

# Annotating Source Code Directly

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Your source code can contain various annotations. For example, `@Nullable` and `@NotNull` annotations are used, when IntelliJ IDEA supposes that a certain element can become `Null`. The `@NonNls` annotation is used to ignore the hard-coded string literals.

## To use annotations

1. Make sure that `annotations.jar` that can be found in the `lib` folder under the IntelliJ IDEA installation, is added to the module dependencies.

For `@javax.annotation.ParametersAreNonnullByDefault` annotations, `javax` should be added to the module libraries.

You can also use annotations from JSR-305 and FindBugs. In this case, make sure they are added to the classpath.

You can configure `@Nullable`, `@NotNull` and `@Contract` annotations in the [Inspections](#) page of the Settings dialog (*Constant conditions and exceptions - Configure annotations*).

2. Introduce the desired annotation before the package/class/field/variable/method/method parameter declaration.

## See Also

### Procedures:

- [Configuring Module Dependencies and Libraries](#)
- [Internationalizing Source Code](#)

### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 