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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

`editor.action.selectHighlights`

`Ctrl` + `F2` Select all occurrences of current word

`editor.action.changeAll`

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Dauren Akiibekov

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Perfect, thanks for the link as well. – [djb](#) Aug 7 '16 at 15:51

2 Thanks for the answer @dauren-akiibekov . 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



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

```
while TRUE
{
  Code;
}
```

Jon G

436 4 4

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 cool way to selecting them growingly:

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

2 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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Control + Command + G



^ + ⌘ + G

answered Mar 20 '18 at 2:40

[waz](#)

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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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default shortcut. You can establish which extension by opening Keyboard Shortcuts with `Ctrl+K, Ctrl+S` and in the search box at the top, type `Ctrl+Shift+L`. There you should see what's using that keyboard combination and you can remove or change it as desired. – [Duncan Awerbuck](#) Jul 3 at 13:49



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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

[Amal](#)

352 5 14

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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