VS Code Cheatsheet

A comprehensive cheat sheet for Visual Studio Code, covering essential keyboard shortcuts, commands, and configurations to boost productivity.



Basic Navigation & Editing

Core Shortcuts

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Ctrl+Shift+P or F1	Show Command Palette
Ctrl+P	Quick Open, Go to File
Ctrl+Shift+N	New VS Code instance
Ctrl+S	Save
Ctrl+Shift+S	Save As
Ctrl+X	Cut line (empty selection)
Ctrl+C	Copy line (empty selection)
Alt+Up/Down	Move line up/down

Multi-Cursor & Selection

Alt+Click	Insert cursor
Ctrl+Alt+Up /Down	Insert cursor above/below
Ctrl+D	Select next occurrence
Ctrl+K Ctrl+D	Skip current occurrence
Shift+Alt+	Insert cursor at end of each line selected
Ctrl+Shift+	Select all occurrences of current selection

Basic Editing Actions

Ctrl+Z	Undo
Ctrl+Y or Ctrl+Shift+Z	Redo
Ctrl+[/]	Comment/uncomment line
Shift+Alt+A	Block comment
Ctrl+K Ctrl+0	Fold region
Ctrl+K Ctrl+J	Unfold region

Search & Replace

Find and Replace Shortcuts

Ctrl+F Ctrl+H F3 /	Find Replace Find next/previous	Use the Find widget (Ctrl+F) or Search view (Ctrl+Shift+F) for advanced search options. Supports regular expressions, case sensitivity, and whole word matching.	The Replace feature (Ctrl+H) allows you to replace single or all occurrences of the found text. You can use regular expressions for more complex replacements.
Shift+F3 Alt+Enter	Select all occurrences of Find match	Modify settings to exclude certain files or folders from the search using files.exclude and search.exclude in settings.json.	Use the Replace All button cautiously, especially when using regular expressions, to avoid unintended changes.

Rename Symbol

Trigger Refactor

Code Formatting & Refactoring

Code Formatting

Shift+Alt+F	Format Document	F2
Ctrl+K Ctrl+F	Format Selection	Ctrl+Shift+R
editor.forma tOnSave	Format on Save (setting in settings.json)	

Advanced Search

Refactoring

Debugging Basics

Debugging

F9	Toggle breakpoint
F5	Start/Continue debugging
Shift+F5	Stop debugging
F10	Step over
F11	Step into
Shift+F11	Step out

Debugging Configuration

Create a launch.json file in the .vscode folder of your project to configure debugging settings for different environments and languages. This allows you to specify the program to run, arguments, and other debugging options.

Customize breakpoints by adding conditions, hit counts, and log messages to make debugging more efficient.

Organize Imports

Replace Functionality

Install extensions like 'Python' or 'ESLint' to enable advanced features such as organize imports and automatic code cleanup.

Use specific language features (e.g., in Python, use Ctrl+Shift+P then 'Organize Imports') to sort and clean up your imports.

Useful Debugging Features

Use the Debug Console to evaluate expressions, inspect variables, and execute commands during a debugging session.

Utilize the Watch window to monitor specific variables or expressions as your code executes.