

NetBeans 6.0 Shortcuts and Tips

for Ruby on Rails Development

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<http://wiki.netbeans.org/wiki/view/RubyShortcuts>
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Shortcut: Action	Shortcut
Show code completion alternatives	Ctrl + Space
Generate (Ruby on Rails only)	Ctrl + Insert
Show documentation for the method, class or field under the caret	Ctrl + Shift + Space
Show name of current parameter (in argument list)	Ctrl + P
Select applicable quickfix (when a lightbulb is showing next to the current line)	Alt + Enter
Select the next enclosing block (hit repeatedly to select the surrounding block)	Alt + Shift + Period
Select progressively smaller blocks around the caret	Alt + Shift + Comma
Jump between a Rails action (a method in a controller file) and its corresponding view (a .rhtml or .erb file).	Ctrl + Shift + A
Jump between a test file and its tested file.	Ctrl + Shift + T
Toggle Breakpoint on current line	Ctrl + F8
Hippie-expand / complete the current word by inserting the next matching word from open buffers.	Ctrl + K
Open Type (go to a class in open projects or in the Ruby libraries)	Ctrl + O
Open File by name prefix (not path)	Alt + Shift + O
Run the current file. In a Rails project, open up the browser on the relevant URL (unless it's a rakefile / test file.)	Shift + F6
Test File (runs the unit test associated with the given file, or if not found the file itself as a test)	Ctrl + F6
Run test at caret (Run current test)	Ctrl + Alt + F6
Debug test at caret (Debug focused test)	Alt + Shift + F5
Reformat paragraph	Ctrl + Shift + P
Go to line	Ctrl + G
Toggle bookmark	Ctrl + Shift + M
Next/previous bookmark	Ctrl + Shift + Period/Comma
Rename the symbol under the caret (refactor)	Ctrl + R
Toggle Comment	Ctrl + ForwardSlash
Jump to other open documents (in LIFO order). Hold control key and tap the Tab key to see the list; press Tab to cycle.	Ctrl + Tab
Jump to matching parenthesis / brace / bracket, or other matching symbol (such as class, def, if, end, etc.)	Ctrl + [
Maximize the current window (typically the editor), temporarily docking all other windows (hover over to expose), press again to un-maximize	Shift + Esc
Jump to declaration of method	Ctrl + B or Ctrl + LeftMouseButton

Snippets (type the abbreviation and then hit Tab. Shift-Tab will cycle backwards.)

Abbr	Description
:	Insert a hash entry of the form :key => "value"
do	Insert a do block with an unused block iterator variable
r	RHTML: Insert <% %>
re	RHTML: insert Ruby Expression: <%= %>
ife	If-else block
begin	Begin-rescue-end block

Tons more at:

<http://ruby.netbeans.org/codetemplates-ruby.html>
<http://ruby.netbeans.org/codetemplates-rhtml.html>
(most are imported from TextMate snippets)

Other Tips

- In the "Open Type" dialog (Command-O, Ctrl-O) you can enter # to jump to methods, e.g. #to_s. Also, you can use camel-case to jump to classes. For example, AC::B will list ActionController::Base references.
- Pressing "#" in a string when there is a text selection will surround the text selection with #{ }
- Pressing left parenthesis/bracket/brace/single quote/double quote when there is a text selection in Ruby code will surround the text selection with the opposite character
- Pressing ", + or _ in a comment when there is a selected word will surround the word with the same character (useful for rdoc formatting).
- <Ctrl+Enter> is a workaround for the bug where <Enter> in an RHTML file inserts the newline after a %> marker.