   190   332

- 2 I don't know if I understand your question, but if you want to find something in your file , push `Ctrl+R` . – Rick Nov 27 '13 at 20:28
- 7 @user2675569 - I don't want to find something in the file that I have open, I want to find it in all the files that are in the project. Any idea how I could do that? – kramer65 Nov 27 '13 at

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## 11 Answers



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First of all, this IDEA has a nice " `Find Usages` " command. It can be found in the context menu, when the cursor is on some field, method, etc.

It's context-aware, and as far as I know, is the best way to find class, method or field usage.

Alternatively, you can use the

Edit > Find > Find in path...

**dialog**, which allows you to search the whole workspace.

Also in IDEA 13 there is an awesome " `Search Everywhere` " option, by default called by double Shift. It allows you to search in project, files, classes, settings, and so on.

Also you can search from Project Structure dialog with " `Find in Path...` ". Just call it by right mouse button on concrete directory and the search will be scoped, only inside that directory and it's sub-directory.

Enjoy!

edited Dec 14 '15 at 7:50



[Randika Vishman](#)

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answered Nov 27 '13 at 20:43



[Seagull](#)

10.8k 1 25 38

Shift-F for Windows? – Gerard Mar 28 '14 at 13:07

43 +1 for Double shift! – CodeReaper Jun 17 '14 at 14:50

@Gerard Yep, that's correct! – Kurt Wagner Jun 26 '14 at 22:45

2 That's the exact reason, why I haven't included any shortcuts in answer. You can always check everything in keymap and change it. – Seagull Dec 5 '14 at 11:16

2 If you are like me and use this all the time, you might want to set a simpler shortcut as well by going to Preferences --> Keymap --> Main Menu --> Edit --> Find --> Find in path... – Tiago Nov 3 '15 at 3:24



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In Android Studio on a Windows or Linux based machine use shortcut **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **F** to search any string in whole project. It's easy to remember considering **Ctrl** + **F** is used to search in the current file. So just press the **Shift** as well.

On OSX use the **Command** key instead of **Ctrl**

edited Mar 13 '15 at 3:54

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answered Feb 3 '15 at 12:40

Jakub Michalko

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10 This should be marked as the solution to OP's question as it specifically answers the query of how to find text across an entire project. – AshesToAshes Apr 11 '15 at 10:08

Does not work if you set Eclipse key bindings. Ctrl + Shift + F in format – Aniket Thakur Jul 18 '15 at 10:27

Search all the occurrences of a string in the entire project in Android Studio - Stack Overflow  
...and it will work. Sometimes it is up to you to learn  
your setting. (FYI: it is Ctrl+H for "Eclipse" key binding) –  
[Jakub Michalko](#) Jul 20 '15 at 13:00

1 Can we find and replace all in a project too? – [K. Sopheak](#)  
Nov 22 '16 at 9:44

▲ Press Shift twice and a Search Everywhere dialog will  
appear.

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answered Mar 16 '15 at 18:35



[nick](#)

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27 Strangely enough, it doesn't find every occurrence, but `Ctrl + shift + F` does. – [Whitebird](#) Apr 19 '15 at 13:06 ✎

@Whitebird Yeah, I'm not sure why. I tend to use `Ctrl + Shift + F` a lot more, even though the results aren't as pretty. – [nick](#)  
Apr 19 '15 at 18:22 ✎

Double `shift` can not search Chinese characters, but  
`Ctrl + shift + f` does – [chinaanichchen](#) Jun 11 '15 at 2:36

1 awesome man, thank you!! – [shridutt kothari](#) Dec 14 '15 at 7:50

1 Cool, correct answer..!!! – [Rahul Hawge](#) Jun 5 '16 at 8:12

▲ Use Ctrl + Shift + F combination for Windows and  
Linux to search everywhere, it shows preview also.

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Use Ctrl + F combination for Windows and Linux to  
search in current file.

Use Shift + Shift (Double Tap Shift) combination for

[FracturedRetina](#)

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answered Sep 7 '16 at 11:06

[user392117](#)

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You can open the *Find in Path* dialog by pressing:

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Ctrl + Shift + F

answered Nov 21 '17 at 15:03

[Willi Mentzel](#)

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And for all of us who use Eclipse keymaps the shortcut is **Ctrl+H**. Expect limited options compared to eclipse or you will be disappointed.

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answered Nov 15 '15 at 7:40

[JanPI](#)

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Yeah, it really depends on what keymap you are using. Mine was Eclipse's. – [LeonardoSibela](#) Nov 22 '16 at 15:19



What you want to reach is that, I believe:

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- cmd + O for classes.
- cmd + shift + O for files.



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answered Nov 27 '15 at 16:46



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In Android Studio on a Windows or Linux based machine use shortcut Ctrl + Shift + R to search and replace any string in the whole project.



answered Jun 9 '17 at 9:44



Madhan M

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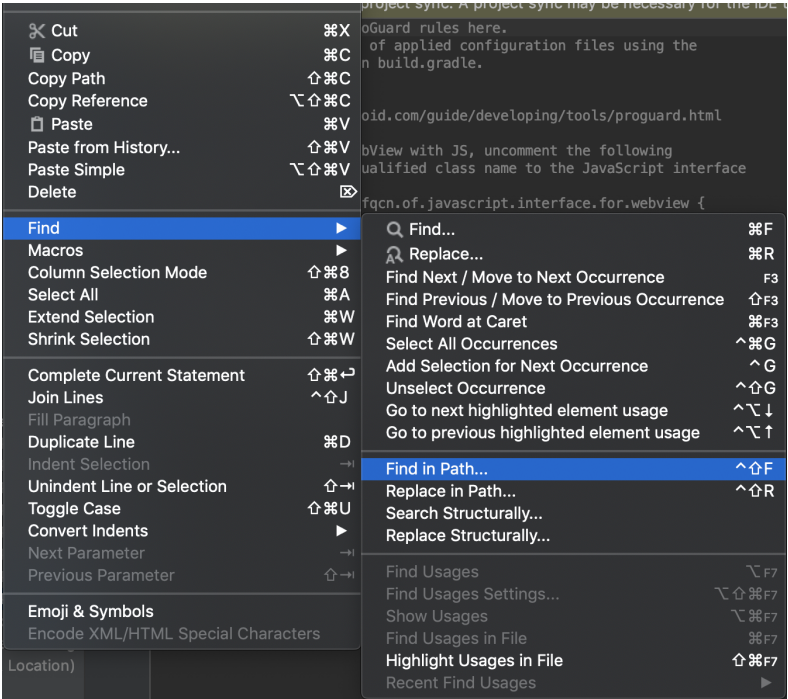
Android Studio 3.3 seems to have changed the shortcut to search for all references (find in path) **on macOS**.



In order to do that you should use `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `F` now (instead of `Command` + `Shift` + `F` as wrote on the previous answers):

### UPDATE

To replace in path just use `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `R` .



edited Mar 31 at 22:24

answered Jan 24 at 13:14



Filipe de Lima Brito

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Is there an option to replace all occurrences of a particular string? – calistus Mar 28 at 14:32

@calistus I've updated the answer. Take a look to see how to replace in path. – Filipe de Lima Brito Mar 31 at 22:25

Use Ctrl + Alt + F combination in Ubuntu.

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Press **SHIFT** 2 times and you can search Every-where ,  
both Class and Method() in the project.

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**Ctrl + N** for finding only Class name.



**Ctrl + E** for Recent Files.

answered Mar 25 at 6:57



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