

Creating and Editing Properties Files

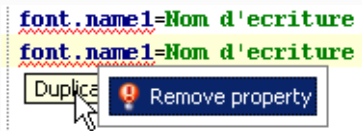
[Properties files](#) are used to store localization strings. IntelliJ IDEA enables you to create new properties files, and detects the existing ones.

To create properties files

1. Right-click a directory where you would like to create a properties file.
2. On the context menu of the target directory, choose **New | File**.
3. In the **New File** dialog box, type the file name with the corresponding extension, and click **OK**. Note that you can also create nested directories under `locales`, and add new properties files there.

While editing properties files, use the following techniques:

- *Syntax highlighting*: Keywords, delimiters, values and comments are highlighted. You can configure the color scheme in the [Colors and Fonts](#) page of the Settings dialog.
- *Code inspection* detects duplicate or unused properties, and suggests to fix the problem immediately:



- *Expand word*: Start typing, and press `Alt+slash` to go through the existing strings.