


# Configuring Behavior of the Editor Tabs

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You can change the way IntelliJ IDEA handles the editor tabs in the [Editor tabs](#) page of the Editor settings.

## To change the maximum allowed number of tabs

1. Open the Editor settings. To do that, click  on the main toolbar, then click the **Editor** node in the [Settings](#) dialog box, that opens.
2. In the [Editor Tabs](#) page of the Editor settings, type the desired maximum allowed number of the editor tabs to be opened at a time in the **Tab limit** field.

If the tab limit equals to 1, the tabs will be disabled. If you want the editor to never close the tabs, type some unreachable number.

## To disable editor tabs

- In the [Editor Tabs](#) page of the Editor settings, select **None** from the **Tab placement** drop-down list.

With the disabled tabs, use the **View | Recent files (Ctrl+E)** command to quickly switch between files.

## See Also

Reference:

- [Editor. Editor Tabs](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 