

# Add/Edit Filter

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The dialog box opens when you click the **Add** or **Edit** button in the [Output Filters](#) dialog box. Use this dialog box to configure and re-configure filters to distinguish the output of a specific external tool from other output.

Item	Description
Name	In this text box, specify the name to identify the filter.
Description	In this text box, provide a description of the filter.
Regular expression to match output	<p>In this text box, specify a regular expression according to which IntelliJ IDEA will distinguish the output of a specific external tool from other output.</p> <p>Type the desired expression manually, or select the relevant macro from the context menu, or assemble the macros into an expression, as necessary. The available macros are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ \$FILE_PATH\$</li><li>■ \$LINE\$</li><li>■ \$COLUMN\$</li></ul> <p>IntelliJ IDEA applies the specified filtering expressions against the console output of the external tool. As soon as a pattern is hit, its part that matches the \$FILE_PATH\$ will be treated as a path to a specific file and will be displayed as a link. When you click such link, the corresponding file is opened in the editor.</p>

## See Also

Procedures:

- [Configuring Third-Party Tools](#)

Reference:

- [Output Filters Dialog](#)
- [External Tools](#)
- [Edit Tool Dialog](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)