VS Code: practical shortcuts for Audion

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Windows-focused cheat sheet for everyday work in Markdown, code, terminal, search, and navigation.

Markdown / Preview

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + Shift + V`	Open Markdown Preview	Quickly view the current `.md` as rendered Markdown
`Ctrl + K`, then `V`	Open Markdown Preview to the side	Best mode for writing on the left and reading preview on the right
`Ctrl + Alt + V`	Paste image from clipboard *(Paste Image extension)*	Fast screenshot flow into Markdown notes
`Ctrl + S`	Save	Useful even with Auto Save enabled

Search / Replace / bulk edits

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + F`	Find in current file	Basic local search
`Ctrl + H`	Replace in current file	Quick local replacement
`Ctrl + Shift + F`	Search across files	Search in Hub / project / repo
`Ctrl + Shift + H`	Replace across files	Bulk replace across the workspace
`Alt + C`	Toggle Match Case	Search only exact letter case
`Alt + W`	Toggle Whole Word	Avoid partial matches
`Alt + R`	Toggle Regular Expression	Powerful pattern search
`Ctrl + Shift + J`	Toggle Search details	Include/exclude files, advanced filters
`Alt + Enter`	Open search results in Search Editor	Turns results into an editable/searchable editor view

Terminal / command flow

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + ` `	Toggle integrated terminal	Main terminal shortcut
`Ctrl + Shift + \`	Create new terminal	Open another terminal tab/session
`Ctrl + I`	Inline chat in editor or terminal *(if chat/Copilot features are enabled)*	Optional AI assist; useful only if you actually keep chat features available
`Ctrl + Alt + I`	Open Chat view *(if chat/Copilot features are enabled)*	Opens the full chat panel

Navigation / layout

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + B`	Toggle Sidebar	More screen space / bring Explorer back
`Ctrl + Shift + E`	Focus Explorer	Jump straight to files
`Ctrl + P`	Quick Open file	Fastest file open in large repos
`Ctrl + Tab`	Switch between open editors	Useful with many files open
`Ctrl + \\`	Split editor	Open a second editor pane
`Ctrl + W`	Close active editor	Fast tab cleanup

Commands / settings / keybindings

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + Shift + P`	Command Palette	The master shortcut: almost everything starts here
`Ctrl + ,`	Open Settings	Fast access to settings UI
`Ctrl + K`, then `Ctrl + S`	Open Keyboard Shortcuts	Search, learn, and remap keys

Files / editing

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + S`	Save file	Still useful for “save now” muscle memory
`Ctrl + /`	Toggle line comment	Fast commenting in many languages
`Alt + Up / Down`	Move line up/down	Great for text, Markdown, lists, shell commands
`Shift + Alt + Up / Down`	Copy line up/down	Duplicate blocks fast
`Ctrl + D`	Add next match to selection	Great for repeated word edits

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + Shift + L`	Select all matches of current selection	Bulk editing in one shot
`F2`	Rename symbol	Safer rename in supported languages
`Ctrl + Space`	Trigger suggestion	Force IntelliSense/manual completion

Git / workspace life

Shortcut	What it does	Why it matters
`Ctrl + Shift + G`	Open Source Control	Quick Git panel access
`Ctrl + Shift + X`	Open Extensions	Install/update/check extensions

My recommended practical set to memorize first

1. `Ctrl + Shift + P` — Command Palette
2. `Ctrl + P` — open file
3. `Ctrl + Shift + V` — Markdown Preview
4. `Ctrl + K`, `V` — Preview to the side
5. `Ctrl + ` ` — terminal
6. `Ctrl + Shift + F` — global search
7. `Ctrl + Shift + H` — replace in files
8. `Ctrl + B` — sidebar
9. `Ctrl + ,` — settings
10. `Ctrl + K`, `Ctrl + S` — keyboard shortcuts
11. `Ctrl + W` — close editor
12. `Ctrl + Alt + V` — paste image into Markdown

Notes for your setup

- If you keep Copilot/chat disabled, treat `Ctrl + I` and `Ctrl + Alt + I` as optional and ignore them.

- For Markdown work, the strongest daily pair is:
  - `Ctrl + Shift + V`
  - `Ctrl + K`, `V`
- For large note vaults and code repos, the strongest search pair is:
  - `Ctrl + Shift + F`
  - `Ctrl + Shift + H`
- Your Kit works for both portable and installed VS Code. The main difference is only where `settings.json` lives; the shortcuts and extensions themselves remain the same.