
Subject: Block comment key short cut

Posted by [Lance](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 12:10:09 GMT

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Thank you for your tips.

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Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 12:26:28 GMT

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Hi Lance,

To jump to included file (and many other useful locations, like function or variable declaration) you can also use Alt+j shortcut for context jump. It will jump to location associated with word under cursor. Also Alt+Left arrow/Right Arrow allow you to browse back and forth through the history, so you can easily get back where you were before the context jump.

I am not sure what you mean by block comment function, but you might like to turn on the option "/*(enloses selection" (or something like that, I don't have the ide here right now) in Setup -> Environment. If you then select block of text pressing * or / will comment it out. Similar behavior works also for brackets and some other keys maybe (sorry, speaking from top of my mind here).

Best regards,
Honza

PS: You should check the key shortcuts setting dialog, it could give you some ideas about what tricks are hidden in the ide

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Posted by [Lance](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 13:01:55 GMT
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preceding them. And you can also BLOCK uncomment selected code lines so that those line are back to life again

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The way you mentioned may be functionally equivalent or similar, but it doesn't allow nested actions, eg, you may comment 3 lines and subsequently want to comment a larger block containing these 3 lines. Majority of C++ preprocessors don't accept nested `/**/` comment, at least by default.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [Lance](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 13:04:12 GMT
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I find another shortcut:

When browsing code, you can CTRL + Mouse LEFT CLICK a function to navigate to its declaration etc. It's very handy when you are trying to dig into the U++ library code.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2011 02:29:43 GMT
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Select a block of lines.
Press /

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [jerson](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2011 06:17:37 GMT
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Wow, that was a big help to me as well. Thanks Novo.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [Lance](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2011 17:53:30 GMT
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Thanks Novo, That's exactly what I wanted.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [nneilson](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2011 22:27:29 GMT
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Works good.

Maybe someday there will be a Manual that can be downloaded that includes tips like this.

There are capabilities that Upp has that could be very useful if we knew what they are.

Neil

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [jibe](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2011 09:38:28 GMT
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Hi,

Novo wrote on Thu, 17 March 2011 03:29
Setup -> Environment -> Assist
Check "[{ (" / * enclose selection"
Select a block of lines.
Press /

... And after, reselect the same block of lines, press / again and you will undo what you did

This is why I like very much Upp : There are a lot of very practical (and Funky!) tips

The only thing missing is good documentation ! Well : I know and I understand why : days are only 24 hours... What exists now is already good, and I think that paying attention to small details like the one I suggested here, could greatly improve it. I think the problem of documentation is that it is too difficult to find what we need, not so often that it's missing.

Anyway, thanks and congratulations to Upp developpers !

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Posted by [Lance](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2011 02:04:47 GMT
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I owe dolik.rce a big thank-you. He actually gave me the right answer but I missed the point.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2011 10:43:04 GMT
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Lance wrote on Sat, 19 March 2011 03:04I owe dolik.rce a big thank-you. He actually gave me the right answer but I missed the point.

No problem In a community assembled from people all over the world, such things just happen easily I already got used to it...

Honza

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [jibe](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2011 08:58:25 GMT
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Hi,

I'm almost sure that I saw a way to prepare functions like this :

```
myfunction {  
  
}
```

and put the cursor at the right place to write the function (1st line with indentation), but I'm unable to retrieve it... could somebody remind us about that here, so it will complete this post

And more generally, maybe there is a way, when you type something working by pair like {[, to have immediatly the pair and cursor inside ?

Thks.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [jerson](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2011 09:24:29 GMT
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Nice question. Set me seeking too. Can't believe it's so easy

Look for the abbreviations under Setup menu item.

To create a While loop, just type w followed by Ctrl+[.] (under assist-> complete abbreviation) and you will get your while structure ready to use.

Subject: Re: Block comment key short cut
Posted by [jibe](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2011 14:24:42 GMT
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jerson wrote on Thu, 07 July 2011 11:24 Look for the abbreviations under Setup menu item.

Yes, it's what I was looking for... Probably making some mistake, as for functions it will not be so easy.

I looked for that in the forum and in the help and was unable to find. Just forgot to look at the Setup menu !

I'm almost sure that I saw that somewhere else in the forum, but cannot find it anymore...

Something strange : I cannot edit or delete any item, the buttons are grayed ! But it's possible to use the popup menu that appears when right-clicking on a keyword...

For functions, I added the v keyword, doing this :

```
void @()  
{  
  
}
```

I also added p :

```
( @ )
```

Thank you, jerson !

BTW : CTRL+[.] works only with the point of the numeric pad...
