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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edited Aug 5 '16 at 12:43
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asked Mar 14 '16 at 15:51
djb
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7 Answers

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`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `L` Select all occurrences of current selection

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editor.action.selectHighlights
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`Ctrl` + `F2` Select all occurrences of current word

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editor.action.changeAll
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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. – openwonk Jul 26 at 19:12

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[Alt] + [Enter] Select all occurrences of find match

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editor.action.selectAllMatches
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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

Jon G
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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

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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:
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

1   It is Cmd+d in mac – Bharath Aug 22 '18 at 1:00

1   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::

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answered Mar 20 '18 at 2:40

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

For Mach User:

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`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

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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 `F3` to go to next match and so on. `F3` just repeats previous search and selects your next match.

answered Mar 28 '18 at 16:36

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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

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`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

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