

# Commander Tool Window

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The Commander tool window is available when the *Commander* plugin that comes bundled with IntelliJ IDEA, is [enabled](#) in your working environment.

Commander displays the hierarchical structure of a project in two similar panes and provides a handy interface for managing files and folders. Unlike the tree views, each Commander pane shows only one level of hierarchy, which is convenient in some cases (for example, when you are permanently working with one package only and don't need to view the whole hierarchy).


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## Toolbar buttons

Icon	Keyboard Shortcut	Description
	Ctrl+Alt+Left or Button4 Click Ctrl+Alt+Right or Button5 Click	Scroll through the history of navigation operation back and forth in the selected pane of the Commander.
	Ctrl+U	Swap contents of the two panes.
	Alt+F6	Synchronize panes, so that the contents of inactive pane becomes the same as the contents of the active pane.
		If this button is pressed, the contents of the currently selected file automatically opens in the editor, with the caret at the first line of a file, or - in Java files - at a top-level class declaration.

## Means of navigation

Action	Shortcut	Description
Change active pane	Tab	Move focus to another pane of the Commander.
Open the selected folder	Double-click folder Enter	Reveal contents of the selected folder in the active pane.
Go up one level	Double-click 	Close the currently opened file or folder.
Navigate between entries	Arrow keys	

Action	Shortcut	Description
Open file	Ctrl+Enter F4	Open the selected file in the editor.
Open file structure	Double-click file Enter	Shows Java file structure in the active pane of the commander. Double-clicking a member loads the file into the editor with the caret at the beginning of the selected member. For non-Java files, the pane is empty.
Show project root	Ctrl+Slash or Ctrl+NumPad /	Navigate to the project root directory in the active pane.

## File operations

Copy, Clone, Move, Rename and Delete operations are performed as refactorings.

Action	Shortcut	Context menu command
Copy	F5	Refactor   Copy
Clone	CloneElement	Refactor   Clone
Move	F6	Refactor   Move
Rename	Shift+F6	Refactor   Rename
Delete	Delete	Refactor   Safe Delete

Any of the commands that act on multiple selection, take into account both panes. You can select files in both panes and choose such commands as Compile, Compare files, Reformat Code etc. on the context menu.

## See Also

### Procedures:

- [Viewing Structure of a Source File](#)
- [Refactoring Source Code](#)
- [Enabling and Disabling Plugins](#)

### Reference:

- [Structure Tool Window, File Structure Popup](#)

### Getting Started:

- [IntelliJ IDEA Tool Windows](#)

### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 

