

Creating Ant Build File

This section describes how to create Ant build file manually.

IntelliJ IDEA provides a framework for editing build files, but it is the developer's responsibility to populate the build file with targets.

To create ant build file

1. In the Project window, select the directory, where the build file should be created.
2. Right-click the directory and choose **New | File** on the context menu, or press **Alt+Insert**.
3. In the New File dialog, specify the name of the new file with `.xml` extension, for example, `build.xml`. The new file opens in the editor.
4. Specify the build targets. You can use the path-like structures in the `fileset` or `dirset` directives to define

You have to enter at least a root tag in the `build.xml` file. Otherwise the file will not be added to the Ant Build tool window.

5. [Add the build file to the project.](#)

See Also

Concepts:

- [Ant](#)

Procedures:

- [Generating Ant Build File](#)

Reference:

- [Ant Build Tool Window](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 