Appearance

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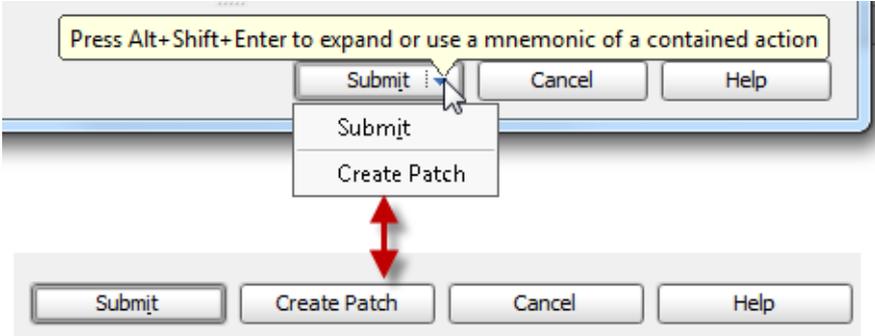- Presentation Mode

UI Options

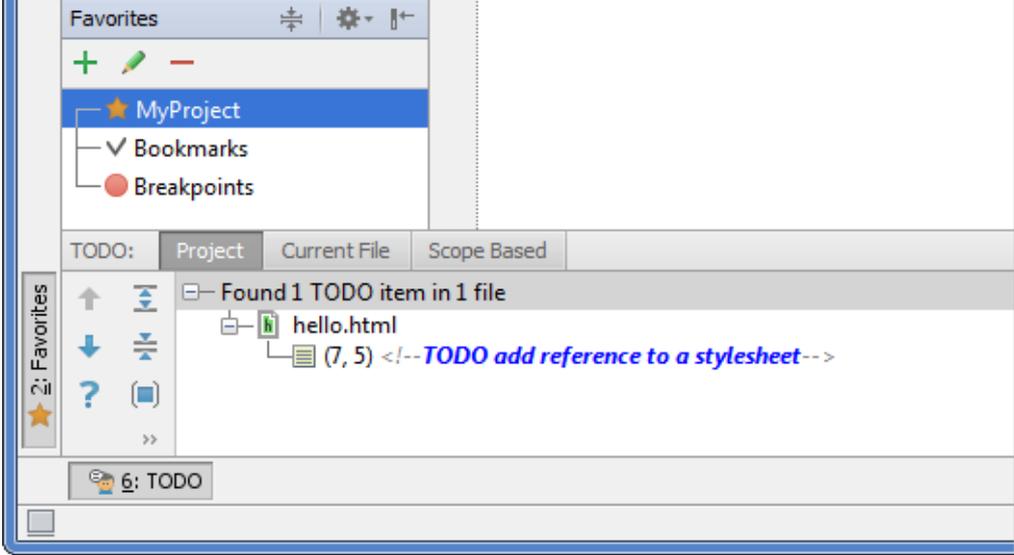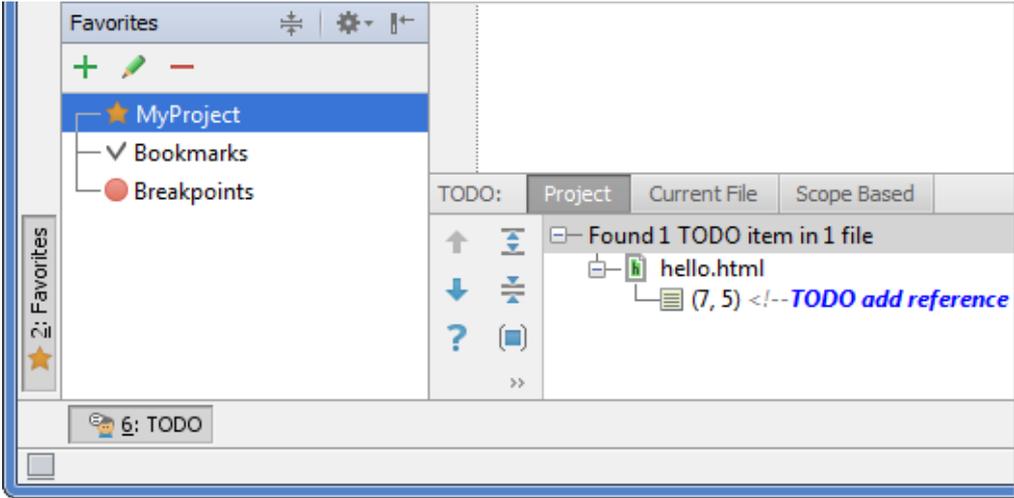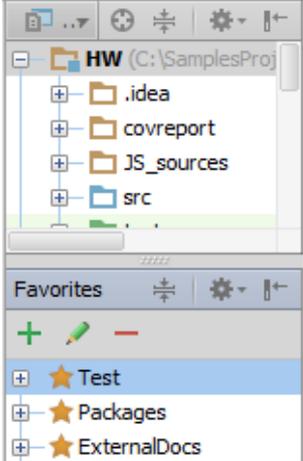| Option	Description
Cyclic scrolling in list	Select this check box to enable scrolling through a list by jumping from the last item to the first one and vice versa.
Show icons in quick navigation	Select this check box to have icons shown in the quick navigation pop-up menu (`Ctrl/Ctrl+Shift/Ctrl+Shift+Alt+N`) .
Automatically position mouse cursor on default button	Select this check box to have the mouse pointer placed at the default button when a dialog box opens. If the check box is not selected, the pointer location does not change.
Hide navigation popups on focus loss	If this check box is selected, the navigation pop-up frames (go to class/file/symbol) close, when any other IntelliJ IDEA component gets the focus. If this check box is not selected, the navigation pop-up frames persist on changing the focus, and the only way to close such pop-up lays with pressing `Escape`.
Theme	Use this drop-down list to select the desired theme from the list. In particular, Darcula theme is available. Changing to/from this theme requires IntelliJ IDEA restart. In the Community edition of IntelliJ IDEA, the new default scheme with the name *IntelliJ* is used.
Tooltip initial delay (ms)	Use this slider to specify the time to pass between the moment you hover the mouse over an item in the editor and the moment when the tooltip with its value appears. This settings is especially important during debugging. If the delay is too short using the mouse becomes inconvenient because every mouse move across the screen brings forward a number of tooltips with the values of all the variables.
Override default fonts by (not recommended)	Select this check box to enable specifying font family and size to be used instead of the default one. When first installed, IntelliJ IDEA takes Windows default font size and style.

Transparency

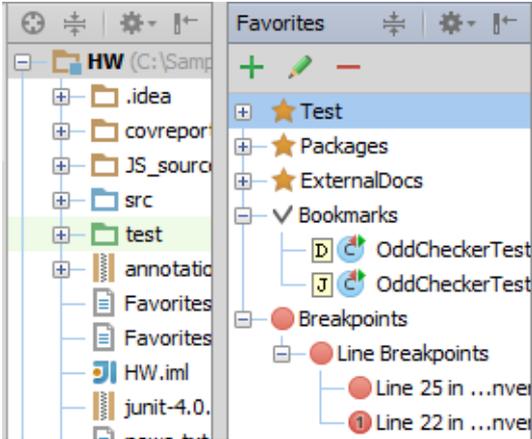| Option	Description
Use transparent mode for floating windows	Select this check box if you want floating tool windows to become semi-transparent when inactive (i.e. not in focus). The **Delay** and **Ratio** fields are enabled only after you select the **Use transparent mode...** check box.
Delay (ms)	In this text box, specify the time in milliseconds after which an inactive floating tool window becomes transparent.
Ratio	Specify the transparency ratio for the floating tool windows using the sliding scale. The higher the ratio, the more transparent and less visible the tool windows are.

Window Options

Option	Description
Animate windows	Select this check box to have undocked tool windows slide with the animation effect. This option applies only when a tool window is undocked.
Show memory indicator	Select this check box to show the Memory Indicator on the Status Bar.
Show tool window bars	Select this check box to display tool window bars.
Show tool window numbers	Select this check box to show tool window quick access numbers on the tool window buttons. You can use the `Alt+number` shortcuts regardless of this setting and change the shortcuts on the Keymap page. Note that the tool window mnemonics show up only when the corresponding keybindings have the format `Alt+n`, where `n` is an integer number in the range from 1 to 9. In the case of a different keyboard shortcut, the mnemonics are not displayed.
Disable mnemonics in controls	Select this check box to hide underlining of hot keys in the IntelliJ IDEA controls.
Disable mnemonics in menu	Select this check box to hide underlining of hot keys in the IntelliJ IDEA menus.

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Allow merging buttons on dialogs	If this check box is selected, the multiple commands in a dialog box are grouped under a single button with a down arrow. You can view all merged commands by clicking the drop-down list, or pressing `Shift+Alt+Enter` . If this check box is not selected, the buttons will be shown in a row. Compare:
Small labels in editor tabs	If this check box is cleared, the font size on the editor tabs is set to the default value, as in the project tree view. If this check box is selected, the font size on the editor tabs is set to the smaller value.

Option	Description
Widescreen tool window layout	If this check box is selected, the way the tool windows are positioned is optimized for a wide-screen display. Widescreen tool window layout is OFF: Widescreen tool window layout is ON:

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Side by side layout on the left/right	When these check boxes are selected, the way the tool windows are positioned is optimized for a wide-screen display. Side-by-side layout is OFF: Side by side layout is ON: Toggle layout by `Ctrl+MouseClick` on splitter between the tool windows. This only applies to the tool windows located on the left and right sides, but not at the top and bottom of the IntelliJ IDEA window.
Show editor preview tooltip	If this check box is selected, IntelliJ IDEA shows a fragment of the source code, annotated with the warnings or error messages, or allocated outside of the visible area of the editor. See section 'Lens' Mode.

Presentation Mode

Item	Description
Font size	Use the drop-down list to select the font size for the presentation mode.

See Also

Procedures:

- Configuring IDE Settings

Reference:

- Tool Windows Reference

Getting Started:

- Guided Tour Around IntelliJ IDEA User Interface
- IntelliJ IDEA Tool Windows

Web Resources:

- Developer Community 🗗