

VS Code Shortcuts

The shortcuts below use Windows/Linux bindings. On macOS, swap `Ctrl` for `⌘` (Cmd) and `Alt` for `⌥` (Option) for most of them — a handful keep `Control`, noted where they do. When in doubt, the Command Palette finds any action and shows its current binding.

The Essentials

Shortcut	Action
<code>Ctrl+Shift+P</code>	Command Palette — run any command
<code>Ctrl+P</code>	Quick Open — jump to any file by name
<code>Ctrl+,</code>	open Settings
<code>Ctrl+K Ctrl+S</code>	Keyboard Shortcuts editor
<code>Ctrl+Shift+X</code>	Extensions view
<code>Ctrl+Shift+P</code> then <code>></code>	browse all commands

Forget a shortcut? `Ctrl+Shift+P`, type what you want ("format", "split", "rename"). The palette lists the command and its key binding, so you re-learn it in place.

Editing

Shortcut	Action
<code>Ctrl+/</code>	toggle line comment
<code>Shift+Alt+A</code>	toggle block comment
<code>Alt+↑ / Alt+↓</code>	move line up / down
<code>Shift+Alt+↓</code>	copy line down (duplicate)
<code>Ctrl+Shift+K</code>	delete line
<code>Ctrl+Enter</code>	insert line below
<code>Ctrl+] / Ctrl+[</code>	indent / outdent
<code>Shift+Alt+F</code>	format the document
<code>Ctrl+Space</code>	trigger suggestions

Multi-Cursor & Selection

Shortcut	Action
Ctrl+D	select next occurrence of the word (add cursor)
Ctrl+Shift+L	select all occurrences at once
Alt+Click	add a cursor wherever you click
Ctrl+Alt+↑ / ↓	add a cursor above / below
Shift+Alt+drag	column (box) selection
Ctrl+L	select the current line
Shift+Alt+→ / ←	expand / shrink selection

Navigation

Shortcut	Action
Ctrl+G	go to line number (Mac: ^G)
Ctrl+Shift+0	go to symbol in the file
Ctrl+T	go to symbol across the workspace
F12	go to definition
Alt+F12	peek definition (inline)
Ctrl+Tab	switch between open editors
Alt+← / Alt+→	navigate back / forward

Search & Replace

Shortcut	Action
Ctrl+F	find in the current file
Ctrl+H	replace in the current file
Ctrl+Shift+F	find across all files
Ctrl+Shift+H	replace across all files
F3 / Shift+F3	next / previous match
Alt+Enter	select all find matches

Panels & Layout

Shortcut	Action
Ctrl+B	toggle the sidebar
Ctrl+`	toggle the integrated terminal (Mac: ^`)
Ctrl+J	toggle the bottom panel
Ctrl+\	split the editor
Ctrl+K Z	Zen mode (distraction-free)
Ctrl+Shift+E	Explorer
Ctrl+Shift+G	Source Control