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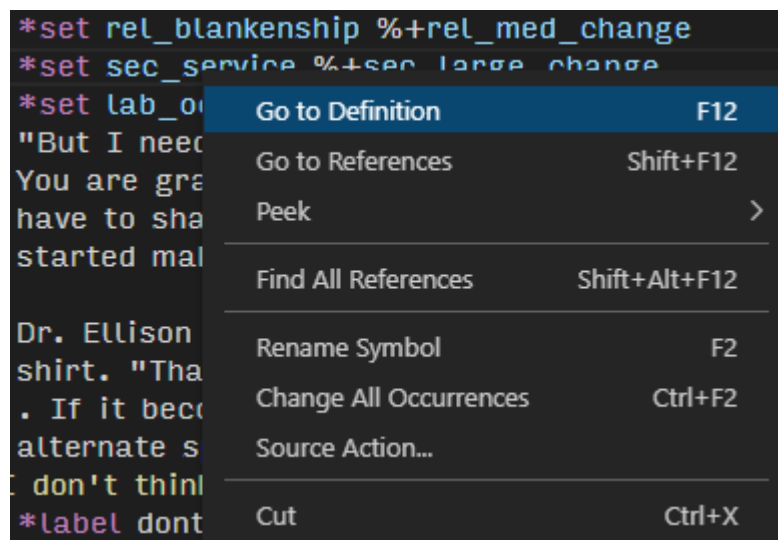
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These tasks have keyboard shortcuts, and most of their menu items should show you them.

### Dealing With Variables

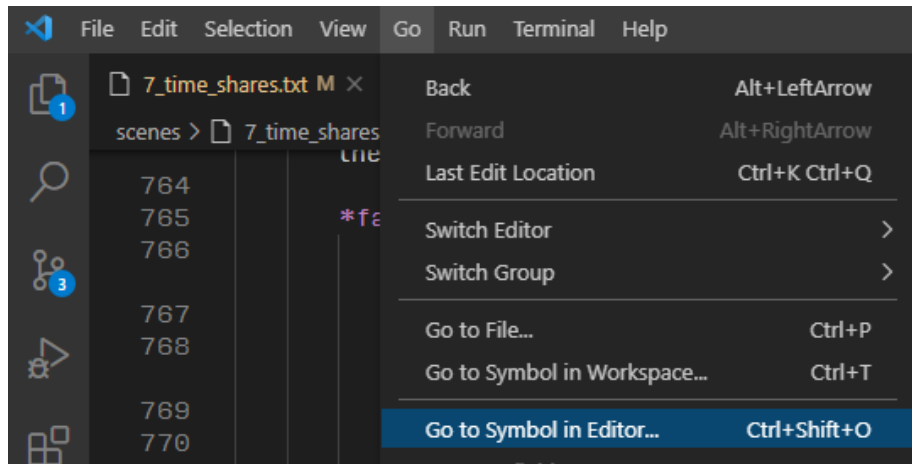
#### How do I go to where a variable or label is defined?

Right-click the variable or label and choose "Go to Definition" from the context menu.

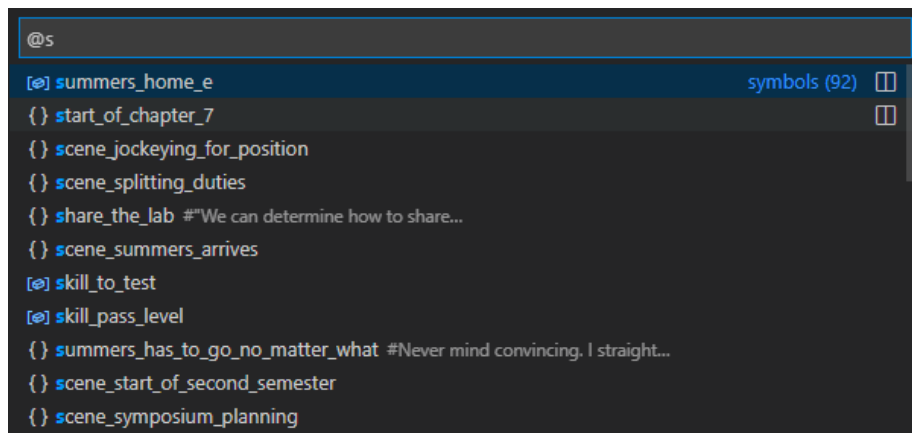


### What if the variable/label isn't on screen?

In the Go menu, select the Go to Symbol in Editor... menu item.

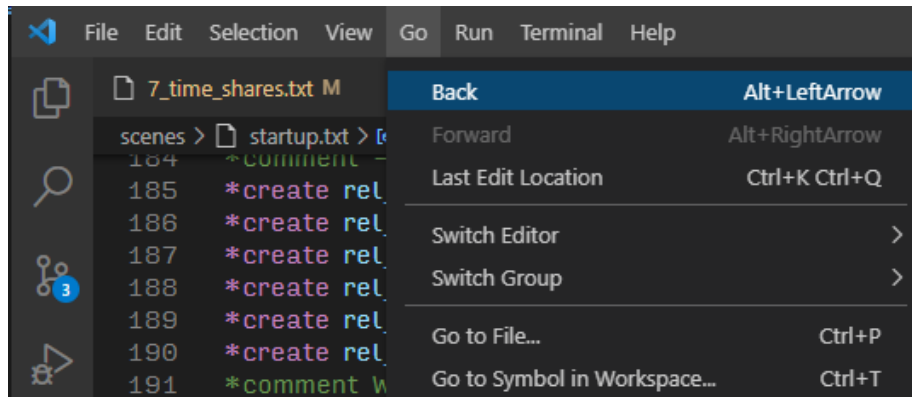


A searchbox will appear at the top center of VS Code. Start typing the variable or label you're searching for, then click on it in the dropdown menu.



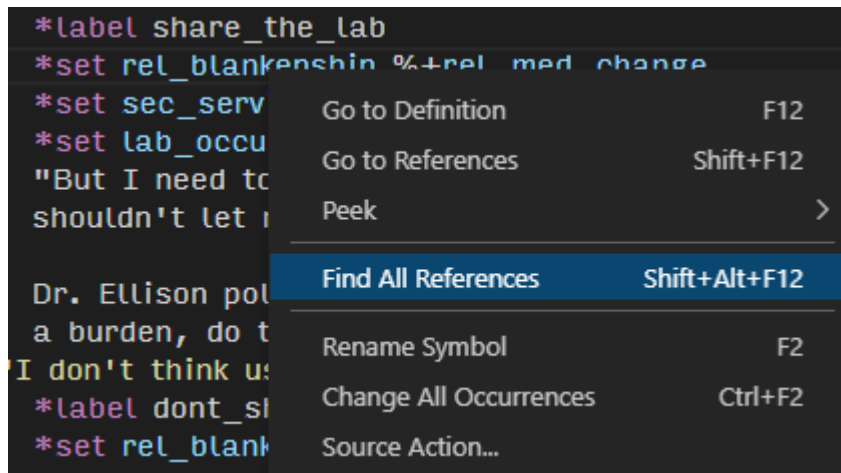
### Once I've jumped to a variable or label, can I jump back to where I was?

You sure can! In the Go menu, select the Back menu item.

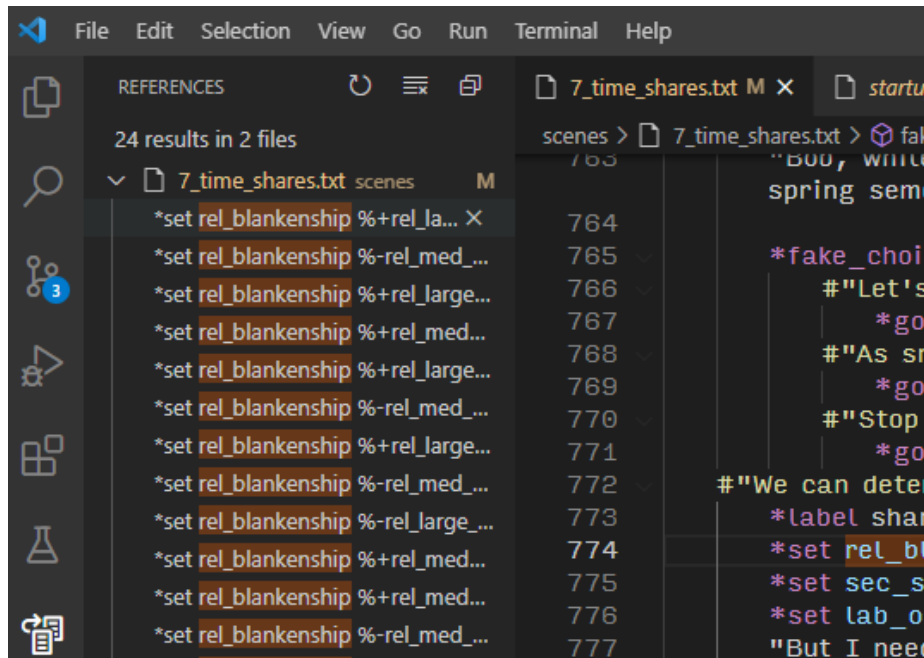


How do I find all the places I used a variable or referred to a label?

Right-click the variable or label and choose Find All References from the context menu.

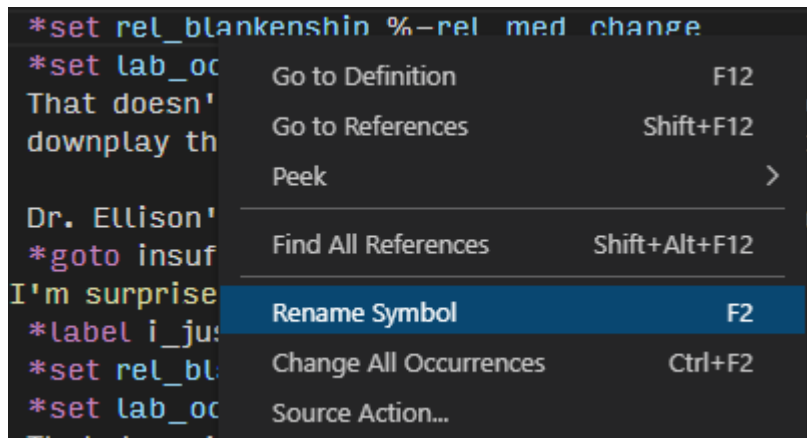


VS Code will list everywhere you used the variable or referenced the label across your game. Click on any of the lines to go to that reference's location.



How do I rename a variable or label?

Right-click the variable or label and choose **Rename Symbol** from the context menu.

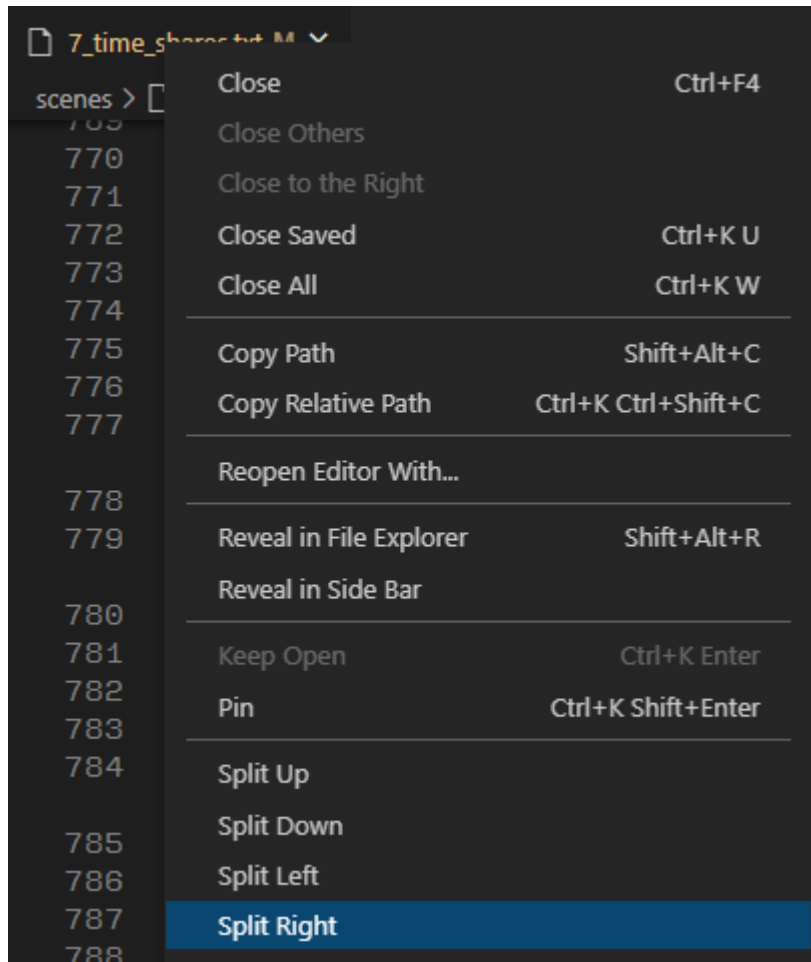


## Navigation and Structure

Can I have two windows with my scene's code in both?

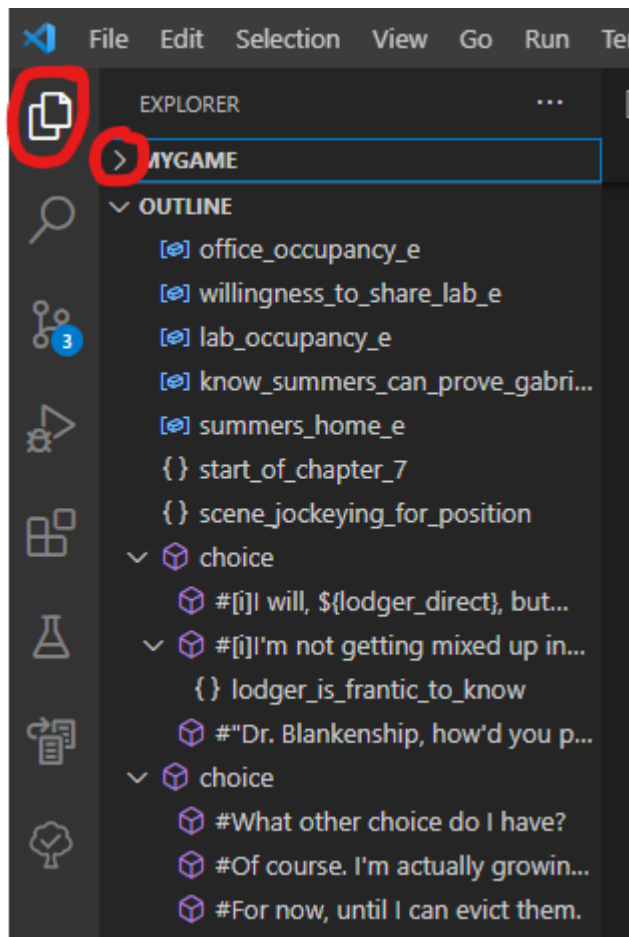
Sure! It's especially useful when you're writing the results of one option in a choice and want to look at a different option of that same choice. Right-click

the scene's tab and choose **Split Right** from the context menu.



**Is there a summary of my scene's structure I can look at?**

There is! Click the explorer icon in the left-side menu, the one that looks like stacked pages. The outline is underneath the list of files in your game. You can click on the chevron next to the top of the list of files to collapse it and bring the outline higher up in the window.



The outline lists the scene's variables, labels, and choices. Click on any of them to jump to that variable, label, or choice.

**How do I close the sidebar? It's taking up valuable screen space.**

You can click the highlighted icon in the left-side menu. You can also press **Ctrl+B** on Windows or Linux and **Cmd+B** on Mac.

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