VISUAL STUDIO CODE Cheat Sheet
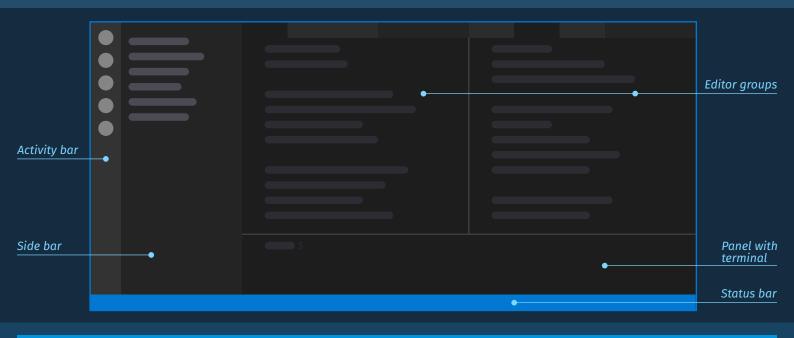
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GENERAL

Show command palette	CTRL ⇧ P
Edit keyboard shortcuts	CTRL K CTRL S

SMART CODE FEATURES

Trigger suggestion	CTRL SPACE
Trigger parameter hints	CTRL ⇧ SPACE
Go to definition	F12
Peek definition	ALT F12
Show references	⇧ F12
Rename symbol	F2
Format document	ALT ⇧ F
Format selection	CTRL K CTRL F
Change file language	CTRL K M

SELECTING AND NAVIGATING CODE

Select line	CTRL L
Expand/shrink selection	ALT ⇧ → / ALT ⇧ ←
Add cursor above/below	CTRL ALT ↑ / CTRL ALT ↓
Add cursors at line ends	ALT ⇧ I
Select all selection occurrences	CTRL ⇧ L
Undo cursor operation	CTRL U
Skip current word	CTRL K CTRL D
Go back/forward	ALT ← / ALT →
Go to line	CTRL G
Go to symbol	CTRL ⇧ O
Focus breadcrumbs	CTRL ⇧ .

EDITING CODE

Move line up/down	ALT ↑ / ALT ↓
Copy line up/down	ALT ⇧ ↑ / ALT ⇧ ↓
Delete line	CTRL ⇧ K
New line above/ below current	CTRL ENTER / CTRL ⇧ ENTER
Indent/outdent line	CTRL] / CTRL [
Toggle line comment	CTRL /
Toggle block comment	ALT ⇧ A
Trim trailing whitespace	CTRL K CTRL X

Editor groups

Activity bar

Side bar

Panel with terminal

Status bar

EDITOR MANAGEMENT

Focus 1st, 2nd, 3rd editor group	CTRL 1 / CTRL 2 / CTRL 3
Open next/previous editor	CTRL PAGEDOWN / CTRL PAGEUP
Keep preview mode editor open	CTRL K ENTER
Close all	CTRL K CTRL W
Reopen closed editor	CTRL ⇧ T
Open in new editor group	CTRL ENTER
Zen mode	CTRL K Z
New window/instance	CTRL ⇧ N
Close window/instance	CTRL ⇧ W

FILE NAVIGATION

Open recent	CTRL R
Quick open	CTRL P
Go to symbol in workspace	CTRL T
Copy path of file	CTRL K P
Reveal file in Explorer	CTRL K R

SEARCH

Find	CTRL F
Replace	CTRL H
Replace in files	CTRL ⇧ H
Find next/previous	F3 / ⇧ F3

TOOLS AND TERMINAL

Run build task	CTRL ⇧ B
Show/focus integrated terminal	CTRL `
Create new terminal	CTRL ⇧ `

VIEW

Toggle side bar	CTRL B
Show/focus explorer	CTRL ⇧ E
Show search	CTRL ⇧ F
Show source control	CTRL ⇧ G
Show debug	CTRL ⇧ D
Show extensions	CTRL ⇧ X
Toggle panel	CTRL J
Open Markdown preview	CTRL ⇧ V
Toggle word wrap	ALT Z

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EDITOR SPLITS

You can **split editors** to achieve just about any layout you want. The **View → Editor Layout** menu holds some presets like **three columns** or a **two-by-two grid**. There are commands for splitting the current editor in any direction, and **dragging-and-dropping** the tab of an open file also lets you create a split in any direction. In addition, here are some ways to manage the editor layout:

`CTRL` `2` , `CTRL` `3` etc. will bring up additional editors, or focus that editor if it's already opened.

`ALT` -clicking a file in the Explorer in the side bar will open the file in a second editor.

`CTRL` `ENTER` in the Quick Open file list opens the file in a new editor.

TERMINAL

The panel at the bottom of the VS Code interface houses an **integrated terminal**. `CTRL` `J` toggles the panel, while `CTRL` `` ` `` focuses and then toggles the terminal.

`CTRL` `⇧` `` ` `` opens a new terminal. You can **shift between open terminals** using the dropdown in the upper-right corner of the panel. The terminal can be split, and binding a keyboard shortcut to the command "View: Toggle Maximized Panel" allows you to temporarily maximize it.

There are also commands available to "**Run Selected Text in Active Terminal**" and "**Run Active File in Active Terminal**".

KEYBOARD SHORTCUT PREFERENCES

Open the keyboard shortcut preferences with the shortcut `CTRL` `K` `CTRL` `S` . Here, you can **search for a command** like "add cursor below", but you can also **search for a key binding**. For example, searching for "ctrl shift cmd right" shows the command bound to that shortcut.

The preferences show the keyboard shortcuts with the current keyboard layout. If you switch your keyboard layout, the shortcuts displayed update accordingly.

You can **filter the shortcuts** to display only bindings added by the user or default bindings by typing **@source:user** or **@source:default** in the search bar.