How to get parameter hints/completion in Visual Studio?

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I usually use Eclipse for coding, which has a pretty nice parameters completion feature: when you are calling a method, just after you typed `(`, it will show you the list of parameters, and highlight where you are as you type:

How can I get similar help in Visual Studio 2012?

I know that `Ctrl + K, Ctrl + I` shows some info about what your cursor currently highlights, but it doesn't work if you already have started typing something. If I type `MyMethod(arg1,` and then hit the shortcut (or any other, such as `Ctrl + Space` or `Ctrl + Shift + Space`), I don't get anything useful.

`c#`   `visual-studio-2012`   `autocomplete`   `intellisense`

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2 Answers

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You can use:

`Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Space` . This brings up the argument list for a method your cursor is currently in.

Example:

```csharp
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    string.Concat("a",

    Console.Read();
}
```

Pressing `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Space` with the cursor after `"a"`, results in:
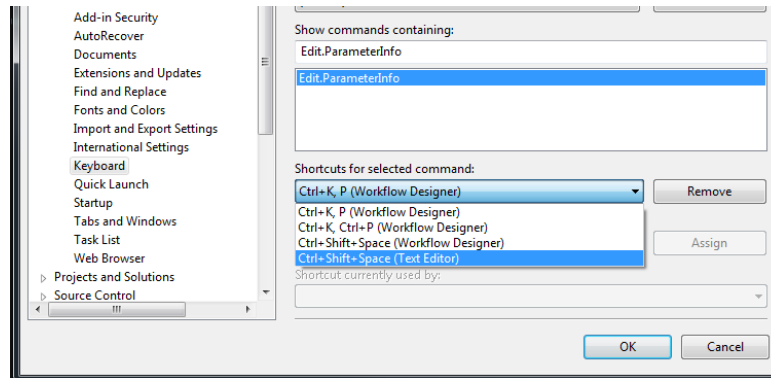
```csharp
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    string.Concat("a",|
        ▲ 2 of 11 ▼ string string.Concat(params object[] args)
                Concatenates the string representations of the elements in a specified System.Object array.
                args: An object array that contains the elements to concatenate.
}
```

You can check this is properly assigned in the keyboard settings, as `Edit.ParameterInfo` :

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1   It's supposed to, but it doesn't work. Where can I check that
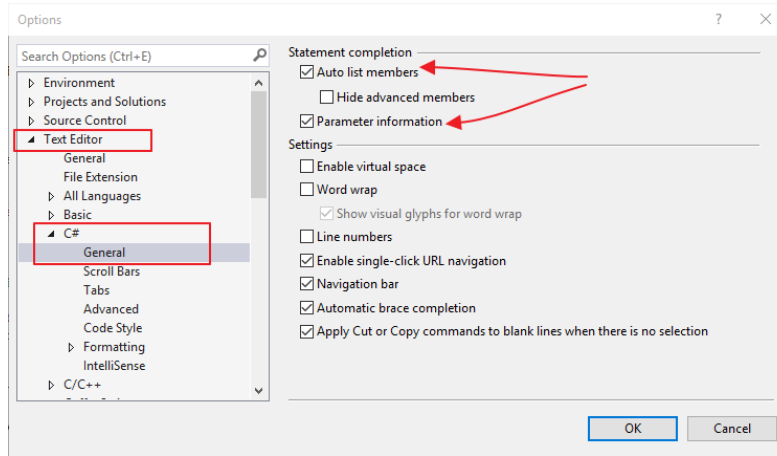   this was not reassigned? –   Wookai   Jul 10 '13 at 22:45

     YOu can look in the Keyboard settings in Visual Studio. Tools
     > Options > Environment > Keyboard. Check that the default
     template is being used. – Simon Whitehead Jul 10 '13 at
     22:48

     I just did, and even hit the   Reset   button: still nothing. Could
     the feature be disabled somehow? –   Wookai   Jul 10 '13 at
     22:51

     I've updated my answer. Check that it is assigned. –
     Simon Whitehead Jul 10 '13 at 22:51 ✏

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2   Well, I'll be damned: I restarted VS2012, and lo and behold!, it
     works. Sorry for wasting your time, thanks again for your help.
     –   Wookai   Jul 10 '13 at 23:30

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Now whenever I typed $($, intellisense will automatically pop up!.. nice!

As it turned out, this is caused by Resharper..., the Resharper uninstall doesn't correctly restore the original Visual Studio settings.

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