

Accessing Files on Web Servers

Once you have [set up synchronization](#) between your local application sources and the application sources on a server, you can create new folders, move, rename, and delete existing files and folders. You can also [compare](#) files and folders on the server with their local versions.

Please note, that for the sake of simplicity any file or folder under the *project root* is referred to as *local* and any file or folder on the server is referred to as *remote*, even if the server is installed on your machine. For details, see [Working with Web Servers: Copying Files](#).


IntelliJ IDEA does not support direct editing of files on servers. 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 servers is controlled through [server configurations](#) of the type *FTP*, *FTPS*, *SFTP*, or *Local or Mounted Folder*.

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Accessing a server

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 a tree view of files and folders under the *server configuration root*. If no relevant server configuration is available in the drop-down list, click the **Browse** button  and configure access to the server in the **Deployment** dialog box that opens.

For details, see [Configuring Synchronization with a Web Server](#).

Creating a folder on a server

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

Removing a file or folder on a server

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

Renaming a file or folder on a server

- 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.

Moving 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.
Alternatively, select the required file or folder and drag it to the new location. Then confirm the changes in the **Move remote Items** dialog box that opens.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Working with Web Servers: Copying Files](#)

Reference:

- [Remote Host Tool Window](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 