

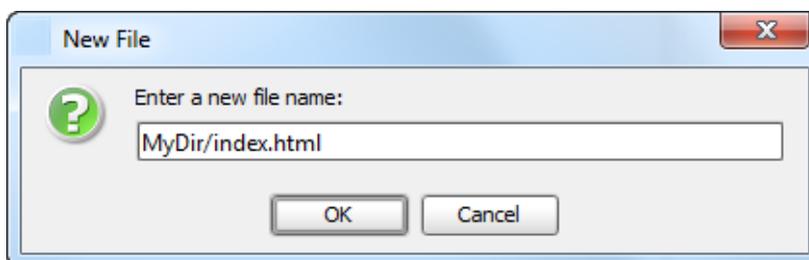
Creating Empty Files

Generally, all the files that you create when developing applications are [template-based](#). However, sometimes you may want to create empty files.

To create an empty file

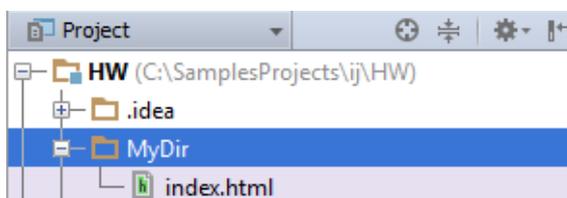
1. Do one of the following:
 - In the [Project tool window](#), select the directory or package in which you want to create a new file, and then choose **File | New** on the main menu.
 - Right-click the corresponding directory or package and select **New** from the context menu.
 - Press **Alt+Insert**
2. Select **File**.
3. In the **New File** dialog, in the field under **Enter a new file name**, type the file name and extension.

You can specify the whole directory structure prepending the new file name. If the nested directories do not yet exist, they will be created:



4. Click **OK**.

If the names of non-existent sub-directories were specified before the new file name, the whole structure will be created under the target directory:



5. If the extension you have specified is not associated with any of the file types recognized by IntelliJ IDEA, the **Register New File Type Association** dialog is displayed. In this dialog, you can associate the extension with one of the recognized file types. To do that, select the file type under **Open matching files in IntelliJ IDEA** and click **OK**. As a result, the extension is associated with the specified file type.

If there are no appropriate file types for the new extension, you may want to create a new file type and associate the extension with that type. For more information, see [Creating and Registering File Types](#).

See Also

Procedures:

- [Creating Template-based Files](#)
- [Creating Java Classes, Interfaces, Enumerations and Annotations](#)
- [Creating and Registering File Types](#)

Reference:

- [Register New File Type Association Dialog](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 