

Copy

The Copy refactoring lets you create a copy of a class in a different package. It can also be used to create a copy of a file, directory or package in a different directory or package.

The purpose of the Clone refactoring is similar. It is used to create a copy of a class, file, directory or package in the same location (directory or package). In this case, obviously, the name of the copy is always different from that of the original.

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To perform the Copy refactoring

1. Select the item of interest in a tool window (e.g. the **Project** tool window). Alternatively, open the necessary class or file in the editor.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Choose **Refactor | Copy** in the main menu or the context menu.
 - Press **F5**.
 - Press and hold the **Ctrl** key, and, in the **Project** tool window, drag the item to the target location.
3. In the [Copy dialog](#) that opens, specify the name and location for the copy that you are creating, and click **OK**.

To perform the Clone refactoring

1. Select the item of interest in a tool window (e.g. the **Project** tool window). Alternatively, open the necessary class or file in the editor.
2. Press **CloneElement**.
3. In the [Clone dialog](#) that opens, specify the name of the clone that you are creating, and click **OK**.

See Also

Reference:

- [Copy Dialog](#)

Getting Started:

- [Copy and Paste Between IntelliJ IDEA and Explorer/Finder](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 