F12 Jump to method -> go back to previous method after making the jump?

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I can jump to code if I click in a method name and hit F12. But, is there a keyboard short cut to jump back to the previous code editor location?

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asked Oct 7 '11 at 11:02

James
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In Visual Studio Code You can also choose <Alt> + <Left-Arrow> to return to your original location after navigating using F12. — user3354235 Aug 1 '18 at 2:53

No. that doesn't work in VS2015. Typical of MS to REMOVE useful and productive features. (It as ALWAYS been Ctrl-* gojng back decades... until those clowns decided to re-write it yet again) — SpacemanScott Apr 10 at 13:06

4 Answers

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Ctrl + - : (that's Ctrl and Minus) will navigate back (maps to `View.NavigateBackward`).

See this list of pre-defined keyboard shortcuts on MSDN.

edited Oct 8 '11 at 9:56

Johan
61.7k 19 151 265

answered Oct 7 '11 at 11:08

Oded
419k 77 770 930

That will speed things up quite a bit - thanks. — James Oct 7 '11 at 11:12

Thanks a bunch. Such a useful shortcut! — Lou Jan 4 '16 at 21:51

@Oded is correct, but wait, there's more!

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- If `F12` sent you to a new tab window you can `Ctrl` + `Tab` to get back to your original tab. If you hold down `Ctrl` you can cycle through tab windows

- In VS 2010 you can `Ctrl` + `Click` to Go To Definition, in addition to `F12`.

- You can also hold down `Ctrl` and move your mouse over identifiers to highlight which ones you can jump to

edited Jun 17 '13 at 17:36   answered Apr 15 '13 at 18:24

BClaydon
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For F12, MSVS 2010 opens a new tab. For MSVS 2013 it replaces current tab. I'm not seeing anywhere to configure this behavior. – crokusek Feb 24 '15 at 19:47

To Prevent Closing Link – crokusek Feb 27 '15 at 0:47 ✎

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While `Ctrl` `-` and `Ctrl` `Shift` `-` are indeed the shortcuts to navigate to the previous/next cursor position, in this particular case (i.e., going back after `F12` or similar) this shortcut might be more useful:

`Ctrl` `Shift` `8` (= `View.PopBrowseContext`)

It will jump back to the place where you pressed `F12`, ignoring any cursor locations *after* you pressed `F12`.

(NOTE: currently using VS 2013, and hoping this shortcut entry also exists in VS 2010...)

answered Sep 23 '15 at 12:12

Wolfram
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1   It existed in VS 2010, and is what I've always used, but it doesn't seem functional in VS 2015, unfortunately. – P Daddy May 16 '16 at 14:58

Thanks bro, this is really useful! Seems to work fine on VS2017 CE. – Gam Jul 8 '17 at 1:27 ✎

I think this works with C++ code but not with C#. – Wizou Mar 23 '18 at 13:45

In Visual Studio Code, you can also use Alt + Left-Arrow to return to your original location in the source code after navigating with F12.

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answered Aug 1 '18 at 2:54

user3354235

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