Visual Studio Code: Select each occurrence of find

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I'm looking for a "select each occurrence of" something I'm trying to find. For example a file has a bunch of text that includes "abc", I type ctrl + f and type abc. I can either find the first one or the next one, but I would like to "multi-cursor" each one in the file.

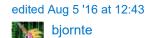


I've already found the feature that lets me highlight text and ctrl + d to get the next that matches the selection, but if there's a hundred of these things - well that gets quite tiresome.



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asked Mar 14 '16 at 15:51



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7 Answers



ctrl + Shift + L Select all occurrences of current selection

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 ${\tt editor.action.selectHighlights}$



Ctrl + F2 Select all occurrences of current word



editor.action.changeAll

Please refer for more information here.

edited Aug 5 '16 at 13:03

answered Mar 15 '16 at 10:35

Perfect, thanks for the link as well. - djb Aug 7 '16 at 15:51

2 Thanks for the answer @dauren-akilbekov . Is there any difference between Ctrl + Shift + L and Ctrl + F2 ? - Aleksei Mironov Feb 18 '17 at 21:51 /

Is there a case sensitive version of Ctrl + Shift + L ? - jokerster Jun 7 '18 at 17:06

1 @jokerster You can toggle case sensitivity in editor by alt+c (while the editor where the text you want to match is focused), this will change the behavior of various selection/find tools. – Qwerty Oct 9 '18 at 15:08

For large files, there is a limit of 1000 "cursors". So, you may have to modify you text more than once. – openwork Jul 26 at 19:12



Alt + Enter Select all occurrences of find match

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editor.action.selectAllMatches



This has the added benefit of working with Regular Expression searches, since selecting occurrences of a word of a selection cannot leverage the Regex functionality.

answered Feb 13 '17 at 20:42

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- 1 This is the answer I needed, because this allows me to select a subset of matches within an already selected block. Matt Mar 21 '18 at 18:00
- 1 This is also the only way to work with regex finds Sandy Gifford Apr 9 '18 at 18:07

VS Code needs a UI button for this! Vote for it here: github.com/Microsoft/vscode/issues/20453 - Cristi Diaconescu Mar 4 at 11:21



well, basically the Ctrl + Shift + L will select all occurrences of word in the document

BUT there is some coool way to selecting them growingly:

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if you hit Ctrl + d it will selects the second match, it you hit Ctrl + d again it will match the third one and so on



edited Jul 19 '18 at 7:52

answered May 30 '18 at 15:39

In mac Ctrl + d is duplicating the line – Sujay U N Aug 17 '18 at 18:07

- It is Cmd+d in mac Bharath Aug 22 '18 at 1:00
- Is there a similar shortcut like CTRL+D but for Visual Studio (not VS Code)? rayray Oct 16 '18 at 13:39

to be honest, i never used visual studio code ever, sorry – a m dev Oct 16 '18 at 19:51



For mac users::

Command Control



answered Mar 20 '18 at 2:40



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This is what I'm looking for. Thanks – kamp Jan 9 at 2:10



For Mach User:



COMMAND + Shift + L Select all occurrences of the current selection



COMMAND + F2 Select all occurrences of the current word

answered Aug 1 '18 at 19:22



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If one of the default shortcuts isn't working (or is performing another action), this can be because an extension you've installed has overridden the علاق المناه المن



If you are searching in a single file, use simple search using ctrl + F, then even if you close the search box, simply keep pressing to go to next match and so on. F3 just repeats previous search and selects your next match.

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answered Mar 28 '18 at 16:36



Not really what I was looking for - I wanted to select all occurrences at once to edit them all at once. - djb Mar 29 '18 at 17:07



Ctrl + F2 is what worked for me for VSCode on Windows 10.



While Ctrl + Shift + L just opened some Language selector.



answered Jul 3 at 4:08

