VS Code Cheatsheet



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

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Alt+Click	Insert cursor
Ctrl+Alt+Up/Do wn	Insert cursor above/below
Ctrl+D	Select next occurrence
Ctrl+K Ctrl+D	Skip current occurrence
Shift+Alt+I	Insert cursor at end of each line selected
Ctrl+Shift+L	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	Find
Ctrl+H	Replace
F3 / Shift+F3	Find next/previous
Alt+Enter	Select all occurrences of Find match

Code Formatting & Refactoring

Code Formatting

Shift+Alt+F	Format Document
Ctrl+K Ctrl+F	Format Selection
editor.formatOn Save	Format on Save (setting in settings.json)

Debugging

Debugging Basics

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

Advanced Search

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.

Modify settings to exclude certain files or folders from the search using files.exclude and search.exclude in settings.json.

Refactoring

F2	Rename Symbol
Ctrl+Shift+R	Trigger Refactor

Replace Functionality

The Replace feature (Ctr1+H) allows you to replace single or all occurrences of the found text. You can use regular expressions for more complex replacements.

Use the **Replace All** button cautiously, especially when using regular expressions, to avoid unintended changes.

Organize Imports

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.

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.

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.

