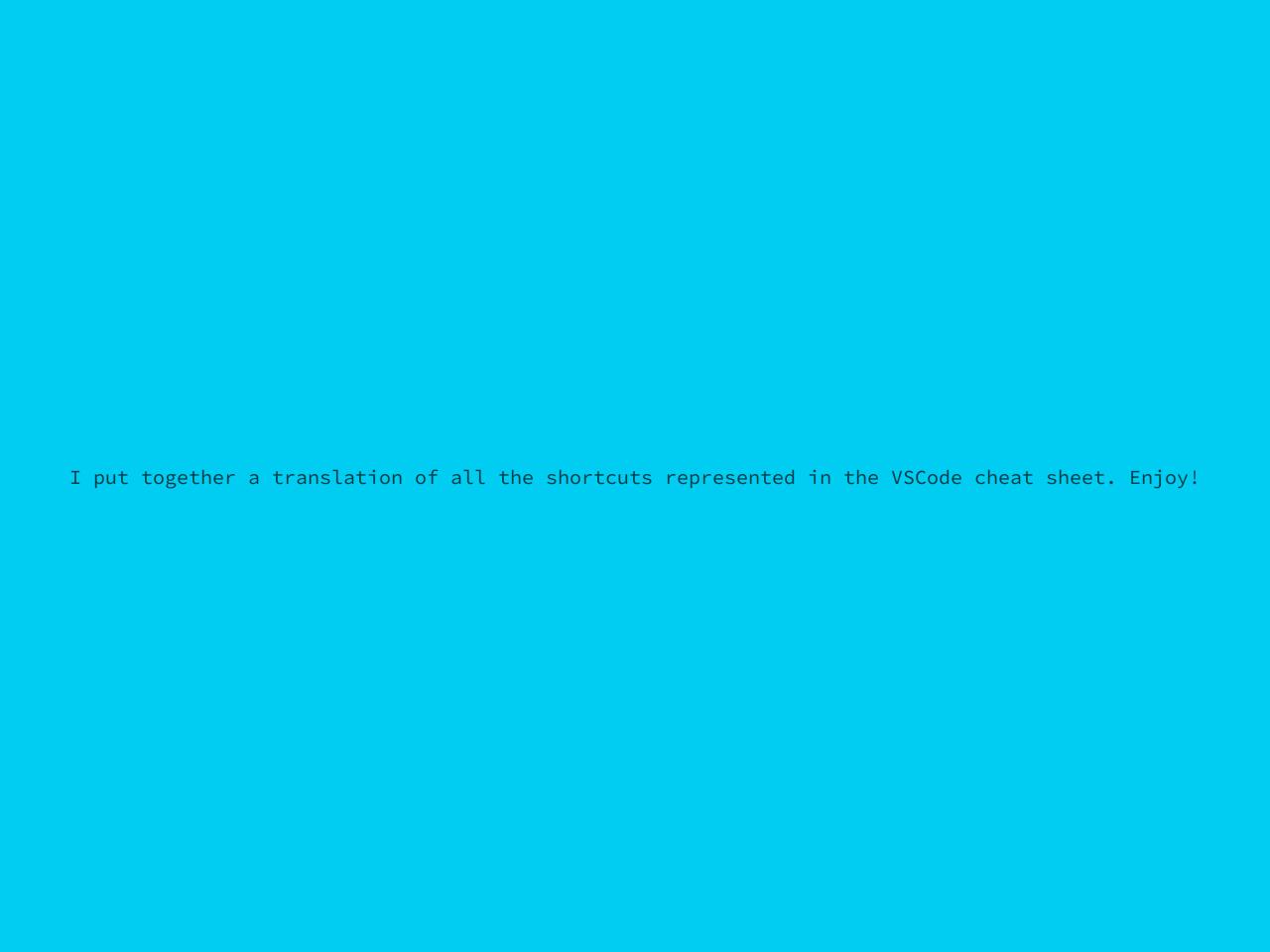# Visual Studio Code Shortcuts

A translation of the Visual Studio Code Keyboard Shortcuts for macOS Cheat Sheet

Why This Translation?

When I first came across the VSCode shortcut cheat sheet, I couldn't make out any of their gobbledy-gook. I'm referring to the shortcut symbols that appeared everywhere on the sheet with no explanation of what each represented.

I put together a translation of all the shortcuts represented in the VSCode cheat sheet. Enjoy!

General

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Shift + Command + P || F1 — Show Command Palette
Command + P — Quick Open, Go to File
Shift + Command + N — New Window/Instance
Command + W — Close Window/Instance
Command + , — User Settings
Command + K Command + S — Keyboard Shortcuts
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Basic Editing

Command + X – cut line (empty selection)
Command + C – Copy Line (empty selection)
Option + Down Arrow/Option + Up Arrow – Move line down/up
Shift + Option + Down Arrow/Shift + Option + Up Arrow – Copy
line down/up
Shift + Command + K – Delete line
Command + Enter/ Shift + Command + Enter – Insert line down/up

Basic Editing Contd

Shift + Command + \ – Jump to matching bracket
Command +]/Command + [– Indent/Outdent line
Home / End – Go to beginning/end of line.
Command + Up Arrow – go to the beginning of the file.
Command + Down Arrow – go to the end of the file.
Option + Command + [/ Option + Command +] – Fold/Unfold region.

Basic Editing Contd

Command + K + Command + [/ Command + K + Command +] – Fold/Unfold all sub-regions.
Command + K + Command + 0 / Command + K + Command + J – Fold/Unfold all regions.
Command + K + Command + C – Add line comment.
Command + K + Command + U – Remove line comment.
Command + / – Toggle line comment.
Shift + Option + A – Toggle block comment.
Option + Z – Toggle word wrap

Multi-Cursor and Selection

Option + click – Insert cursor.
Option + Command + Up Arrow – Insert cursor above.
Option + Comment + Down Arrow – Insert cursor below.
Command + U – Undo last cursor operation.
Shift + Option – Insert cursor at end of each line selected.

Multi-Cursor and Selection Contd

Command + L – Select current line.
Shift + Command + L – Select all occurrences of current selection.
Command + F2 – Select all occurrences of current word.
Control + Shift + Command + Right Arrow/Left Arrow – Expand/Shrink selection.
Shift + Option + Drag Mouse – Column (box) selection.

Multi-Cursor and Selection Contd

Shift + Option + Command + Up Arrow/Down Arrow – Column (box) selection up/down
Shift + Option + Command + Left Arrow/Right Arrow – Column (box) selection left/right
Shift + Option + Command + PgUp – Column (box) selection page up.
Shift + Option + Command + PgDn – Column (box) selection page down.

Search and Replace

Command + F — Find
Option + Command + F — Replace
Command + G/Shift + Command + G — Find next/previous.
Option + Enter — Select all occurrences of Find match
Command + D — Add selection to next Find match
Command + K + Command + D — Move last selection to next Find match

Rich Languages Editing

Control + Space – Trigger suggestion
Shift + Command + Space – Trigger parameter hints
Shift + Option + F – Format document
Command + K + Command + F – Format selection
F12 – Go to definition
Command + K + F12 – Open definition in the side

Rich Languages Editing Contd

Command – Quick Fix
Shift F12 – Show References
F2 – Rename Symbol
Command + K + Command + X – Trim trailing whitespace
Command + K + M – Change file language

Navigation

Command + T - Show all Symbols
Control + G - Got to Line
Command + P - Go to file
Shift + Command + O - Go to Symbol

Navigation Contd

Shift + Command + M - Show Problems panel
F8/Shift + F8 - Go to next/previous error or warning
Control + hyphen/Control + Shift + hyphen - Go back/go forward
Control + Shift + M - Toggle Tab moves focus

Editor Management

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Command + W - Close editor
Command + K + F - Close Folder
Command + \ - Split editor
Command + 1 / Command + 2 / Command + 3 - Focus into 1st, 2nd,
3rd editor group.
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Editor Management Contd

Command + K + Command + Left Arrow / Command + K + Command + Right Arrow - focus into previous/next editor group.
Command + K + Shift + Command + Left Arrow / Command + K + Shift + Command + Right Arrow - Move editor left/right
Command + K + Left Arrow / Command + K + Right Arrow - Move active editor group

File Management

Command + N – New file
Command + O – Open file
Command + S – Save
Shift + Command + S – Save as
Option + Command + S – Save All
Command + K + Command + W – Close All

File Management Contd

Shift + Command + T – Reopen closed editor
Command + K + Enter – Keep preview mode editor open
Control + Tab / Control + Shift + Tab – Open next/previous
Command + K + P – Copy path of active file
Command + K + R – Reveal active file in Finder
Command + K + O – Show active file in new window/instance

Display

Control + Command + F – Toggle full screen
Option + Command + 0 – Toggle editor layout
(horizontal/vertical)
Command + Equal/Shift + Command + Hyphen – Zoom in/out
Command + B – Toggle Sidebar visibility
Shift + Command + E – Show Explorer/Toggle focus

Display Contd

Shift + Command + F – Show Search
Control + Shift + G – Show Source Control
Shift + Command + D – Show Debug
Shift + Command + X – Show Extensions
Shift + Command + H – Replace in files

Display Contd

Shift + Command + J – Toggle Search details
Shift + Command + U – Show Output Panel
Shift + Command + V – Open Markdown preview
Command + K + Z – Zen Mode (Esc Esc to exit)

Debug

F9 – Toggle Breakpoint
F5 – Start/Continue
F11/Shift + F11 –Step into/out
F10 – Step over
Shift + F5 – Stop
Command + K + Command + I – Show hover

Integrated Terminal

Control + backtick – Show Integrated Terminal
Control + Shift + backtick – Create new Terminal
Command + C – Copy selection
Command + Up Arrow / Down Arrow – Scroll up/down
PgUp/PgDn – Scroll page up/down
Command + Home / End – scroll to top/bottom

Bonus: Command Key Translations (Mac)

⌘ — Command Key
⌥ — Option Key
^ — Control Key
⇧ — Shift Key
⇪ — Caps Lock Key

Bonus: Command Key Translations (Mac) Contd

⌫ — Backspace/Delete Key
⌦ — Forward/Delete Key (fn + backspace)
⎋ — Escape Key
← — Left Arrow Key
→ — Right Arrow Key
↑ — Up Arrow Key

↓ – Down Arrow Key

⇥ – Tab Key

⇤ – Back Tab Key (Shaft + Tab)

↩ – Return Key

⌃ – Enter Key

⇞ – Page Up Key

⇟ – Page Down Key
↖ – Home
↘ – End
⌧ – Clear
␣ – Space
⏏ – Eject

fn – Function Key
§ – Section Mark

If You Don't Have Home and End Keys (I don't), Then You Can Do the Following:

Fn + left arrow — jump to top of the page
Fn + right arrow — jump to end of the pageCommand + down arrow
key — jump to end of page

Command + up arrow key – jump to top of page

Related Links

- Mac Keyboard Shortcuts
- Making Sense of Mac Keyboard Symbols
- Two Mac keyboard shortcuts for missing Home and End keys

Related Resources

- Visual Studio Code Keyboard Shortcuts for macOS