

"Right Click" keyboard short cut for Visual Studio?

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I'm trying to force myself to use as little mouse as possible and I can't find the answer to this simple short-cut anywhere! Here the the steps:



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1. Open up Visual Studio. Open any C# file (or any code file I believe)
2. Point your mouse anywhere on the window/file.
3. Right Click

Is there a shortcut key for this so I don't have to move my hand to the mouse?

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[Vadim Kotov](#)

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asked Feb 17 '09 at 23:47

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If you have to point your mouse in the window, your hand is already on it, so why not just right click? Especially since you probably opened Visual Studio with your mouse... –

[Thomas Owens](#) Feb 17 '09 at 23:49

@Thomas Owens: You don't have to point your mouse at a window. For example you can move the focus to the code

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Why force yourself? Keyboard, mouse and short cut are all meant for convenience/efficiency. :) – [toddwz](#) Jul 27 '18 at 20:11

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Taken from [lytebyte](#), you've got two options:

- Shift + F10
- That nutty key on the bottom-right of a modern Windows keyboard, the [Menu key](#)

edited Sep 8 '11 at 12:50



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answered Feb 17 '09 at 23:52



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Perfect. Using this trick also shows underscored letters we can use keyboard to access. While right click doesn't (on my computer). – [toddwz](#) Jul 27 '18 at 20:10



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Depends on where/why you're right-clicking.

The context-menu key is on the right of the keyboard nowadays, usually between the Windows key and the Control key on the right of your spacebar. That will open the context menu wherever the current focus is (usually in the text editor).

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open the smart tag on any identifier. That'll get you the "generate method stub" menu item and the like.

answered Feb 17 '09 at 23:54



[Matt Hamilton](#)

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Good suggestion with "Ctrl+." I love this key combo and use it all the time, it's SO much quicker and less fiddly than using the mouse. – [glennkentwell](#) Feb 17 '09 at 23:56

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Does your keyboard have the extra 'Windows' keys, ie. the Windows logo (Start key) and the one on the right-hand side of the spacebar that looks like a menu? Cause that button on the right-hand side is the 'Context menu key'.

See the key between the right-hand side 'Windows' key and the 'Ctrl' key? [Windows Keyboard layout](#)

If your keyboard is less than 10 years old you should have these keys, unless you have an IBM laptop or a Mac.!

answered Feb 17 '09 at 23:55



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To open a new file without keyboard you can use **CTRL** + **SHIFT** + **N** (Using Resharper) To show up the right click menu for any part of your code. Point to the part that you want and use **SHIFT** + **F10**

Normally, I like using **CTRL** + **SHIFT** + **G** (Resharper again) for getting the Navigation menu (Usage, Base,

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Even better if you want to go to any

Method/class/interenal/or a field, use **CTRL** + **SHIFT** +

ALT + **N** (Again using Resharper), this will bring you a list of all that match your criteria to choose from.

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answered Sep 17 '12 at 23:59



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Assuming you just want a key you can press to right click, most many keyboards have a key between alt and ctrl that right clicks.



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