

How to switch text case in visual studio code

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▲ How does one switch the case of highlighted text in Visual Studio Code? VS allows this via CTRL+SHIFT+U and CTRL+U.

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Is there a command binding that I can set up to do this, or is it by default some other key combination?

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asked May 15 '15 at 18:01



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I can't find any relevant shortcuts in key bindings. Probably this function is not supported in the current version. – yushulx May 18 '15 at 3:27

3 Update: it is supported now. Go to File > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts and search for "Transform". – Dinei May 8 '17 at 16:16

6 Answers

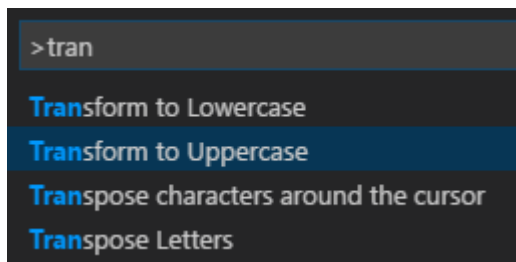


Echoing [justanotherdev](#)'s comment:

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Mind-blowing and useful:

1. Command Palette: `Ctrl + (shift) + p`
2. type `>transform` pick upper/lower case and press enter



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answered Apr 3 '17 at 8:41



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11 It's possible to configure keybindings for this commands on File > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts – Dinei May 8 '17 at 15:59

1 pycharm uses the same command CTRL+SHIFT+ "u" to toggle. why create 2 shortcuts when one could be used? i realize this is not an answer, just a comment. – davidj411 Aug 24 '18 at 16:46



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I've written a Visual Studio Code extension for changing case (not only upper case, many other options):

<https://github.com/wmaurer/vscode-change-case>

To map the upper case command to a keybinding (e.g. `Ctrl` + `T` `U`), click *File* -> *Preferences* -> *Keyboard shortcuts*, and insert the following into the json config:

```
{
  "key": "ctrl+t u",
  "command": "extension.changeCase.upper",
  "when": "editorTextFocus"
}
```

EDIT:

With the November 2016 ([release notes](#)) update of VSCode, there is built-in support for converting to upper case and lower case via the commands `editor.action.transformToUppercase` and `editor.action.transformToLowercase`. These don't have default keybindings.

The [change-case](#) extension is still useful for other text transformations, e.g. camelCase, PascalCase, snake-case, etc.

edited Jan 8 '18 at 21:52



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answered Feb 14 '16 at 9:27



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the "ctrl+t u" didn't work for me on the mac version. I used "ctrl+u" instead as it's not mapped by default to any action. – Shahar Jan 5 '17 at 8:23

5 For lazy people: select the text, ctrl + p, type >transform pick lower or upper case then press enter – [justanotherdev](#) Mar 23 '17 at 5:49 

good stuff - thanks... – [chadbr](#) Apr 19 '17 at 22:28

An addendum to @justanotherdev's comment: it's possible to configure keybindings for this commands on File > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts – [Dinei](#) May 8 '17 at 15:59

Isn't there a way to have these options show up in the right click menu (the way Nptepad++ does) ? – [smooth_smoothie](#) Nov 28 '18 at 15:07

Quoted from this [post](#):

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The question is about how to make CTRL+SHIFT+U work in Visual Studio Code. Here is how to do it. (Version 1.8.1 or above). You can also choose a different key combination.

File-> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts.

An editor will appear with `keybindings.json` file. Place the following JSON in there and save.

```
[
  {
    "key": "ctrl+shift+u",
    "command": "editor.action.transformToUppercase",
    "when": "editorTextFocus"
  },
  {
    "key": "ctrl+shift+l",
    "command": "editor.action.transformToLowercase",
    "when": "editorTextFocus"
  }
]
```

Now CTRL+SHIFT+U will capitalise selected text, even if multi line. In the same way, CTRL+SHIFT+L will make selected text lowercase.

These commands are built into VS Code, and no extensions are required to make them work.

answered Sep 8 '17 at 15:54



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Cool! This is the answer the question is asking for! – [Nowdeen](#) Nov 19 '17 at 15:53

This should be the accepted answer, doesn't require extra plugin. – [pdem](#) Nov 29 '17 at 11:01

I went for `cmd+shift+u` and `cmd+shift+l` on macOS. Feels just right. – [theory](#) Mar 27 '18 at 15:03

For Linux `ctrl+shift+u` is not working, so instead use key `ctrl+u` for uppercase & `ctrl+l` for lowercase – [Jitendra Pawar](#) May 12 '18 at 5:33

To have in **Visual Studio Code** what you can do in **Sublime Text** (`CTRL+K CTRL+U` and `CTRL+K CTRL+L`) you could do this:

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- Open "Keyboard Shortcuts" with click on "**File -> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts**"
- Click on "**keybindings.json**" link which appears under "Search keybindings" field
- Between the `[]` brackets add:

```
{
  "key": "ctrl+k ctrl+u",
  "command": "editor.action.transformToUppercase",
  "when": "editorTextFocus"
},
{
  "key": "ctrl+k ctrl+l",
  "command": "editor.action.transformToLowercase",
  "when": "editorTextFocus"
}
```

- Save and close "**keybindings.json**"

Update:

Released on 3/11/2016, there is an extension which ports the most popular Sublime Text keyboard shortcuts to Visual Studio Code. - <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-vscode.sublime-keybindings>

edited Jun 3 at 5:44

answered Jul 29 '18 at 0:57



[Alex Baban](#)

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- 1 I don't know if it's new, but when I did this all I had to do was put "uppercase" in the search box that appeared, then click a '+' to add a new mapping. Repeat with "lowercase" to cover the other direction and I was all set. – [torpy](#) Nov 2 '18 at 19:54

I think this is a feature currently missing right now.

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I noticed when I was making a guide for the keyboard shortcut differences between it and Sublime.

It's a new editor though, I wouldn't be surprised if they added it back in a new version.

Source: <https://code.visualstudio.com/Docs/customization>

answered May 18 '15 at 18:35



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For those who fear to mess anything up in your vscode json settings this is pretty easy to follow.

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1. Open "File -> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts" OR "Code -> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts" for Mac Users
2. In the search bar type `transform` .
3. By default you will not have anything under `keybinding` . Now double-click on `Transform to Lowercase` OR `Transform to Uppercase` .
4. Press your desired combination of keys to set your keybinding. In this case if copying off of Sublime i will press `ctrl+shift+u` for uppercase or `ctrl+shift+l` for lowercase.
5. Press `Enter` on your keyboard to save and exit. Do same for the other option.
6. Enjoy `KEYBINDING`

answered Feb 14 at 19:49



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