



Delete a line in Visual Studio without copying it?

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▲ There is the shortcut `Shift + Del` to delete a line, but I want to delete the line without modifying what is in the clipboard.

77 Is there some way to configure it or another shortcut?

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asked Sep 29 '10 at 12:33



BrunoLM

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Which version of Visual Studio are you using? Because `Del` on highlighted lines works for Visual Studio 2008. I wouldn't have posted my answer if I hadn't tested it first. – ChrisF Sep 29 '10 at 12:57

Also what keyboard mapping scheme are you using? – ChrisF Sep 29 '10 at 13:06

1 @T. Kaltnekar - he should have explained that in the question or as a comment on the answer, we're not all mind readers! – ChrisF Sep 29 '10 at 13:12

1 Well, he did state he's looking for a shortcut which would suggest a key combination. I usually just go to start of line, pres Shift+Down then Del. Didn't even know there's a combo for directly deleting a line. For most simple things I don't use special shortcuts since they usually work in one editor and not in another. – T. Kaltnekar Sep 29 '10 at 13:18

12 Answers

▲ By default, if you are using the C# default profile, you can delete a line using `Ctrl + Shift + L`.

105 You can customize this using Tools->Customize. Select "Keyboard". Look for the command **Edit.LineDelete** to assign it to whichever keyboard shortcut you like

keyboard shortcut you like.

answered Sep 29 '10 at 12:42

[heavyd](#)



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3 +1 for pointing out where you can find a key combo or add new one. – [T. Kaltnekar](#) Sep 29 '10 at 13:20

1 This setting is under Tools>Options as mentioned [below](#) – [MATT BAKER](#) Aug 12 '14 at 13:12

And more importantly, CTRL+SHIFT+L doesn't copy the line to the buffer (SHIFT + Del is assigned to CUT by default). So if you re-assign SHIFT + Del as the short-cut for Edit.LineDelete then you can have that nice shortcut with the nasty side-effect. Nice one, thanks! – [HankCa](#) Oct 5 '17 at 0:52

1 What is different between CTRL+L and CTRL+SHIFT+L ? – [mgae2m](#) Oct 13 '17 at 15:20

If you got here looking for an answer for Visual Studio **Code**...

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The default shortcut is ctrl+shift+k but you can change on File > Preferences > Keyboard shortcuts

```
{
  "key": "ctrl+shift+delete",
  "command": "editor.action.deleteLines",
  "when": "editorTextFocus && !editorReadonly"
}
```

For Visual Studio answer see [@heavyd's answer](#)

edited Mar 20 '17 at 10:17



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answered Dec 28 '16 at 18:19



[BrunoLM](#)

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Go to tools -> options. Tab Environment -> subtab Keyboard.

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Select Edit.LineDelete. Assign a shortcut. Thats it. I use Alt + D.

answered Jul 2 '13 at 3:38



[Vinav](#)



▲ Ctrl + Shift + K

3 will work fine for both Windows and Linux.



answered Sep 29 '18 at 9:45



Can you provide a reference for this. It has already been posited as an answer & has one comment underneath... "No it's not." – Tetsujin Sep 29 '18 at 13:42

▲ The [Shortcuts WinForms Control](#) supports the modifier keys, multiple keys shortcuts, and shortcuts without modifier keys to build a keyboard trigger action, such as `Ctrl`, `Alt` and `Shift` with any other keys to trigger a specific action for their Windows applications.

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edited Sep 9 '13 at 12:10



answered Sep 9 '13 at 10:10



▲ **Default Shortcut Key in VS Code is :** `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `K` .

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answered Dec 21 '17 at 6:54



No it's not. Just tried – cottsak Jan 6 '18 at 13:06

Actually it works just fine on Windows 10 with Visual Studio Code 1.32.3. – PeterPan Apr 4 at 6:51

Also worked for me in W10 – Aw Snap Aug 14 at 10:56



You can install the [Productivity Power Tools](#), which are made by Microsoft, as an extension.

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The feature that you might get some use out of is Triple Click, which highlights an entire line when you triple click it. Then you can simply use the Delete key.



answered Sep 29 '10 at 12:49



[Michael](#)

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Whaaat? Triple click... interesting idea. I need to try this. – [Kamil](#) Sep 13 '14 at 2:26



It seems I'm risking a downvote for not providing a single-keystroke solution, but I want to share my solution anyway:

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HOME, SHIFT + ARROW-DOWN (repeat for multiple lines), DEL



It's quick and has the added advantage that works in other editors as well.

answered Sep 29 '10 at 13:01



[StackedCrooked](#)

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I did get down-voted for suggesting this very solution. – [ChrisF](#) Sep 29 '10 at 13:04

2 My question is not how to delete a line in a text-editor. It is about a shortcut on Visual Studio to delete a line. – [BrunoLM](#) Sep 29 '10 at 13:04

1 @BrunoLM: my solution works in Visual Studio – [StackedCrooked](#) Sep 29 '10 at 13:15

1 Not what I asked. – [BrunoLM](#) Sep 29 '10 at 13:24

3 This is not keyboard shortcut, this is another "how to play on the piano" answer ;) – [Kamil](#) Sep 13 '14 at 2:29



Or, the old fashioned way (for me it is a habit and I even had to think what was the combination :)):

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1. Go to the line you want to delete

2. Press 'Home'
3. Then 'Shift' + 'End'
4. Then 'Del'
5. and again 'Del'

Works in most text editors :)

answered Sep 29 '10 at 12:52



2 Not what I asked. – BrunoLM Sep 29 '10 at 13:23

Yes, of course this works. But it is too slow! :) – Mike Clark May 4 '11 at 16:38

2 Same thing, but one key less: go to line, Home , Shift + Down , Del ;) – gronostaj Nov 3 '13 at 11:19

Old school boy :) – Samuel Nov 14 '13 at 14:02

3 You must be patient java, assembler programmer or linux user. .NET programmers don't like such unproductive, time-wasting methods ;) – Kamil Sep 13 '14 at 2:25

This combination will only delete the line: Ctrl + Shift + L

Source: [Cut or Delete the Current Line](#)

edited Aug 15 '14 at 12:57



Linger

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answered Nov 3 '13 at 11:12



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I know I am quite late in the party, but, here is a list of Shortcut keys for Visual Studio:

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/piyush/archive/2007/03/16/useful-visual-studio-shortcut-keys.aspx>

answered Apr 29 '15 at 12:18



Can you add in the relevant parts of the link into your answer? We ask this to help the OP out, so they will not have to search through information that may not pertain to them. This is also to preserve the relevant information in case the hosting site goes down. For more information, see this [meta post](#). – [Cfinley](#) Apr 29 '15 at 14:17

This should be a comment. – [Josh Noe](#) Sep 26 at 21:55

Yeah, I realized 4 years later too that this should a comment :D, deleting it – [Ravish](#) Sep 27 at 0:38



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If you often find yourself copying blank lines to the clipboard and erasing the previous clipboard contents, try navigating to Tools->Options->Text Editor->[All Languages or your favorite language]->General and unchecking “Apply Cut or Copy commands to blank lines when there is no selection.”

answered Sep 16 '16 at 14:28

[gerleim](#)

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