

## Android Layout Preview Tool Window







The tool window appears when you open a layout definition file for the first time and remains on the screen until you close it manually by clicking the [Preview tool window button](#). After that it remains hidden until you open it manually by clicking the **Preview tool window** button again.

In this tool window, emulate the required target device configuration and view the output of the currently opened layout definition file in it without launching a physical or virtual device. This helps you adjust your application to various Android platforms, devices with various [screen sizes](#), orientations, doc modes, night/notnight modes, locales, etc.

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### Toolbar

Item	Tooltip	Description
	Zoom to fit	Toggle this button to have IntelliJ IDEA compress or expand the preview so it fits the <a href="#">target screen size</a> .
	Zoom to Actual Size	Click this button to have IntelliJ IDEA
	Zoom In	Click this button to have IntelliJ IDEA expand the preview.
	Zoom Out	Click this button to have IntelliJ IDEA compress the preview.
	Refresh	Click this button to have IntelliJ IDEA update the preview so it reflects the changes to the current layout definitions, if it has not been done on-the-fly.
	Options	Click this button to configure appearance and behavior of the tool window. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Hide for non-layout file:</b> select this option to have IntelliJ IDEA temporarily close the tool window when the focus in the editor switches to a non-layout file. As soon as the same or another layout definition file is in focus, the tool window re-appears automatically.</li></ul> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">The tool window does not re-appear automatically if you close it manually by clicking the <b>Preview tool window</b> button.</div>

### Controls

From the drop-down lists in this area, choose the following [alternative resources](#) to emulate the required target device configuration:

- **Target device** which presents a combination of [Screen size](#) and [screen density](#). If no device is chosen, IntelliJ IDEA displays an error message and provides a link to the dialog box where you can [configure it](#).
- [Screen orientation](#).
- [Target Android platform](#) to adjust the application to.

- [Locale](#) .
- [Dock mode](#) .
- [Night mode](#) .
- [Theme](#) .

### See Also

#### Reference:

- [Android Reference](#)

#### Getting Started:

- [IntelliJ IDEA Tool Windows](#)

#### Android:

- [Android](#)
- [Previewing Output of Layout Definition Files](#)

#### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) .