

Accessing Files on Remote Hosts

Once you have [set up synchronization](#) between your local application sources and the application sources on a remote host, the following manipulations are available:

- [Accessing a remote host](#)
- [Creating a folder on a remote host](#)
- [Removing a remote file or folder](#)
- [Renaming a remote file or folder](#)
- [Moving a remote file or folder](#)


You can also [compare](#) remote files and folders with their local versions.

IntelliJ IDEA does not support direct editing of files on remote hosts. To keep your local and remote sources synchronized, configure automatic upload using the **>Upload changed files automatically to the default server** drop-down list in the [Options](#) dialog box.

Access to remote hosts is controlled through [server configurations](#) of the type *FTP*, *FTPS*, *SFTP*, or *Mounted Folder*.

To access a remote host

1. Open the [Remote Host](#) tool window. On the main menu, choose one of the following:
 - **View | Tool Windows | Remote Host**
 - **Tools | Deployment | Browse Remote Host**
2. Select the required server configuration from the drop-down list. The tool window shows the remote host contents as a tree view of files and folders.

If now relevant server configuration is available in the drop-down list, click the **Browse** button  and configure access to the host in the [Deployment](#) dialog box that opens.

To create a directory on a remote host

- Select the parent directory and choose **Create Folder** on the context menu.

To remove a file or folder on a remote host

- Select the required file or folder and choose **Delete** on the context menu.

To rename a file or folder on a remote host

- Select the required file or folder in the tree view, choose **Rename** on the context menu, and specify the new name in the **Rename** dialog box that opens.

To move a file or folder

1. Select the file or folder and choose **Cut** on the context menu.
2. Select the folder to move the file or folder to and choose **Paste** on the context menu. Then confirm the changes in the **Move remote Items** dialog box that opens.