

Changes Tool Window

VCS | Show Changes View

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The **Changes** tool window enables you to manage changelists and files within them, perform VCS-specific actions, or view modifications introduced by other team members. The actions can be performed using the toolbar buttons, or context menu commands.

Changes tool window is only available when version control is [enabled](#) in your project.

You can invoke **Reformat Code** action (Ctrl+Alt+L) on a changelist. In this case **Reformat Files** dialog with different options becomes available.

The tool window consists of several tabs. The **Local** is always present, the set of other tabs depends on the version control system used in your project.


- [Local tab](#).
- [Repository tab](#). This tab is not available for [Git](#) and [Mercurial](#) integration.
- [Incoming tab](#). This tab is not available for [Git](#) and [Mercurial](#) integration.
- [Subversion working copies information tab](#) for [Subversion](#) integration.
- [Log tab](#) for [Git](#) and [Mercurial](#) integration.
- **Shelf** tab that shows postponed changes that you can apply at any time. For more information, see [Shelving and Unshelving Changes](#).


Title bar context menu and buttons

The title bar context menu provides the options for controlling the tool window [viewing modes](#). It also contains the commands for associating the tool window with a different [tool window bar](#), resizing and hiding the tool window.

To access the menu, right-click the window title bar.

Note that most of the menu options may alternatively be accessed by means of the title bar buttons.

Toolbar icon	Context menu command	Description
	Pinned, Docked, Floating, Split Mode	These options let you control general appearance and behavior of the tool window, see Viewing Modes .
	Move to	To associate the tool window with a different tool window bar , select this command, and then select the destination tool window bar (Top , Left , Bottom or Right).
	Resize	To resize the tool window by moving one of its borders, select this command, and then select the necessary Stretch to option. Note that this command is not available in the floating mode.

Toolbar icon	Context menu command	Description
 Shift+Escape	Hide	Use this command to hide the tool window. <div data-bbox="576 286 1396 454" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">When used in combination with the Alt key, clicking this button hides all the tool windows attached to the same tool window bar.</div>

See Also

Concepts:

- [Changelist](#)

Procedures:

- [Managing Changelists](#)
- [Viewing Changes Information](#)
- [Shelf Tab](#)

Getting Started:

- [IntelliJ IDEA Tool Windows](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 