

What's the equivalent for eclipse's ALT+UP/DOWN (move line) in Visual Studio?



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In Eclipse, selecting a line and pressing `Alt` + `↑`/`↓` will move the line up and down, a quick way to avoid copy&paste. Is there an equivalent in Visual Studio?

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edited Sep 16 '11 at 5:58



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asked Dec 24 '10 at 14:00



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3 I wanted to know how to do this in eclipse now I know. – Dan Apr 1 '16 at 20:20

2 Note that in VS 2013+ this shortcut is now supported – bescabbia Aug 19 '16 at 5:10

5 Answers



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In Visual Studio 2013 and later, this functionality is built in. ALT + UP/DOWN will move a line up or down.

If you need this functionality in VS2012 (works with VS2010 too), take a look at the [MoveLine Visual Studio Extension](#) or the [Productivity Power Tools](#) suite.

edited Apr 24 at 15:17

answered Sep 26 '12 at 11:40



Kevin Aenmey

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30 Unbelievable that you need a plugin for this – void.pointer Sep 26 '14 at 15:49

how about child element when you select a tag ? for example I have selected a div tag and I want to move up all child element , instead of selecting by

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Sep 1 '16 at 9:54

In Ubuntu 16.04 worked out of the box! Thanks a lot! – James Freitas Apr 9 '17 at 12:27

1 @Shimmy you actually have a better option with Ctrl + Shift + Alt + Direction keys. You can move it anywhere. – scottheckel Mar 15 at 20:10



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ReSharper's `Ctrl` + `Shift` + `Alt` + `↑`/`↓`/`←`/`→` is even more powerful - when on the beginning of the line, it will move the entire line, but can also be used to move entire methods, change the order of parameters, etc.

edited Sep 16 '11 at 6:18



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answered Dec 24 '10 at 23:15



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2 Ugh, doesn't work on non-code files though. – Martin Doms Jul 23 '12 at 23:37

4 Also doesn't work if R# thinks the current line is part of a larger construct. E.g., try moving a `using` statement from the top of a file a few lines down to be inside the `namespace` declaration. When the line containing the `using` is on the line below the `namespace` declaration, R# will combine them and the next call to `<kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>Shift</kbd> + <kbd>Alt</kbd> + <kbd>&darr</kbd> will move both the namespace and the using line all the way to the end of the former namespace code block. – Carl G Oct 2 '12 at 18:30`

1 Also doesn't seem to work to move lines across method boundaries. – Robin Coe Aug 24 '15 at 14:20



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This is now working out of the box with Visual Studio 2013, same way as in Eclipse.

answered Oct 22 '14 at 9:46



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2 Not quite the same, it doesn't correct the indentation – Sentry Oct 25 '16 at 11:45

@Sentry ctrl+k,D – John Demetriou Nov 30 '17 at 9:35

In Visual Studio 2013 and later, you can move lines up and down using `Alt` + `↑` / `Alt` + `↓`. Unfortunately this will not adjust the

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To move entire blocks of code around you can move the cursor to its head and press `Ctrl` + `m` twice fast to collapse it, and then use the command above to move it around.

[Here is a neat reference to all default keyboard shortcuts](#) in different versions of Visual Studio.

answered Oct 24 '17 at 11:50



[Andreas Bergström](#)

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With the VSCommands extension, you have exactly that keyboard shortcut. And, by the way, a Stack Overflow notification toolbar :)

answered Sep 16 '11 at 6:43



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