

# Configuring Include Paths

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To use [PHP-related items](#) from outside your project content root, you need to have them stored under the PHP home directory and specify the relative paths to them. The specified include paths will be used:

- By the `require()`, `include()`, `fopen()`, `file()`, `readfile()`, and `file_get_contents()` functions when looking for files to use.
- By IntelliJ IDEA when resolving references to included files.

## To configure include paths

- [Open the project settings](#) and click **PHP**.
- In the **PHP** page that opens, click the **Update include paths** button.
- In the **Include paths** area, that becomes available upon pressing the **Update include paths** button, configure the list of include paths.
  - To add a path to the list, click the **Add** button and select the required directory in the dialog box, that opens.
  - To remove a path from the list, select the required item and click the **Remove** button.

## See Also

### Procedures:

- [Configuring Project Structure](#)
- [PHP-Specific Guidelines](#)

### Reference:

- [PHP](#)

### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)