

Copy and Paste Between IntelliJ IDEA and Explorer/Finder

IntelliJ IDEA enables tight interaction with the native file managers (Explorer on Windows, or Finder on Mac), and allows you exchange files and directories via the system clipboard, using numerous techniques:

- Cut, copy and paste files and directories from the Project tool window of IntelliJ IDEA to a directory in the file manager, and vice versa, using menu commands and keyboard shortcuts:

Keyboard shortcut	Function	Use this shortcut to...
Ctrl+C or Ctrl+Insert	Copy	Copy selected text to the Clipboard.
Ctrl+X or Shift+Delete	Cut	Cut to the Clipboard.
Ctrl+V or Shift+Insert	Paste	Paste from the Clipboard.

- Move (drag) or copy (Ctrl+drag) a file or directory from the file manager to a directory in the Project tool window.
- Move (drag) or copy (Ctrl+drag) a file from the Project tool window to a directory in the file manager.
- Open any file for editing, by dragging it from a file manager to the editor.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Opening and Reopening Files in the Editor](#)
- [Copy](#)
- [Move Refactorings](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 