


Creating Field Watchpoints

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Basics

Field watchpoints  help you target your debugging search to specific instance variables.

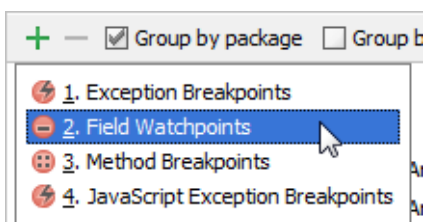
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IntelliJ IDEA suggests the following ways of creating field watchpoints:

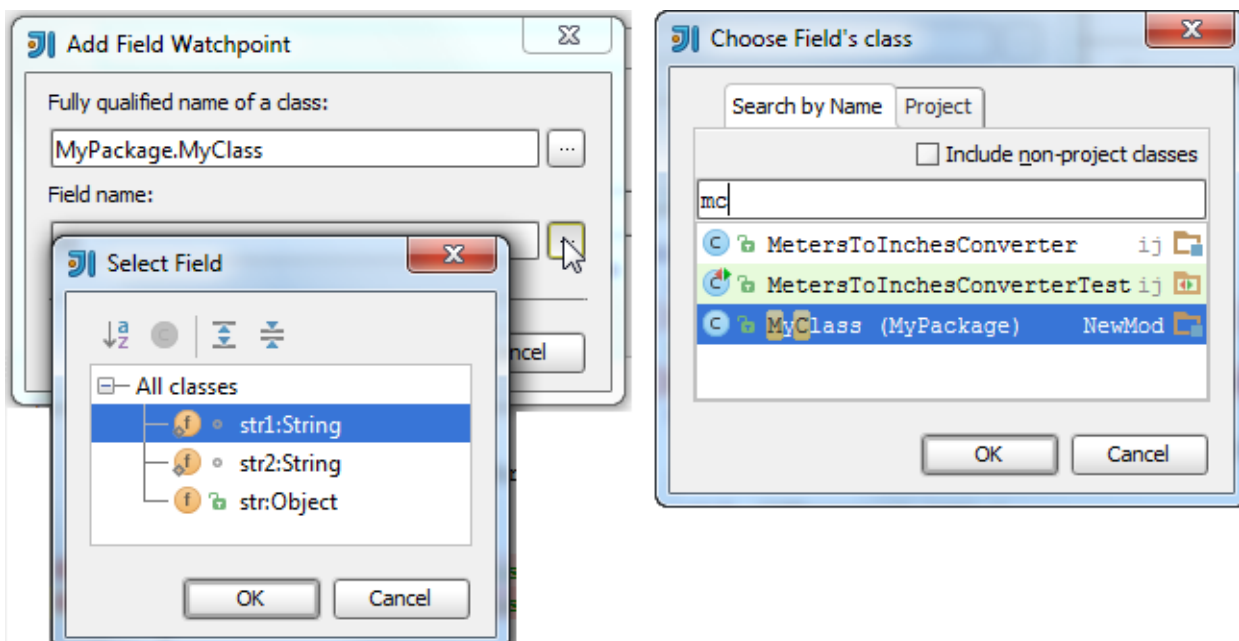
- Using the Breakpoints dialog
- Using the editor
- Using the Debug tool window

To create a field watchpoint using the Breakpoints dialog

1. On the main menu, choose **Run | View Breakpoints**, or press **Ctrl+Shift+F8**.
2. In the **Breakpoints** dialog box that opens, click **+**.
3. Select **Field Watchpoint** from the drop-down list:



4. In the **Add Field Watchpoint** dialog box that opens, specify the following:
 - Fully qualified name of a class that contains the desired field. You can type it manually, or click , and find the desired class by name, or from the project.
 - Field name. You can type it manually, or click  and select the desired field from the list of fields in the selected class.



To create a field watchpoint using the editor

1. Open the desired class in the editor, and locate the field you want to create a watchpoint for.
2. **Alt+click** on the left gutter at the field declaration line.

To create a field watchpoint from the Variables tab of the Debug tool window

1. During the debugging session, open the **Variables** tab.
2. Select the desired field and choose **Add Field Watchpoint** on the context menu.

This command is only available for the fields.

Deleting field watchpoints

To remove a field watchpoint, do one of the following

- In the [Breakpoints](#) dialog box, select the desired field watchpoint, and click **—**.
- In the editor, locate the line with the watchpoint to be deleted, and click its icon in the left gutter.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Run/Debug Configuration](#)
- [Breakpoints](#)

Reference:

- [Breakpoints](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 