

# Converting Projects Into Directory-Based Format

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Any IntelliJ IDEA [project](#) created in the [file-based format](#) can be easily converted into the [directory-based format](#), which is more convenient when project settings are frequently modified by the team members.

## To convert the file-based project format into the directory-based

1. On the main menu, choose **File | Save as Directory-Based Format**.

IntelliJ IDEA converts the project configuration files and then reopens the project.

2. Specify whether you want to [open the project in a new window](#).

When the project is opened, all the project settings are stored in the `.xml` files in the `.idea` folder, and it is now safe to delete the `.ipr` and the `.iws` files.

## See Also

Concepts:

- [Project](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 