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## Using CTRL+W to close tabs in Visual Studio

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In Tools | Options | Keyboard...

1. Add `CTRL+W` as a Global shortcut for `Window.CloseDocumentWindow`
2. Remove the `CTRL+W` shortcut for `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`

The caveat to this is if you are used to using `CTRL+W` to select the current word. If you do, find another shortcut that works for that.



mariomeyrelles commented on 1 Aug, 2015

Very useful hint :)



stevekriple commented on 1 Nov, 2015

Man. #2 was the magic. Thanks for this.



joerobmunoz commented on 27 Jan, 2016

FWIW, I've found `CTRL + B` to be a good substitute for `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`.

avjgit commented on 2 Feb, 2016

Tools | Options | **Environment** | Keyboard

g4d commented on 12 Feb, 2016

OR >> Tools | Customize | Keyboard  
(VS2013)

DannyFeliz commented on 30 Mar, 2016

Thanks man +1



StachuDotNet commented on 27 Apr, 2016

Cheers! I think this is the third computer I've looked up this gist on.



seangwright commented on 29 Aug, 2016

Thanks!



zahaby commented on 3 Sep, 2016

Although it is 5 years ago :) you have to say thanks :)



b2point0h commented on 14 Sep, 2016

I just started working with Visual Studio on PC and my whole workflow was turned upside down, I'm so used to a Mac!!

Thank you for this, saved me from pulling my hair out.



jehrenzweig commented on 16 Feb, 2017 • edited ▼

In Visual Studio 2015 (Update 3), I had to set the "Use new shortcut in:" dropdown to "Text Editor" before the Ctrl+W shortcut would work for me. Once I did that, though, it was smooth sailing -- thank you for the tip!



watoo commented on 4 May, 2017

I'm using resharper, Ctrl + W is not working for me. The remove button is disabled when I try to remove `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`

<https://ibb.co/ekvhD5>



ghost commented on 21 Aug, 2017

I'm delighted 🙏



jondcoleman commented on 21 Aug, 2017



rikes commented on 25 Oct, 2017

Thanks!!



anh76qn commented on 16 Nov, 2017

Thanks so much !



travisterrell commented on 30 Jan, 2018 • edited ▼

**Edit: SOLVED!**

I have tried this so many times, but have not achieved success. Until seeing the comments from 2017 suggesting it still works, I assumed Visual Studio had made some change breaks the functionality.

For some reason, after removing the shortcut to `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`, and even a different key combination to it, pressing CTRL+W doesn't close the window. It still selects the current word. I have also tried assigning CTRL+W to `File.Close`, as some other sources suggest, but to no avail. `Window.CloseDocumentWindow` does function correctly with the default CTRL+F4, as well as with other unassigned key combinations (e.g. CTRL+ALT+SHIFT+J)

Does anybody know what could possibly be wrong? Thank you!

**Solution:**

It was also assigned to other conflicting things (other than `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`). This seems obvious now, but I assumed a "Global" shortcut would override any other associations. Instead it seems that the global applies in any circumstance that a more specific shortcut isn't defined. (Which does make sense.)

So for anybody else experiencing this problem:

1. Press CTRL+W as if assigning it to a command. Don't click the Assign button, though.
2. Look at list of commands under "Shortcut currently used by: "
3. Search for these individually, and click remove button for the CTRL+W key binding. (Re-assign to something else if desired.)
4. Rinse and repeat.

Now, the global association made to CTRL+W shall work.



miniduuus commented on 7 Feb, 2018

Thx a lot :)



CaBarr92 commented on 19 Feb, 2018

Works in Visual Studio 2017 with a few few tweaks as travisterrell mention above.

CTRL + W is actually bound to 4 items which all need removing - then it you can set it to `Window.CloseDocumentWindow`.

The default command for `Window.CloseDocumentWindow` is CTRL + F4



marin-bratanov commented on 3 May, 2018

Yes, @travisterrell is right, in my VS 2017 it was bound to 4 items by default, so you have to

1. Remove the following mappings:
  - `File.Close`
  - `Edit.SelectCurrentWord`
  - `Edit.ExpandSelection`
  - `Edit.NextKeyTyped`
2. Map `Ctrl+W` to `Window.CloseDocumentWindow`



Erutan409 commented on 17 Jun, 2018

Thank you!



kallebornemark commented on 11 Dec, 2018

Thanks!



retrodev-org commented on 26 Jan

7 years after you posted it, yet I've been banging my head against this for years. Thank you.