Jump to closing bracket in Visual Studio Code

In VSCode when I type a bracket, e.g '(', it automatically creates the ending bracket: ')'. Are there any shortcuts to jump to the closing bracket or parenthesis, without pressing the 'End' key?

I found a way to do in Sublime Text 2 that did exactly that, using a Regex in the User's Key Bindings, but couldn't find a way to do it in VSCode.

Thank you.

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asked May 7 '15 at 9:55

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This question is getting popular but let's not forget that questions about IDE features should be asked on Super User instead of Stack Overflow, where they are most of the times off-topic — Nino Filiu Apr 14 at 17:28

13 Answers

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Mac Cmd + Shift + \

Windows Ctrl + Shift + \

As well you can do:

Ctrl + Shift + p

edited Jul 26 '17 at 18:23   answered Jun 17 '16 at 8:50

Rohit   **JesusIniesta**

3,022   11   42   79   **2,355**   1   7   4

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8   CTRL + SHIFT + \ works... – bynu022 Jul 11 '16 at 6:58

9   CMD + Shift + \ for a mac – Jonathan Nov 25 '16 at 3:54

3   My keyboard is Spanish - LatinAmerica so I can't press `\` alone, to get it I have to press `AltGr + '`. Key `|` works so the command in my keyboard is `Ctrl + Shift + |`. – Ivanzinho Apr 21 '17 at 19:09 ✎

28   The name of the command is `Go to Bracket`. – sudee Jul 31 '17 at 7:48

5   This works great, but what if I want to select stuff between the matching brackets? – benjaminz Sep 21 '17 at 15:13

The out-of-the-box way to do it is

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Ctrl + Shift + |
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answered Sep 14 '17 at 2:13

Ariel

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3   This is only an out-of-the-box way to *express* that key combo. It's the same keys as given in the current top answer. – John Y Sep 22 '17 at 16:48

     Thanks, this is the correct one. At least for a brand new installation – eburgos Mar 1 '18 at 19:36

1   This answer was the default on my linux vscode installation – ChaseMoskal Apr 16 '18 at 22:02

3   Technically it is `Ctrl + Shift + \` for a US keyboard – Simon_Weaver Aug 10 '18 at 2:17 ✎

     I confused the first answer for `/`. It's a backslash `\`. – user3290525 Feb 16 at 0:21 ✎

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1   Thanks for you reply but that's not what I was looking for. Pressing Ctrl+Shift+] is even more complex than pressing the 'End' key. I am looking for a way to go to the closing bracket using the 'Enter' key, for instance, just like you can do in Eclipse. Changing the 'enter' key in the Keybindings.json file to jumpToBracket does not override the default behavior of creating a new line. — resurrecteds   May 7 '15 at 15:28

2   How about changing the keybinding to `Ctrl+Enter` or `Shift-Enter` ? — Johannes Rieken   May 8 '15 at 13:28

    Eventually I changed the binding of the 'Ctrl+`' key to have the same functionality as the 'End' key. For now, did not find a solution to have the same behavior of Eclipse. — resurrecteds   May 21 '15 at 8:09 ✏️

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Press `Ctrl + k + s`

or

Open up File --> Preferences ---> Keyboard Shortcuts

Here, type `editor.action.jumpToBracket` will show you what is the current setting. You can keep it as is or change it to your combination.

answered Dec 18 '18 at 1:32

nPcomp
3,404   1   21   32

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The shortcut is:

Windows/English [Ctrl] + [Shift] + [\ ]

Windows/German [Ctrl] + [Shift] + [^]

edited Oct 24 '18 at 19:55   answered Jul 30 '17 at 20:34

Hexodus
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Command "editor.action.jumpToBracket" jumps between opening and closing brackets.

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Here is the command's default key binding as seen in window Default Keyboard Shortcuts accessed from File | Preferences | Keyboard Shortcuts:

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{ "key": "ctrl+shift+\\", "command": "editor.action.jumpToBracket",
                      "when": "editorTextFocus" }
```

If you're fond of quickly configuring keyboard shortcuts and VS Code settings, there are commands "workbench.action.openGlobalKeybindings" and "workbench.action.openGlobalSettings":

~/.config/Code/User/keybindings.json:

```
{ "key": "ctrl+numpad4", "command": "workbench.action.openGlobalKeybindings" }
{ "key": "ctrl+numpad1", "command": "workbench.action.openGlobalSettings" }
```

answered Jul 6 '16 at 19:53

Neil Justice
664   2   7   21

For those with a non-US keyboard:

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File > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts.
(Code > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts on Mac)
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shows the current key bindings. See also here: https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/keybindings

answered Oct 19 '17 at 10:16

AlDante
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It seems to change from one keyboard layout to another, so better look for it with `Cmd` + `Shift` + `P` and type "go to bracket" as others suggested.

answered Dec 20 '17 at 12:36

Sergio Tx
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Details that can benefit everyone (Linux/Win/Mac)

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The command in the keyboard shortcuts menu/editor is `editor.action.jumpToBracket` there you can set it to whatever you like. There is also one called `editor.action.selectToBracket` which has no shortcut by default (at least on Mac).

Etc.

On the Mac `editor.action.jumpToBracket` starts out as `Cmd` + `Shift` + `\` and I changed it to `Ctrl` + `]` because I didn't want a `Shift` in there and to be in line with what others say here. I did so in the hopes that I could use `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `]` to "Extend selection to matching bracket". That is what lead me to discover the details above. I set `editor.action.selectToBracket` to `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `]` and got exactly the behavior I wanted.

answered Apr 14 at 17:12

Bruno Bronosky
38.2k   5   91   91

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In german VS-Environments(here 2015): Optionen/Umgebung/Tastatur. (english: options/environment/keyboard). Show Commands With "GeheZuKlammer" (english: "GoToBracket"). Set your own Shortcut.

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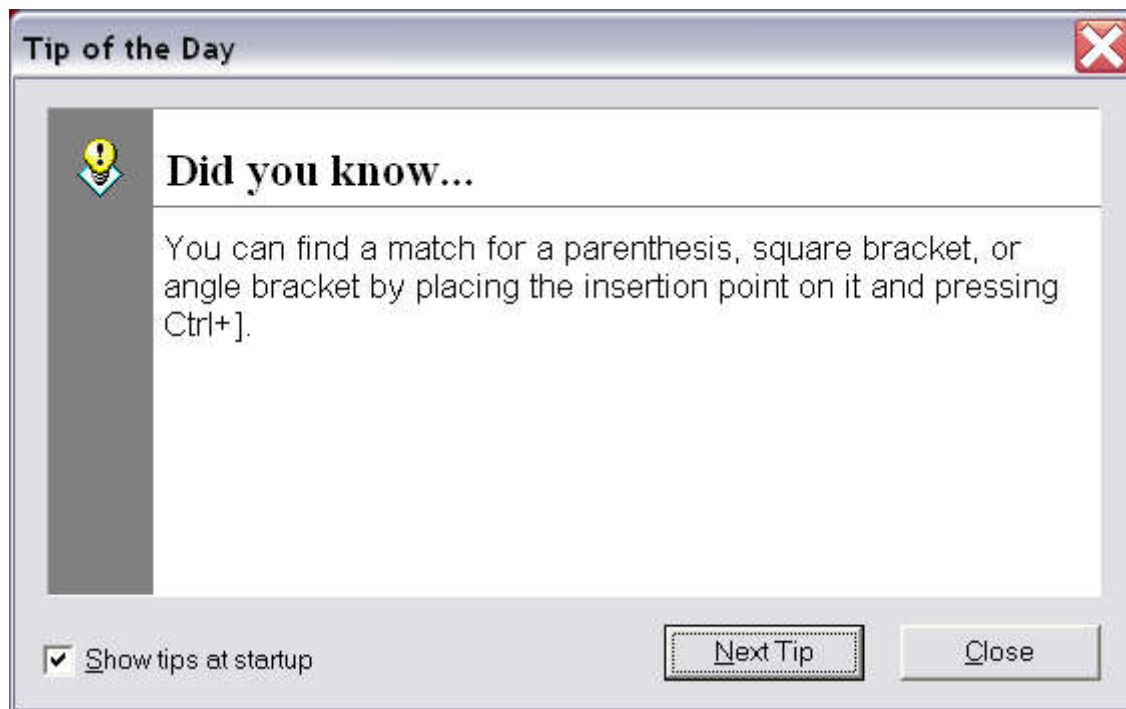edited Nov 19 '15 at 9:58   answered Nov 19 '15 at 9:48

M.Buschmann
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Tip of the Day   ✖

Did you know...

You can find a match for a parenthesis, square bracket, or angle bracket by placing the insertion point on it and pressing Ctrl+].

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(For anybody looking how to do it in Visual Studio!)

edited Nov 27 '18 at 11:06   answered Nov 27 '18 at 10:59

Ivan
1,853   17   20

2   and Visual Studio shortcut is different from Visual Studio Code! – Afriza N. Arief Feb 6 at 1:37

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Please use Control +] by placing your cursor on start or end

edited Jan 10 '18 at 8:59   answered Sep 12 '17 at 6:03

S.Serpooshan   Jaffreena Michael

This works for VS 2017 and General settings – S.Serpooshan Jan 10 '18 at 9:01

@S.Serp, I'm on CentOS using "yum install code" version of vscode (help about says 1.19.1) and this doesn't work work. I get the same behavior as John Y, it increases the indent level. For me, Ctrl+Shift+\ jumps to the matching parenthesis, again it jumps back to where I was. – PatS Mar 30 '18 at 15:55 ✏

6   This shortcut is for "Visual Studio." The question is asking about "Visual Studio Code." A different product. – MetaFight Apr 17 '18 at 11:25

I've found the easiest way to get to line end is by hitting the following

Mac: `ctrl` + `E`

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answered Jan 2 '18 at 12:26

ranaalisaeed
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1   The question isn't about going to the end of the line, though? – francescalus Jan 2 '18 at 12:44

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