

# Is it possible to make a full-screen editor in VSCode?

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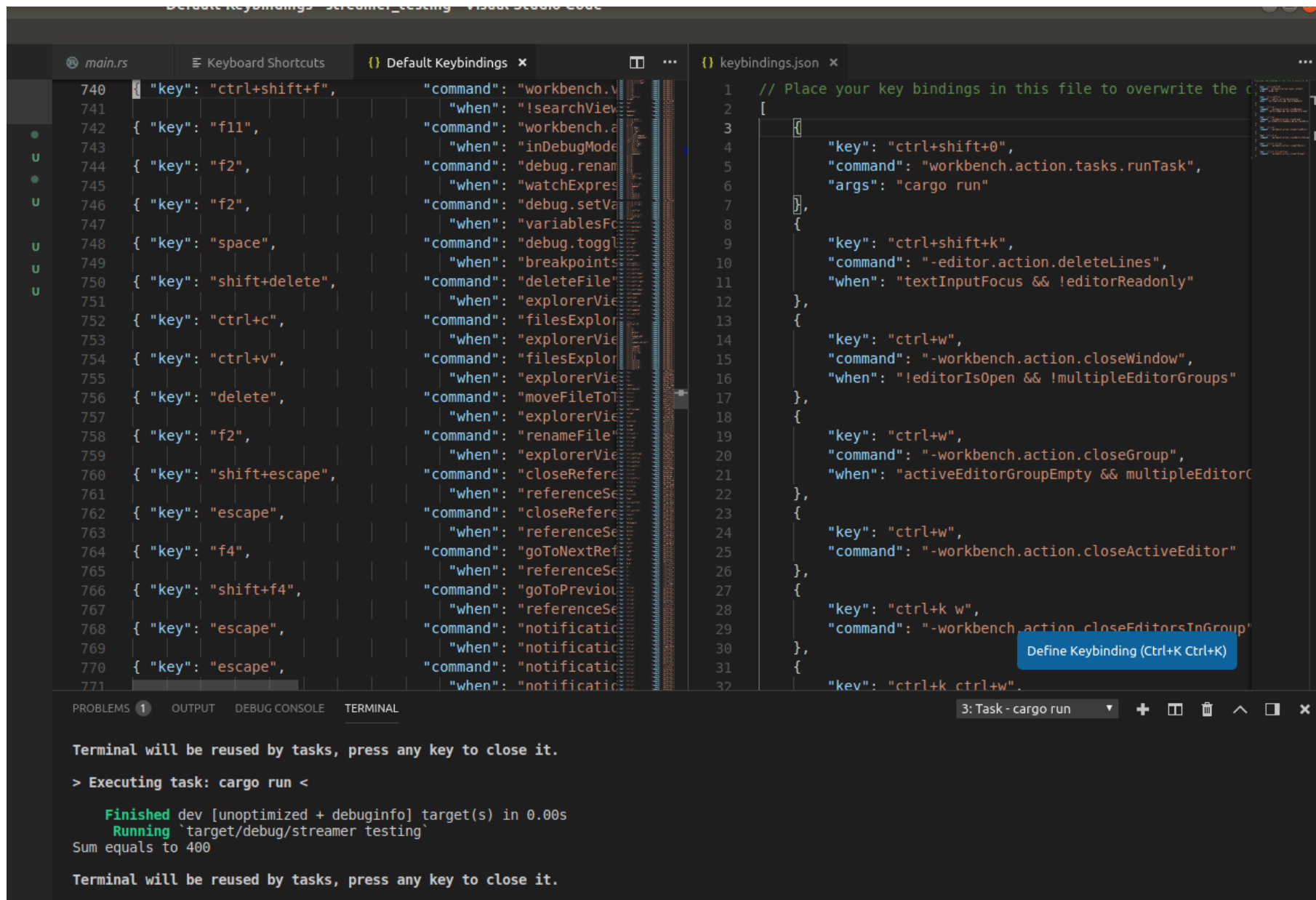
I'm pretty new to VSCode and the question may look silly. But I'd like to have the ability to make an editor window to be a full screen.

I mean I usually have two vertically splitted windows with code and it would be useful to make sort of **full-screen-zoom** without explorer terminal and all other bars, just code.



I mean initally I have the following:





but I would like to configure a shortcut to make an active window full-screen like this:

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740 { "key": "ctrl+shift+f", "command": "workbench.view.search",
741       "when": "!searchViewletVisible" },
742 { "key": "f11", "command": "workbench.action.debug.stepInto",
743       "when": "inDebugMode" },
744 { "key": "f2", "command": "debug.renameWatchExpression",
745       "when": "watchExpressionsFocused" },
746 { "key": "f2", "command": "debug.setVariable",
747       "when": "variablesFocused" },
748 { "key": "space", "command": "debug.toggleBreakpoint",
749       "when": "breakpointsFocused && !inputFocus" },
750 { "key": "shift+delete", "command": "deleteFile",
751       "when": "explorerViewletVisible && filesExplorerFocus && !explorerResourceIsRoot && !explorerResourceReadOnly && !inputFocus" },
752 { "key": "ctrl+c", "command": "filesExplorer.copy",
753       "when": "explorerViewletVisible && filesExplorerFocus && !explorerResourceIsRoot && !inputFocus" },
754 { "key": "ctrl+v", "command": "filesExplorer.paste",
755       "when": "explorerViewletVisible && filesExplorerFocus && !explorerResourceReadOnly && !inputFocus" },
756 { "key": "delete", "command": "moveFileToTrash",
757       "when": "explorerViewletVisible && filesExplorerFocus && !explorerResourceIsRoot && !explorerResourceReadOnly && !inputFocus" },
758 { "key": "f2", "command": "renameFile",
759       "when": "explorerViewletVisible && filesExplorerFocus && !explorerResourceIsRoot && !explorerResourceReadOnly && !inputFocus" },
760 { "key": "shift+escape", "command": "closeReferenceSearch",
761       "when": "referenceSearchVisible && !config.editor.stablePeek" },
762 { "key": "escape", "command": "closeReferenceSearch",
763       "when": "referenceSearchVisible && !config.editor.stablePeek" },
764 { "key": "f4", "command": "goToNextReference",
765       "when": "referenceSearchVisible" },
766 { "key": "shift+f4", "command": "goToPreviousReference",
767       "when": "referenceSearchVisible" },
768 { "key": "escape", "command": "notifications.hideList",
769       "when": "notificationCenterVisible" },
770 { "key": "escape", "command": "notifications.hideToasts",
771       "when": "notificationToastsVisible" },
772 { "key": "ctrl+alt+-", "command": "workbench.action.quickInputBack",
773       "when": "inQuickOpen" },
774 { "key": "ctrl+tab", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigateNextInEditorPicker",
775       "when": "inEditorsPicker && inQuickOpen" },
776 { "key": "ctrl+e", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigateNextInFilePicker",
777       "when": "inFilesPicker && inQuickOpen" },
778 { "key": "ctrl+p", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigateNextInFilePicker",
779       "when": "inFilesPicker && inQuickOpen" },
780 { "key": "ctrl+r", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigateNextInRecentFilesPicker",
781       "when": "inQuickOpen && inRecentFilesPicker" },
782 { "key": "ctrl+shift+tab", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigatePreviousInEditorPicker",
783       "when": "inEditorsPicker && inQuickOpen" },
784 { "key": "ctrl+shift+e", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigatePreviousInFilePicker",
785       "when": "inFilesPicker && inQuickOpen" },
786 { "key": "ctrl+shift+p", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigatePreviousInFilePicker",
787       "when": "inFilesPicker && inQuickOpen" },
788 { "key": "ctrl+shift+r", "command": "workbench.action.quickOpenNavigatePreviousInRecentFilesPicker",
789       "when": "inQuickOpen && inRecentFilesPicker" },
790 { "key": "ctrl+f4", "command": "extension.node-debug.pickLoadedScript",
791       "when": "debugType == 'node'" },
792 { "key": "ctrl+f4", "command": "extension.node-debug.pickLoadedScript",
793       "when": "debugType == 'node2'" },

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It is like F11, closing the explorer, and merging the split. It is messy to do it by hand all the time...

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asked Oct 6 '18 at 14:06

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I would like to configure a shortcut to make an active window full-screen.

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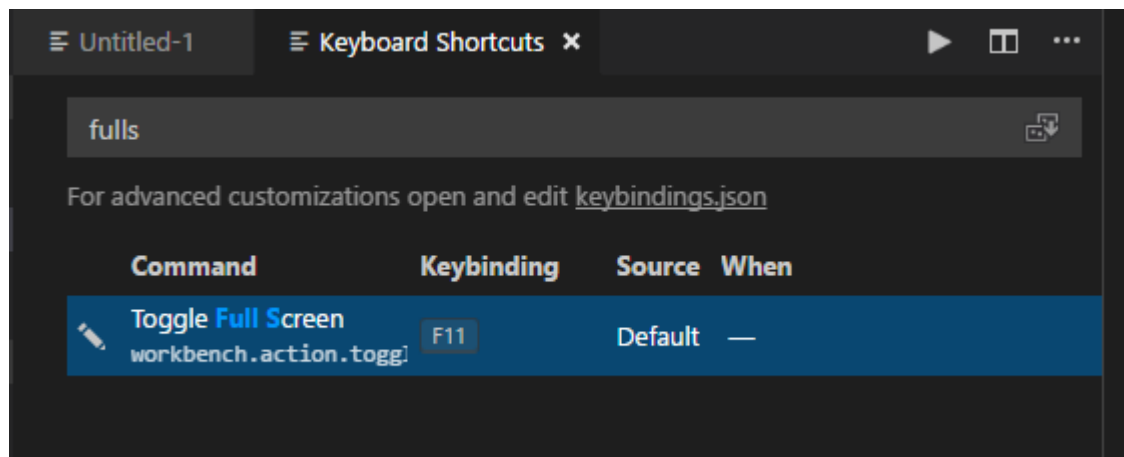
You need to edit keybindings. Press `ctrl+k` and then `ctrl+s` to open keyboard shortcuts.



If you're on a mac, use `Command` key instead of `Ctrl`.



Search `full screen` in search bar. You will see something like this:



Click on the result. Press `ctrl+k` and `ctrl+k` (again!) or click pencil icon to edit the shortcut. Press desired key combination. That's it.

And here are some more shortcuts to learn:

Press `ctrl+k` and then `z` to open editor in full screen without explorer and terminal, etc. And you can use `ctrl+b` to show/hide side bar and `ctrl+j` to show terminal and console panel.

Download keyboard shortcuts file [here](#) for your favourite OS.

### To make these hotkeys work in vim-mode:

Actually `vsCodeVim` will take over your control keys. This behaviour can be adjusted with the `useCtrlKeys` and `handleKeys` settings. Go to `File>>Preferences>>Keyboard Shortcuts`. Search for `ctrl+k` in search bar. You will see `extension.vim_ctrl+k` as below:

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Unfold Recursively	Ctrl + K Ctrl + ]	Default
editor.action.defineKeybinding	Ctrl + K Ctrl + K	Default
extension.vim_ctrl+k ←	Ctrl + K	Default
extension.vim_navigateUp	Ctrl + W K	Default

Change this hotkey. Now it should work.

edited Oct 7 '18 at 8:39

answered Oct 6 '18 at 14:37



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Don't you know why don't these hotkeys work with vim-mode? – [St.Antario](#) Oct 7 '18 at 6:45

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1 See [this issue](#) – [itsmysterybox](#) Oct 7 '18 at 6:51

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Very useful, thanks. So the vim extension just appeared to capture the <C-k> button (I use <C-w>k to navigate across splits actually so removing this capture does not affect me). – [St.Antario](#) Oct 7 '18 at 7:21

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1 Btw, [this issue](#) seems to not fixed yet. Very sad. – [St.Antario](#) Oct 7 '18 at 7:35 ✎

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1 I had VScode version 1.15.1 and [this issue](#) didn't occur. So, I updated VScode and yes this issue exists in VScode 1.27.2. – [itsmysterybox](#) Oct 7 '18 at 7:53

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