

# Commenting and Uncommenting Blocks of Code

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## Basics

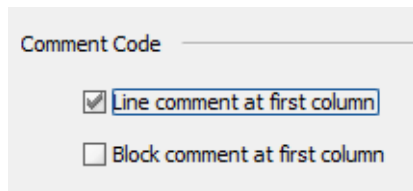
You can comment or uncomment the current line or selected block of source code.

Commenting feature extends to all supported file types. For the custom file types, you can define line and block comments characters, as described in the section [Creating and Registering File Types](#).

## Configuring commenting behavior

It is possible to force IntelliJ IDEA to place Java comments strictly at the left margin. To do that, in the Settings dialog, open [Code Style | Java](#), and click [Code Generation](#) tab.

In the section **Comment Code** select the required check boxes:



If the check boxes are cleared, the comments characters are placed at the current caret position.

## Commenting or uncommenting lines of code

To comment or uncomment the current line of code, do one of the following

- On the main menu, choose **Code | Comment with Line Comment**.
- Press **Ctrl+Slash** or **Ctrl+NumPad /**.

```
//      {  
//      user = em.merge(user);  
//      facesMessages.add("Password updated");  
//      changed = true;  
//      }
```

## Commenting or uncommenting blocks of code

To add or remove a block comment, do one of the following

- On the main menu, choose **Code | Comment with Block Comment**.
- Press **Ctrl+Shift+Slash** or **Ctrl+Shift+NumPad /**.

```
/* {  
    user = em.merge(user);  
    facesMessages.add("Password updated");  
    changed = true;  
}*/
```

## See Also

Procedures:

- [Documenting Source Code in IntelliJ IDEA](#)
- [Creating and Registering File Types](#)

**Reference:**

- [Code Style. Java](#)

**Web Resources:**

- [Developer Community](#) 