Make selected block of text uppercase

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Can I make a multi-line selection of text all capitals in *Visual Studio Code*?

In full *Visual Studio* it's `CTRL` + `SHIFT` + `U` to do this.

The extension that exists that I have seen only do non-multi-line blocks.

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edited May 30 at 22:00   asked Feb 3 '16 at 18:10

Alexander Abakumov   Warren P
5,699   5   50   79   **41.4k**   34   155   284

9 Answers

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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).

File-> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts.

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

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```
[
  {
    "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.

edited Sep 1 '17 at 7:17

simhumileco
10.6k   5   67   63

answered Jan 17 '17 at 3:18

Sunil Purushothaman
4,596   1   13   17

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5   As others have said on Ubuntu 17.10 CTRL-SHIFT-U just gives you a u but CTRL-SHIFT-L works fine. Anybody got any ideas? – Mark Lawrence Dec 30 '17 at 18:34

1   I want a Toggle shortcut like PhpStorm instead of two separated shortcut: jetbrains.com/help/pycharm/toggling-case.html – vikyd Jun 14 '18 at 9:35

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Highlight the text you want to uppercase. Then hit `CTRL` + `SHIFT` + `P` to bring up the command palette. Then start typing the word "uppercase" (depending on your platform, you may have to capitalize "Uppercase"), and you'll see the `Transform to Uppercase` command. Click that and it will make your text uppercase.

Whenever you want to do something in VS Code and don't know how, it's a good idea to bring up the command palette with `CTRL` + `SHIFT` + `P`, and try typing in a keyword for you want. Oftentimes the command will show up there so you don't have to go searching the net for how to do something.

edited Apr 3 at 14:03

answered May 18 '17 at 21:04

user3413723
5,027   1   36   43

Use option-x to bring up the command palette on OSX (VSCode v1.27). Even quicker if you're using the Emacs Friendly Keymap: highlight the text, then ^X^U to uppercase, or ^X^L to lowercase (where ^=ctrl). – Trutane Oct 10 '18 at 19:13

3   I like this answer because it doesn't require a keybinding. – Kyle Jul 10 at 21:32

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Creator of the change-case extension here. I've updated the extension to support spanning lines.

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 ctrl+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. They also work with multi-line blocks.

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

edited Sep 4 '18 at 19:40   answered Feb 13 '16 at 21:51

Trevor Jex   Wayne Maurer

232   1   13   **9,689**   3   27   37

Update on March 8, 2018 with Visual Studio Code 1.20.1 (mac)

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It has been simplified quite a lot lately.
Very easy and straight forward now.

1. From "Code" -> "Preferences" -> "Keyboard shortcuts"

2. From the search box just search for "editor.action.transformTo", You will see the screen like:

3. Click the "plus" sign at the left of each item, it will prompt dialog for your to [press] you desired key-bindings, after it showing that on the screen, just hit [Enter] to save.

edited Mar 8 '18 at 2:06   answered Mar 8 '18 at 1:28

Stephen Rauch   Billy Qiu

33.1k 15 44 69   **171** 1 2

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In Linux there are not default shortcuts, so try to set your custom shortcut and be careful about dont choose a hotkey used (For example, `CTRL` + `U` is taken for uncomment)

1. *File-> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts*.

2. Type 'transfrom' in the search input to find transform shortcuts.

3. Edit your key combination.

In my case I have `CTRL` + `U` `CTRL` + `U` for transform to uppercase and `CTRL` + `L` `CTRL` + `L` for transform to lowercase

transform

Para personalizaciones avanzadas, abra y edite el archivo keybindings.json

Comando	Enlace de teclado	Origen	Cuando
Transformar a mayúsculas editor.action.**transform**ToUppercase	Ctrl + U Ctrl + U	User	—
Transformar a minúsculas editor.action.**transform**ToLowercase	Ctrl + L Ctrl + L	User	—

Presione la combinación de teclas deseada y ENTRAR

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Mayús +

edited Feb 26 at 19:26

answered Jun 10 '18 at 18:33

Daniel Eduardo Delgado
Diaz
1,486   1   14   22

I'm using the change-case extension and it works fine. I defined the shortcuts:

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

```
        "when": "editorTextFocus"
    },
```

At **Sep 19 2018**, these lines worked for me:

File-> Preferences -> Keyboard Shortcuts.

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

```
// Place your key bindings in this file to overwrite the defaults
[
    {
        "key": "ctrl+shift+u",
        "command": "editor.action.transformToUppercase",
        "when": "editorTextFocus"
    },
    {
        "key": "ctrl+shift+l",
        "command": "editor.action.transformToLowercase",
        "when": "editorTextFocus"
    },

]
```

Change letter case in Visual Studio Code

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To upper case: `Ctrl` + `K` , `Ctrl` + `U`

and to lower case: `Ctrl` + `K` , `Ctrl` + `L` .

Mnemonics:

`K` like the **K**eyboard

`U` like the **U**pper case

`L` like the **L**ower case

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Standard keybinding for VS Code on macOS:

Selection to upper case `⌘`+`K`, `⌘`+`U` and to lower case: `⌘`+`K`, `⌘`+`L`.

All key combinations can be opened with `⌘`+`K` `⌘`+`S` (like **K**eyboard **S**ettings), where you can also search for specific key combinations.

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creep3007
929   1   11   15