Is there a shortcut to hide the side bar in Visual Studio Code?

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It'd be handy if there was a keyboard shortcut for hiding and showing the sidebar. Sublime has `cmd` + `k` + `b` and it's a quick way of gaining some screen real estate when you need it. Anybody know if this exists or if the user can add it manually to VS Code?

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edited Jun 18 '15 at 7:09

Jeroen
38k   25   136   220

asked Jun 16 '15 at 21:48

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1,247   3   12   18

6 Answers

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The command can be triggered via `Ctrl` + `B` on Windows and Linux or `Cmd` + `B` on the Mac.

edited Mar 9 '17 at 3:30

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1,444   4   32   56

answered Jun 17 '15 at 6:13

Benjamin Pasero
49.6k   10   64   47

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6   if the sidebar is where the files are shown, what do you call the one with the four buttons ? How do you hide that one ? – Abderrahmane TAHRI JOUTI Apr 16 '16 at 21:22

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2   You cannot hide it. We call it the Activity Bar. – Benjamin Pasero Apr 18 '16 at 21:13

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4   @AbderrahmaneTAHRIJOUTI you can hide the activity bar by setting up your own keybinding (code.visualstudio.com/docs/customization/keybindings) for `workbench.action.toggleActivityBarVisibility` – rouan Feb 14 '17 at 9:14

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There are two bars on the side,

- the *activity bar* with 5 buttons
- the *sidebar* toggled by clicking any of the *activity bar* buttons.

The activity bar has no toggle hotkey by default, but you can assign one like this:

```
{
    "key": "ctrl+shift+b",
    "command": "workbench.action.toggleActivityBarVisibility"
},
```

The sidebar toggle hotkey is Ctrl+B by default, but may be overridden by e.g. vim plugin, here's how to enforce or change it:

```
{
    "key": "ctrl+b",
    "command": "workbench.action.toggleSidebarVisibility"
},
```

answered Apr 4 '17 at 11:33

eddygeek
1,983   15   20

1   why is this not default – Batman Apr 21 '17 at 15:23

Its working fine. But one thing, "ctrl+shift+b" has already mapped to one action by default so first we need to remove/change that. – Ramasamy Kasi
Dec 6 '18 at 7:03

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To Hide the 5 button Activity Bar we can now:

View -> Hide Activity Bar

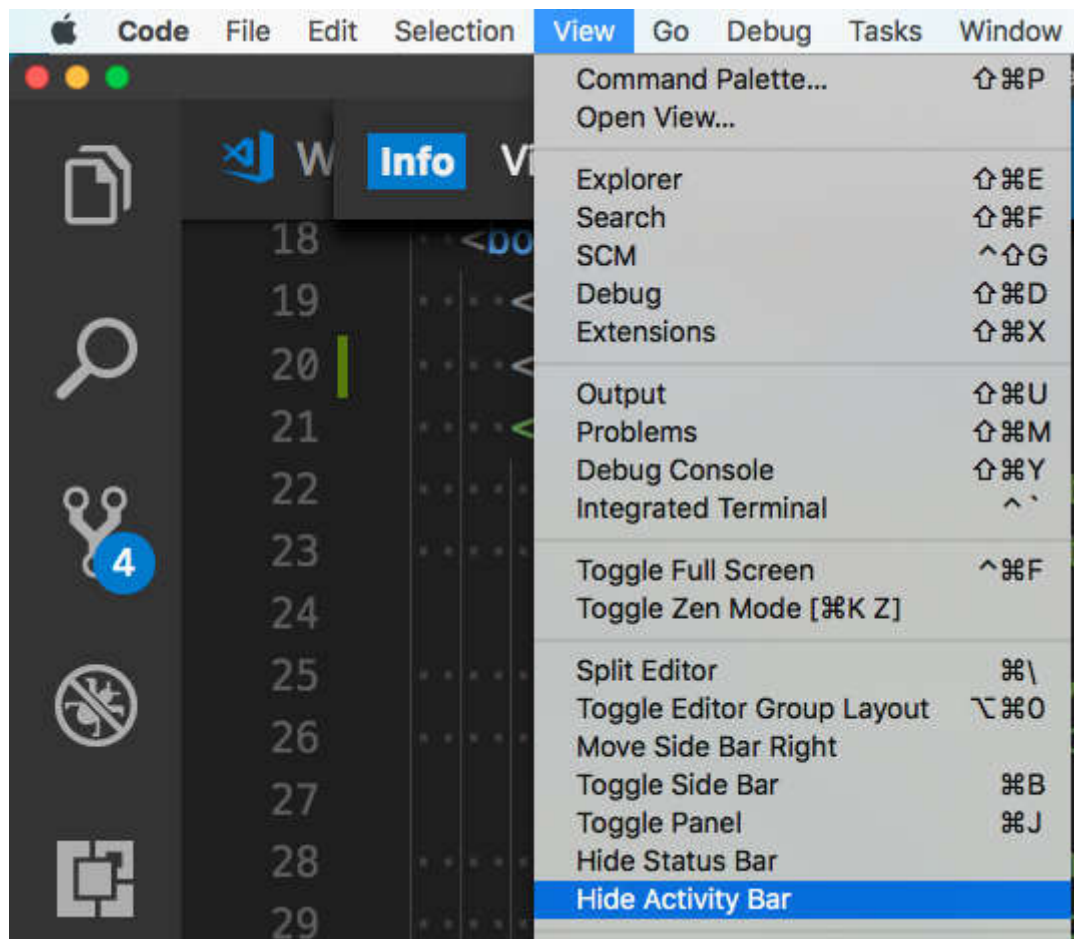**Join Stack Overflow** to learn, share knowledge, and build your career.

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answered May 8 '18 at 13:45

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Just in case you be intended for hiding the right lateral "sidebar", also called minimap, there is no shortcut. But you can configure the settings with: `{"editor.minimap.enabled: false"}`

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I cannot remember when they added this minimap. They should really provide an option to hide that more directly. Its more annoying then helpful. – Jay Aug 24 '17 at 6:03

You find the settings in the left lower corner, the cog wheel. Took me some time traversing the menus before I noticed it was placed somewhere else. – Mike de Klerk Oct 17 '17 at 8:09

One can also hide the **activity bar** with the following setting in `settings.json` :

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```
"workbench.activityBar.visible": false
```

answered Feb 14 at 8:48

zgreen
630   7   11

Mac users,

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⌘ + B - Didn't work
⌘ + 0 - Worked Perfectly

answered May 29 at 10:06

Zaid Pathan
11.4k   5   71   87