

Here are a few tips that can help you in working faster with the flex builder.

- **Turn off ‘Build Automatically’**

From Project menu, uncheck ‘Build Automatically’. Many of us have the habit of saving the files after making each and every change in the code. If you have selected build automatically that will result in the whole source code getting compiled into the binary files every time you ask flex builder to save a file. Turning off ‘Build automatically’ significantly improves the saving time.

- **Do not generate HTML wrapper file**

While development you can turn off generating the HTML wrapper file. To turn it off, open the project properties, and select Flex Compiler properties.

In the flex compiler properties, within the HTML wrapper settings, uncheck ‘Generate HTML wrapper file’



After doing this, whenever you run the application, the compiler will not generate the html wrapper and you can save the time of waiting to see application after you press the Run button. The time will be reduced because the application will be launched within a standalone flash player, and a new browser window will not have to be launched.

- **Close the unrelated projects**

Keeping many projects open can eat up a few system resources. Close the projects which are unrelated to the project that you are working on.

To close the unrelated projects, In the Flex navigator window, right click on the project name which you are working on, and from the context menu. select ‘Close Unrelated projects’

- **Learn and use the important shortcuts**

It is good idea to use the keyboard shortcuts, listed below are some of the important shortcuts:

F11 – To Run the application

Ctrl+F11 – To Debug the application

F4 – To navigate between different containers used in your application (design

view only). This one is amongst my favorite shortcuts. Try it if you haven't yet and you will know why I said this.

Ctrl + Shift + B – To toggle break point.

F8 – To resume from a breakpoint (while debugging)

F5 – Step Into – To perform line by line debugging (while debugging)

F6 – Step Over – To perform line by line debugging (while debugging)

Ctrl + F2 – To terminate the launched application

Ctrl + Tab – To switch between different editor windows

Shift + F2 – To find in the Language reference

Ctrl + Shift + L – To open the Key Assist

I Hope that some of these tips might help you.