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Move selected text to the left or right

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▲ Is there any command currently to move the selected text to the left or right? I'm not talking about indentation btw.

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asked Feb 26 '18 at 15:54



MrKey

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1 I don't think there is any command that can be triggered by the keyboard. There is drag and drop but I assume you don't want to use the mouse. In which case you would have to look into making a macro. – [Mark](#) Feb 27 '18 at 4:22

I am wondering if you've ever found a solution to this? A macro would probably work well (Ctrl+X -> Cursor Left x2 -> Ctrl+V for shifting 1 character left). I have used AutoHotkey very successfully in the past. I could set it up and post it as an answer, if you still need this functionality and are willing to use AutoHotekey. If you happen to have some kind of gaming keyboard, you could maybe directly create a macro in its driver. – [j00hi](#) Aug 20 '18 at 14:02

3 Answers



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This feature has been implemented by [a pull request](#) some time ago.

To use it you need to bind the `editor.action.moveCarretLeftAction` and `editor.action.moveCarretRightAction` actions in the keyboard shortcuts editor.



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device in await location.  
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answered Nov 20 '18 at 4:22



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▲ for moving the text right and left you can use TAB key:

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- TAB move the selected text right
- SHIFT + TAB move the selected text left

▼ As pointed out this doesn't answer the question. A workaround for moving a block of text of just one space is to use the "column selection" feature of Visual Studio. here the detailed instruction:

- move the cursor at the upper left corner of the block of text you want to shift;
- click with the mouse holding down shift + alt, on the down left corner of the block of text you want to shift;
- now you could insert as many spaces as you want.

If you need more info on Block Selection in Visual Studio you could easily find information on the official documentation or here: [enter link description here](#) Pay attention in the link the shortcut is wrong, at least for me.

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edited Jun 11 '18 at 11:41

answered May 29 '18 at 9:47



Stefano Bossi

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1 Thank you for the input but I was not talking about indentation but actually shifting the words one character/word to the left/right. – [MrKey](#) May 30 '18 at 22:20

I have added a trick in my previous post, now should answer your question. Regards. – [Stefano Bossi](#) Jun 11 '18 at 11:42

▲ Ok, so these answers didn't really help me as I am a beginner, here is what I did.

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- 1) Goto `File->Preferences->Keyboard Shortcuts` .
 - 2) Search `Move Caret Right` and add your desired keys combination. Do same for `Move Caret Left` .
 - 3) You are done, now test it by selecting a test and firing the key combinations.
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answered Apr 21 at 16:47



Rahul Gurung

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