

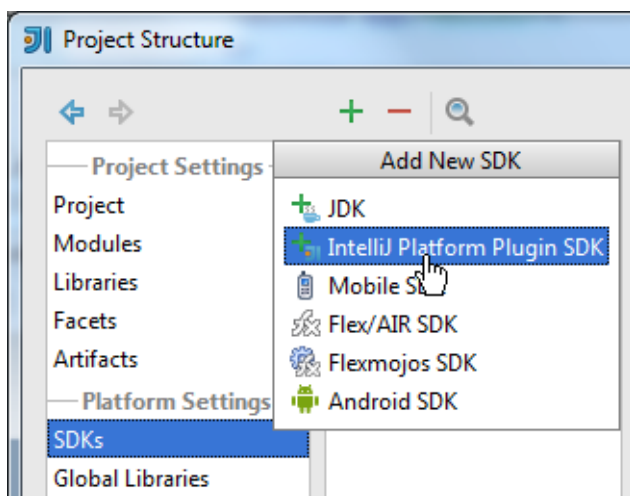
# Configuring IntelliJ IDEA Plugin SDK

To be able to develop plugins for IntelliJ IDEA, you have to configure an IntelliJ IDEA Plugin [SDK](#).

You can skip the following procedure and configure the IntelliJ IDEA Plugin SDK later, [when creating a project](#).

## To configure IntelliJ IDEA plugin SDK

1. Open the [Project Structure dialog](#) (Ctrl+Shift+Alt+S).
2. If you don't have a JDK configured in IntelliJ IDEA, [configure](#) one now. Otherwise you won't be able to complete this procedure.
3. Under **Platform Settings**, select **SDKs** and then click **+** to add a new SDK.
4. Select **IntelliJ IDEA Plugin SDK** from the **Add New SDK** list.



5. In the [dialog that opens](#), select the *IntelliJ IDEA installation folder* and click **OK**.
6. In the **Select internal Java platform** dialog, select the desired JDK from the list and click **OK**. (The JDK version 1.6 is recommended.)
7. If necessary, change the path to the sandbox in the **Sandbox Home** field. (The sandbox is a folder where IntelliJ IDEA will copy your plugins for debugging.)
8. Optionally, configure the source path for the IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition sources (if you are going to use them and have them available on your computer). To do that, select the **Sourcepath** tab and click **Add**. In the [dialog that opens](#), select the folder containing the sources and click **OK**. Click **OK** in the **Detected Source Roots** dialog.
9. Click **OK** to save the changes and close the **Project Structure** dialog.

Now, the IntelliJ IDEA Plugin SDK is in the list of available SDKs, so in future, when necessary, you will be able to simply select it from the corresponding lists.

## See Also

Concepts:

- [Plugins](#)

Reference:

- [SDKs. IntelliJ IDEA](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 

