

Code Folding

Code folding lets you collapse (fold) code blocks, reducing them to a single visible line. In this way, you can hide the details that, at the moment, seem unimportant. If and when necessary, the folded code blocks can be expanded (unfolded).

Folded code blocks are shown as shaded ellipses.

You can fold (collapse) and unfold (expand) the code blocks by using:

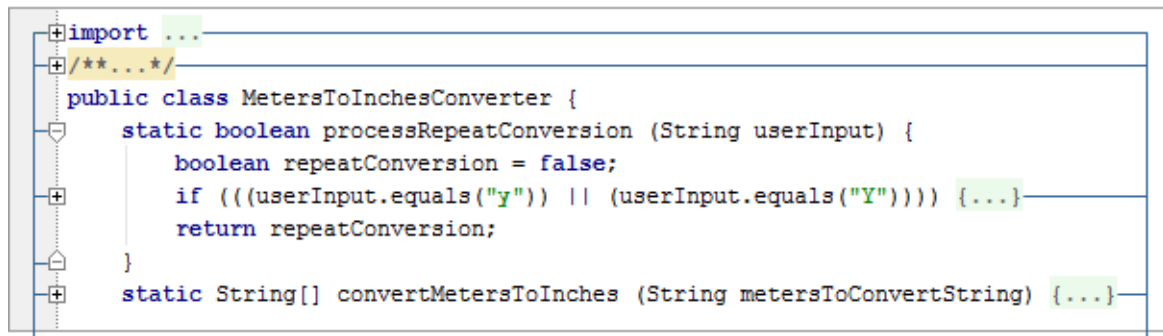
- Code folding toggles (⌵, ⌶ or ⊕). These toggles are shown in the editor to the left of the corresponding blocks. If a block is not folded, ⌵ indicates the beginning of the block while ⌶ is located at its end. For folded blocks, the toggle is shown as ⊕.
- Commands of the **Folding** menu. The **Folding** menu can be accessed from the main menu bar (**Code | Folding**) or as a context menu in the editor.
- Keyboard shortcuts. The corresponding shortcuts are shown in the **Folding** menu.

To expand a folded code block, in addition, you can just click the corresponding block in the editor.

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Folding toggles and folded blocks



The screenshot shows a code editor with the following code:

```
import ...
/**...*/
public class MetersToInchesConverter {
    static boolean processRepeatConversion (String userInput) {
        boolean repeatConversion = false;
        if (((userInput.equals("y")) || (userInput.equals("Y")))) {...}
        return repeatConversion;
    }
    static String[] convertMetersToInches (String metersToConvertString) {...}
```

On the left side of the code, there are folding toggles: a minus sign in a square (⌵) for the first line, a plus sign in a square (⊕) for the second line, a minus sign in a square (⌵) for the class body, a plus sign in a square (⊕) for the method body, and a plus sign in a square (⊕) for the second method body. The code blocks for the two methods are shaded grey, indicating they are folded.

Folding toggles

Folded blocks

Folding menu

Expand	Ctrl+NumPad +	Expand or collapse the current block
Collapse	Ctrl+NumPad -	
Expand All	Ctrl+Shift+NumPad +	Expand or collapse all the blocks in the current file
Collapse All	Ctrl+Shift+NumPad -	
Expand doc comments		Expand or collapse all the documentation comments in
Collapse doc comments		
Fold Selection / Remove region	Ctrl+Period	Collapse the selected fragment / Expand the fragment
Fold Code Block	Ctrl+Shift+Period	Collapse the code block between the nearest { and }

See Also

Reference:

- [Editor. Colors and Fonts](#)
- [Code Folding](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 