How to navigate back to the last cursor position in Visual Studio Code?

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What is the keyboard shortcut navigate back to the last cursor position in Visual Studio Code?

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asked Feb 16 '16 at 5:20

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1   If it's the usual VS keymap I'm used to it's Ctrl - – Sami Kuhmonen Feb 16 '16 at 5:25

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9   In Visual Studio Code that shortcut corresponds to "Zoom Out: –   kimsagro Feb 16 '16 at 5:33

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2   I think you mix up Mac OSX and Windows defaults here. CTR + - actually is the shortcut on OSX while CMD + - does zoom out there. – OderWat Feb 21 '16 at 19:55

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1   Use Visual Studio Keymap extension - marketplace.visualstudio.com/... – gpaoli Mar 9 '18 at 19:03 ✎

Waiting with baited breath for customization of the mouse context menu for this functionality. – gdbj May 19 '18 at 14:23

8 Answers

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On Windows:

[Alt] + [←] .. navigate back

[Alt] + [→] .. navigate forward

On Mac:

[Ctrl] + [-] .. navigate back

On Ubuntu Linux:

`Ctrl` + `Alt` + `-` .. navigate back

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `-` .. navigate forward

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edited Jan 4 '18 at 14:56   answered Feb 16 '16 at 12:48

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68   I wonder why Microsoft decided to have different hot keys than regular visual studio. This is very annoying switching having to switch back and forth. – RayLoveless Dec 23 '17 at 4:54

4   Can you do this with your mouse? In other IDEs the back gesture/button navigates back as well. – rynop Feb 28 '18 at 14:56

@RayLoveless It's maybe hard to switch back and forth, but it's super easy just to switch forth. Maybe they cherry-pick it to VS. – Lukas Salich Mar 23 '18 at 15:13

Kind of an annoying binding for windows, unfortunately :(Would've been good to have the same as visual studio. – Chris May 18 '18 at 7:24

1   The left Alt+arrows didn't work for me on Windows (it did something similar to Ctrl+arrows), only the **right** Alt+arrows does what's expected. Who knows what weird ThinkPad keyboard magic is causing that. – ewbi Dec 7 '18 at 1:21

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I am on Mac OSX, so I can't answer for windows users:

I added a custom keymap entry and set it to `Ctrl` + `←` + `Ctrl` + `→` , while the original default is `Ctrl` + `-` and `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `-` (which translates to `Ctrl` + `ß` and `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `ß` on my german keyboard).

One can simply modify it in the user keymap settings:

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{ "key": "ctrl+left",  "command": "workbench.action.navigateBack" },
{ "key": "ctrl+right", "command": "workbench.action.navigateForward" }
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For the accepted answer I actually wonder :) `Alt` + `←` / `Alt` + `→` jumps wordwise for me (which is kinda standard in all editors). Did they really do this mapping for the windows version?

3   `Ctrl+Left` and `Ctrl+Right` are reserved for switching between full-screens, aren't they? – duong_dajgja Jul 19 '17 at 2:51

2   @duong_dajgja I have that on Ctrl+Option+Command Left / Right. Most people will usually just use the three finger wipe on their Trackpad. I am not sure whats the "original" default in a fresh installed OS X Sierra though. At least there is nothing reserved in OS X. You can easily change that in the system preferences "keyboard -> mission control". – OderWat Jul 19 '17 at 21:40 ✎

2   Use this to make those changes code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/... – Average Joe Nov 6 '17 at 9:11

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This will be different for each OS, based on the information at https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/customization/keybindings

Go Back: workbench.action.navigateBack Go Forward: workbench.action.navigateForward

Linux Go Back: [Ctrl]+[Alt]+[-]
Go Forward: [Ctrl]+[Shift]+[-]

OSX ^- / ^⇧-

Windows [Alt]+[←] / [→]

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1   I'm using linux and the default keymap didn't work. I modified to Alt+Left and worked like a charm. – greuze May 24 '17 at 9:17

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[⌘]+[U] Undo last cursor operation

You can also try [ctrl]+[-]

BTW all the shortcuts is here https://code.visualstudio.com/shortcuts/keyboard-shortcuts-macos.pdf This is really useful!

answered Dec 17 '16 at 17:10

Ananth

<kbd>Alt</kbd> + <kbd>←</kbd> / <kbd>→</kbd>

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You can find here all shortcuts

https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/customization/keybindings

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The answer for your question:

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1. Mac:
   (<kbd>Alt</kbd> + <kbd>←</kbd>) For backward and (<kbd>Alt</kbd> + <kbd>→</kbd>) For forward navigation

2. Windows:
   (<kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>-</kbd>) For backward and (<kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>Shift</kbd> + <kbd>-</kbd>) For forward navigation

3. Linux:
   (<kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>Alt</kbd> + <kbd>-</kbd>) For backward and (<kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>Shift</kbd> + <kbd>-</kbd>) For forward navigation

You can find out the current key-bindings following this link

You can even edit the key-binding as per your preference.

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1   You have switched windows and mac bindings. – Perrier Mar 19 at 7:35

Mac OS (MacBook Pro):

0   Back Forward: CTRL + Shift + - (Hyphen)

answered Oct 13 '18 at 12:47

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As an alternative to the keyboard shortcuts, here's an extension named "Back and Forward buttons" that adds the forward and back buttons to the status bar:

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https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=grimmer.vscode-back-forward-button

answered Jul 10 at 18:42

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