

Creating Gists

To share your code, you can create [gists](#) right from IntelliJ IDEA. A gist can contain a code snippet, an entire file, several files, and even folders.

You can also use gists to save and share *console output* during running, debugging, testing, etc.

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Enabling creation of gists

1. Make sure the *GitHib* plugin is enabled. The plugin is bundled with IntelliJ IDEA and activated by default. If not, enable it as described in [Enabling and Disabling Plugins](#).
2. Create an account on the GitHub remote storage, and [register this GitHub account](#) in IntelliJ IDEA.

Saving code in a gist

1. Select the code to be shared by doing one of the following:
 - To have a piece of code from a single file shared, open the file in the editor and select the required code snippet. If no selection is made, the gist will contain the entire file.
 - To have the code from a file shared, select the file name in the **Project** view.
 - To create a gist from a folder, select the folder in the **Project** view.
 - To create a gist from several files or folders, select them in the **Project** view.
2. On the context menu of the selection, choose **Create gist**.
3. In the [Create Gist](#) dialog box, that opens, provide a brief description of the gist to be created.
4. Configure the gist's visibility.
 - By default, the new gist will be *public*, that is, visible for all registered users with your login displayed as owner. To accept this default behaviour, just click **OK**.
 - To create a *private* gist that will be available for you only, select the **Private** check box.
 - To make the gist available for all registered users without displaying your login, select the **Anonymous** check box.
5. Specify whether you want IntelliJ IDEA to open the new gist in a browser or not:
 - To have the gist opened in the [default IntelliJ IDEA browser](#) so you can edit it right now, select the **Open in browser** check box. When you click **OK**, the <https://gist.github.com/> page, that opens, shows the new gist with the selection or the entire contents of the current file. By default, the gist is named after the file the gist originates from. To update the code snippet, if necessary, click **Edit**.
 - If you do not want to open the gist right now, clear the **Open in browser** check box. IntelliJ IDEA displays the URL address of the gist so you can access it later.

Saving console output in a gist

1. During a run, debug, or test session, or when running commands in the command line mode, switch to the relevant tool window or tab that presents the output of the application or command.
2. Click the right mouse button anywhere in the tab and choose **Create Gist** on the context menu.
3. In the [Create Gist](#) dialog box, that opens, provide a brief description of the gist to be created and [configure the gist's visibility](#).
4. Specify whether you want IntelliJ IDEA to [open the new gist in a browser or not](#).

See Also

Reference:

- [Create Gist Dialog](#)
- [GitHub Integration Reference](#)
- [GitHub](#)
- [Git Reference](#)
- [Version Control Reference](#)

Version Control:

- [Using GitHub Integration](#)
- [Using Git Integration](#)
- [Version Control with IntelliJ IDEA](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 