

Visual Studio 2019

Hotkey and Code Snippet Cheat Sheet



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Bold: power/high productivity.
Checked ✓: frequently used.

Editing Commands

Ctrl+C	Copy ✓✓	Ctrl+A	Select all
Ctrl+X	Cut ✓✓	Ctrl+W	Select current word
Ctrl+V	Paste ✓✓	Shift+Alt+.	Highlight next matching item
Ctrl+L	Cut line ✓✓	Shift+Alt+;	Highlight all matching items
Ctrl+Z	Undo ✓✓	Shift+Alt+=	Expand selection
Ctrl+Y	Redo ✓✓	Shift+Alt+-	Contract selection
Ctrl+Delete	Delete to end of word	Ctrl+Alt+Click	Multi-caret
Ctrl+Backspace	Delete to beginning of word	Shift+Alt+Click	Multi-line caret
Shift+Delete	Delete current line/leave cursor ✓✓		
Ctrl+D	Duplicate	Hold Alt and drag mouse OR Shift+Alt+Arrow keys	Block selection mode
Ctrl+Shift+U	Make uppercase		
Ctrl+Shift+L	Make lowercase		
Ctrl+Shift+V	View clipboard history		
Alt+Up Arrow	Move line up		
Alt+Down Arrow	Move line down		
Home	Go to beginning of first code statement on current line ✓✓		
Home, Home	Go to very beginning of current line ✓✓		
End	Go to the end of the current line ✓✓		
Ctrl+Home	Go to beginning of current document		
Ctrl+End	Go to end of current document		
Ctrl+M, Ctrl+O	Collapse to definitions ✓		
Ctrl+M, Ctrl+L	Toggle expand/collapse all ✓✓		
Ctrl+M, Ctrl+M	Toggle expansion (at current scope only)		

Navigation

Find/Search/Replace

F12	Go to definition ✓✓	Ctrl+F	Find ✓✓
Alt+F12	Peek definition ✓	Ctrl+H	Find and replace
Ctrl+Alt+Home	Promote the peek definition window to a document tab	F3	Find next instance/repeat search
Shift+F12	Find all references	Shift+F3	Find previous
Ctrl+F12	Go to implementation ✓✓	Ctrl+F3	Search for item under cursor
Ctrl+-	Navigate backward	Alt+R	Replace next (find/replace dialog)
Ctrl+Shift+-	Navigate forward	Alt+A	Replace all (find/replace dialog)
Ctrl+Shift+Backspace	Go to last edit location ✓	Alt+`	Alternate context menu in code
Ctrl+G	Go to line number	Ctrl+Q	Main search menu (find <u>anything</u>) ✓
Esc	Go back to document window	Ctrl+;	Search Solution Explorer
Ctrl+F4	Close current document ✓	Ctrl+T	Go to all (find recent items)
Ctrl+F6	Next document ✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • f {file} • r {recent file} • t {type} • m {member} • # {symbol}
Ctrl+Shift+F6	Previous document ✓	(search box syntax)	
Ctrl+Tab	Bring up window nav dialog		
F6	Go across to next split window pane		

Formatting/Refactoring

Bookmarks

Ctrl+K, Ctrl+D	Format document ✓	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+K	Toggle bookmark
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+F	Format selection	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+P	Go to previous bookmark
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+E	Run Code Cleanup (prof #1)	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+N	Go to next bookmark
Ctrl+.	Refactor/quick actions menu ✓✓	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+L	Clear all bookmarks in all files
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+C	Comment out selection ✓✓	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+W	Open bookmark window
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+U	Uncomment selection ✓✓		

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Running/Debugging

Working with Files

Ctrl+Shift+B F5	Build solution ✓✓ Run in debugger ✓✓	Ctrl+Shift+A Shift+Alt+A	Create/add new file to project Add existing item to project
Shift+F5	Stop debugging ✓✓	Ctrl+S	Save current file ✓✓
Ctrl+Alt+P	Attach to process	Ctrl+Shift+S	Save all files ✓
Shift+Alt+P	Reattach to process	F2	Rename file ✓
F10	Step over ✓✓	Ctrl+Alt+L	Bring up Solution Explorer
F11	Step into ✓✓	Ctrl+[+S	Highlight/sync the current document in Solution Explorer
Ctrl+F10	Run to cursor	Ctrl+N	Create new file (nothing is added to project, will prompt for location when you try to save)
Ctrl+Shift+F10	Set next statement		
F9	Toggle breakpoint ✓✓		
Ctrl+Shift+F9	Delete all breakpoints		

IntelliSense

Filter items (w/ I.S. window open)

Ctrl+Space	Bring up IntelliSense window	Alt+T	Snippets
Ctrl+Shift+Space	Show currently used overload for a method in IntelliSense	Alt+C	Classes
Ctrl+Alt+Space	Toggle between completion mode and suggestion mode	Alt+D	Delegates
Hold Ctrl	Make IntelliSense window fade	Alt+L	Locals and parameters
Ctrl+I	Get quick info for a member	Alt+S	Structures
		Alt+K	Keywords
		Alt+E	Enums
		Alt+N	Namespaces
		Alt+M	Methods
		Alt+X	Extension methods
		Alt+I	Interfaces

Code Snippets

Other

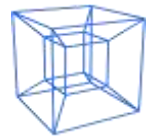
Type <shortcut>, Tab, Tab	Insert Expansion snippet	Esc	Cancels out of pretty much everything
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+X	Open snippets dropdown		
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+B	Bring up Code Snippets Manager		
Ctrl+K, Ctrl+S	Surround selected code with snippet		

Power Combos / Productivity Patterns

- Rapidly add files to your solution
 - Enable "Track Active Item in Solution Explorer" under Tools->Options->Projects and Solutions->General
 - Ctrl+Shift+A - Add a file
 - Alt+N - Rename file (without needing to move your mouse around)
- Quickly show/hide Solution Explorer
 - Ctrl+Alt+L - Show Solution Explorer
 - Alt+- - Change window position
 - A - Auto hide OR
 - K - Dock
 - Esc - Go back to document window
- Quick replace all
 - Ctrl+H - Quick replace
 - Edit search text, tab to replacement text
 - Alt-A - Replace all

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Out-of-box Code Snippets

Snippet	Freq. Used?	Description	Usage Type
#if		#if	Expansion, SurroundsWith
#region		#region	Expansion, SurroundsWith
~		destructor	Expansion
attribute		attribute using recommended pattern	Expansion
checked		checked block	Expansion, SurroundsWith
class		class	Expansion, SurroundsWith
ctor	✓✓	constructor	Expansion
cw		Console.WriteLine	Expansion
do		do...while loop	Expansion, SurroundsWith
else		else statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
enum		enum	Expansion, SurroundsWith
equals		implementing Equals() according to guidelines	Expansion
exception		exception	Expansion
for	✓	for loop	Expansion, SurroundsWith
foreach	✓	foreach statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
forr		reverse for loop	Expansion, SurroundsWith
if	✓	if statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
indexer		indexer	Expansion
interface		interface	Expansion, SurroundsWith
invoke		safely invoking an event	Expansion
iterator		simple iterator	Expansion
iterindex		named iterator/indexer pair using a nested class	Expansion
lock		lock statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
mbox		MessageBox.Show	Expansion
namespace		namespace	Expansion, SurroundsWith
prop	✓✓	automatically implemented property	Expansion
propfull		property and backing field	Expansion
propg		automatically implemented property with a 'get' accessor and a private 'set' accessor	Expansion
sim		int Main()	Expansion
struct		struct	Expansion, SurroundsWith
svm		'void Main' method	Expansion
switch		switch statement	Expansion
try	✓✓	try catch	Expansion, SurroundsWith
tryf		try finally	Expansion, SurroundsWith
unchecked		unchecked block	Expansion, SurroundsWith
unsafe		unsafe statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
using	✓✓	using statement	Expansion, SurroundsWith
while		while loop	Expansion, SurroundsWith