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# Open current editing file in explorer tree

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I'm wondering if there is a **shortcut** for VS Code that **highlights** in solution explorer tree current opened file. Like we have in Visual Studio:





Alt + Shift + L



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asked Jan 30 '17 at 5:49



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### 7 Answers



Couldn't live with no complete answer, so figured out the following:

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#### Without a direct keyboard shortcut:



- 1. Open the command palette via Cmd Shift P (or Cmd + P) then > ) and type Files: Reveal Active File in Side Bar .
- 2. This reveals the active file in the side bar similar to Visual Studio's Alt + Shift + L

#### Then, take the above and map a keyboard shortcut to it:

3. Open keyboard shortcut preferences file via Cmd - Shift - P followed by Preferences: Open Keyboard Preferences File .

```
// Place your key dinaings in lints file to overwrite line defaults
   "key": "shift+alt+l",
   "command": "workbench.files.action.showActiveFileInExplorer",
},
```

Note that it's not as good as Visual Studio, Atom, etc. in that you can't then navigate with arrow keys in the tree (arrow keys navigate the active file contents), but I guess I'll eventually figure out how to do that.

> edited Nov 6 '18 at 1:14 Tatiana Racheva 9 27

answered Oct 12 '17 at 21:12



did you figure out how to be able to then use the arrow keys to 'walk through' the file structure? - TweeZz May 3 '18 at 11:48

Unfortunately not. :-( – Ted May 4 '18 at 16:46

what about "reveal && select the active file" – JJS Jun 25 '18 at 16:36

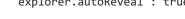
@JJS are you asking if there's that option or providing a solution? - Ted Jun 27 '18 at 6:44

@Ted @TweeZz After Files: Reveal Active File in Side Bar, press Ctrl+Shift+E (Show Explorer). After that, I can navigate the files in the explorer by the arrow keys. - Tomoyuki Aota Nov 18 '18 at 17:18



I don't think there's a command for that, but there is a shortcut to enable/disable revealing the current file as you open it:

"explorer.autoReveal": true



answered Jan 30 '17 at 6:02



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that's quite sad.. - Vnuuk Jan 30 '17 at 6:23

This is exactly what I was looking for! Thanks! - Matt Mar 12 at 21:57



Try this:

Together with @Rob's correct answer:



"explorer.autoReveal": true

then Ctrl-Shift - E (Show explorer) focuses that file in the explorer and the arrow keys will navigate up/down/left/right like any list. This works even if the explorer is closed prior to the Ctrl-Shift - E.

Ctrl - Shift - E has the added bonus in that it will toggle focus between the highlighted file and its editor as well.

edited Aug 19 at 6:44

answered Jul 28 '18 at 20:24



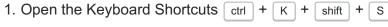
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I was able to achieve this by customizing the workbench.files.action.focusFilesExplorer command with keybinding Alt + shift + L







2. search for focusFilesExplorer command & customize

3. Provide your keybindings that you are used to - I set mine to Alt + Shift + L

answered Jul 28 '18 at 17:31



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It looks like the actual version of VS Code offers a command for this feature now. In the settings, type revealInExplorer in the search bar to find the command. There is no default keybinding, so just put your own. Works like a charm!

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F1 then type "reveal" also works from in VS Code, at least for me.





answered Mar 18 at 9:29





Download the open in browser extension, that's it.

Right click > Open in primary/secondary browser function appears, and the ALT+B / ALT+SHIFT+B shortcuts become available.





edited Aug 27 at 0:08 bigbounty

answered Aug 26 at 18:03