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# Code Definition Window

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Keyboard: CTRL + \ D

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Menu: View -> Code Definition Window

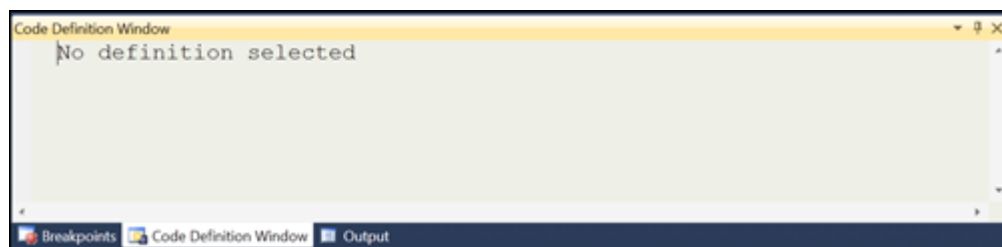
Command: View.CodeDefinitionWindow

Versions: 2008,2010

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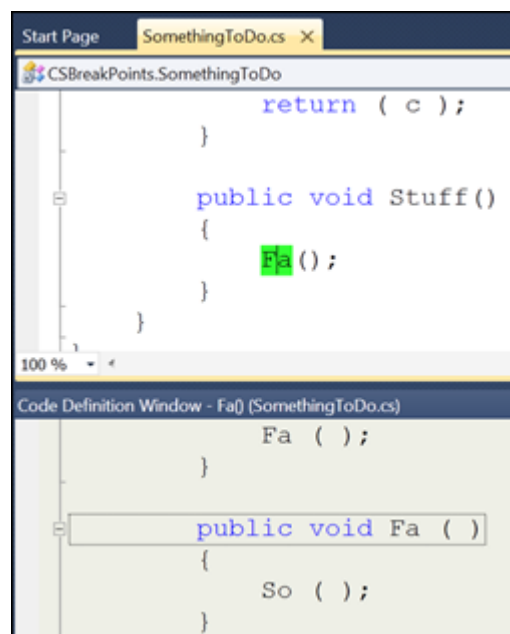
Code: vstipTool0012

Ever want to just click on a reference and see the definition as you go? Well it's time to get reintroduced to the Code Definition Window. Just go to View -> Code Definition Window and you will get this:



([https://msdnshared.blob.core.windows.net/media/TNBlogFS/BlogFileStorage/blogs\\_msdn/zainnab/WindowsLiv](https://msdnshared.blob.core.windows.net/media/TNBlogFS/BlogFileStorage/blogs_msdn/zainnab/WindowsLiv)

Now click on anything you would like to get a definition for and you should get something like this:



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The Code Definition Window provides you with an instant, read-only view of your definition.

**NOTE:** The Code Definition window is not supported for Visual Basic applications.

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*Benjamin Williams* (<http://benjaminkwilliams.blogspot.com>)

February 25, 2010 at 5:28 am (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-1604>)

Holy Crap, that is useful. I have been using Bookmarks and "Go To Definition". Thanks Zain.

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*Tom* (<http://geekswithblogs.net/technobabble>)

February 25, 2010 at 7:27 am (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-1605>)

Not available for VB.NET... grr...

Would be useful, however.

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February 25, 2010 at 7:58 am (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-1606>)

DOH! I forgot to mention that. Updated the post to warn folks thanks Tom.

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*reymondjoy*

February 28, 2010 at 6:34 pm (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-1610>)

i think you r right

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*John Bubriski* (<http://www.johnnycode.com>)

March 3, 2010 at 7:14 am (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-1614>)

I have a custom theme (Ragnarok), so my code definition window looks pretty bad! It is mostly unreadable because the background and text are both light colors 😞

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*Joal*

August 21, 2012 at 7:20 pm (<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/zainnab/2010/02/25/code-definition-window/#comment-2710>)

"instant" is being a bit generous, to say the least.

Usually it seems to respond if and when it feels like it... it would be nice if it was actually instant.

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