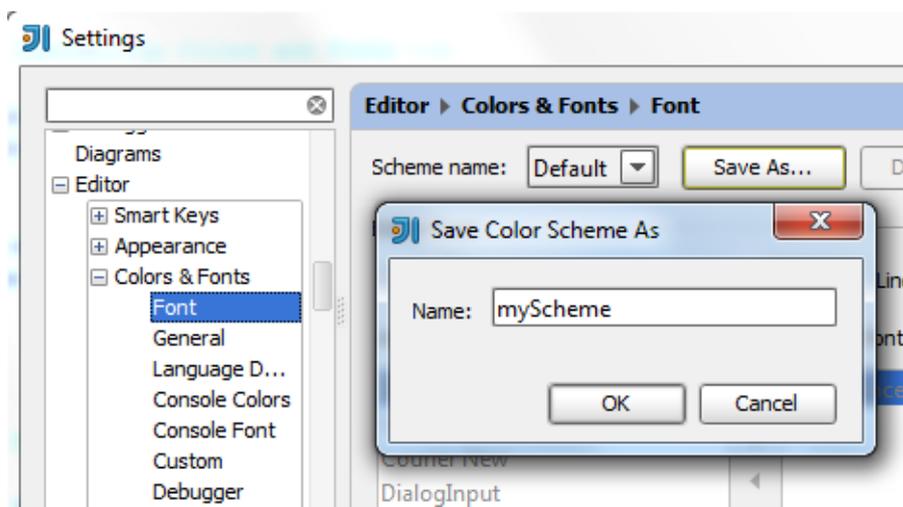# Configuring Colors and Fonts

With IntelliJ IDEA, you can maintain your preferable colors and fonts layout for syntax and error highlighting in the editor, search results, Debugger and consoles via font and color schemes.

IntelliJ IDEA comes with a number of pre-defined color schemes. You can select one of them, or create your own one, and configure its settings to your taste. Note that pre-defined schemes are not editable. You have to create a copy of a scheme, and then change it as required.

To configure color and font scheme
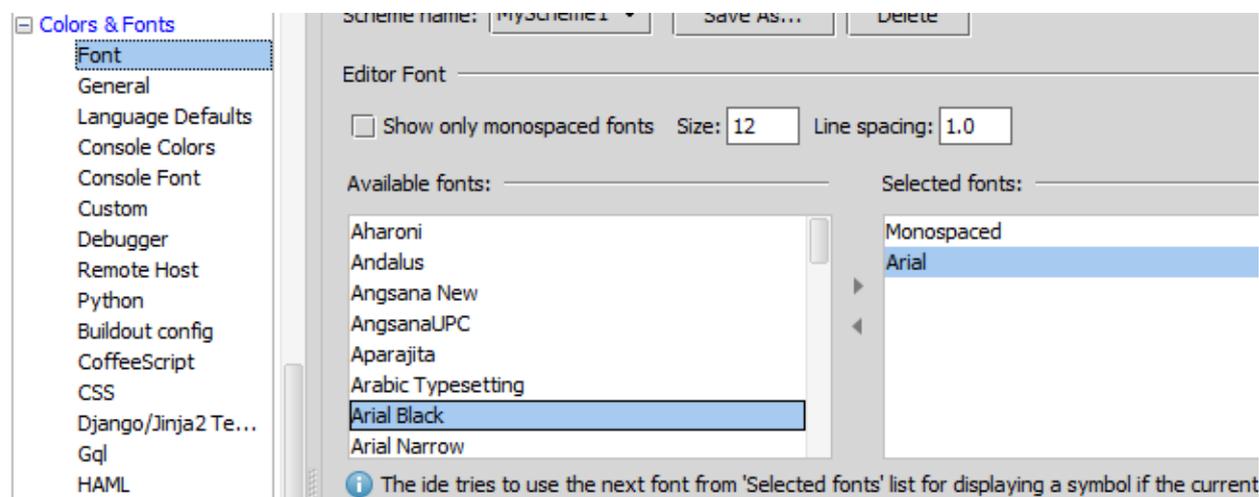
1. Open the IDE Settings, and under the **Editor** node, click Colors & Fonts.

2. Select the desired scheme from the **Scheme name** drop-down list.

3. If you need to change certain settings of the selected scheme, create its copy. To do that, click **Save as** button, and type the new scheme name in the dialog box.

4. Under the Colors and Fonts node, change the *font families* used in the editor and in the console:

   ■ Define font family for the editor and console. When you just open the **Font** or **Console Fonts** pages under the Colors and Fonts node, IntelliJ IDEA performs analysis of all the available fonts, and presents them in the **Available fonts** list.

   Click the horizontal arrow icons to make up the list of fall-back fonts (section **Selected fonts**), which will be used when some of the glyphs are missing in the selected editor or console font.
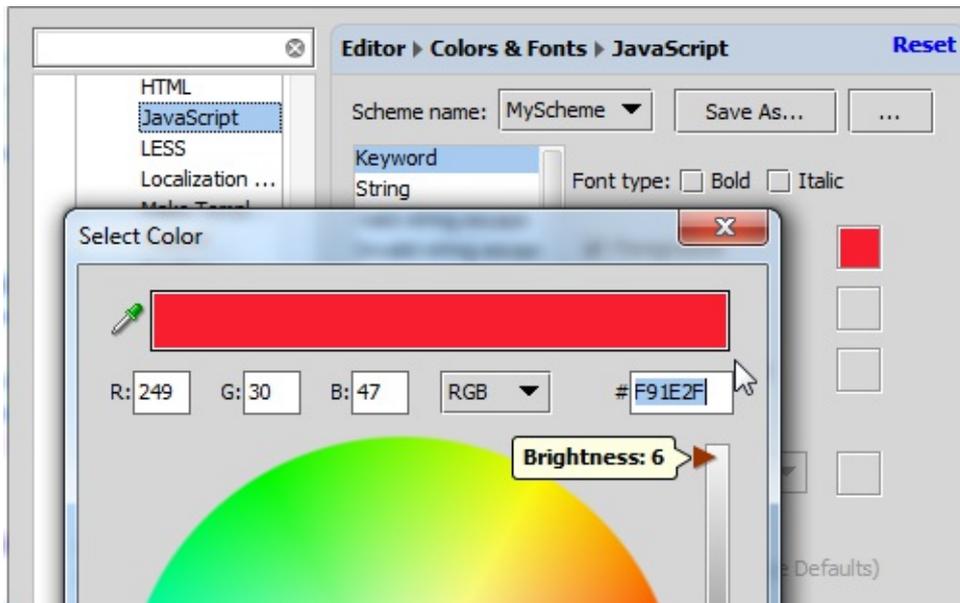
   Click the vertical arrow icons to change the order in which the selected fall-back fonts will be used.

5. Under the Colors and Fonts node, open pages to configure specific *color preferences* and *font types* for the different supported languages and IntelliJ IDEA components.
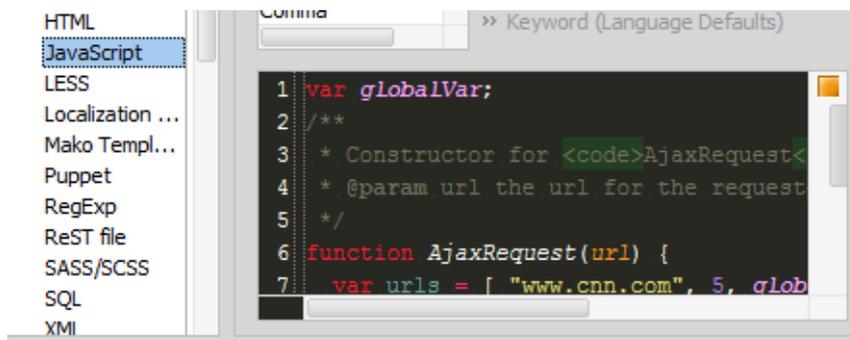
   For example, click **JavaScript** node, in the list of language components select **Keyword**.

   Define the desired font type using the **Bold** and **Italic** check boxes. Next, select the check box **Foreground**, and right click the color preview to customize:

   Refer to the description of the Color Picker dialog box for details.

   Observe results in the preview pane:

   You can view how the new scheme looks in the editor. To do that, just click **Apply** without closing the **Settings** dialog box.

See Also

Reference:

- Editor. Colors and Fonts
- Color Picker

Web Resources:

- Developer Community ⧉