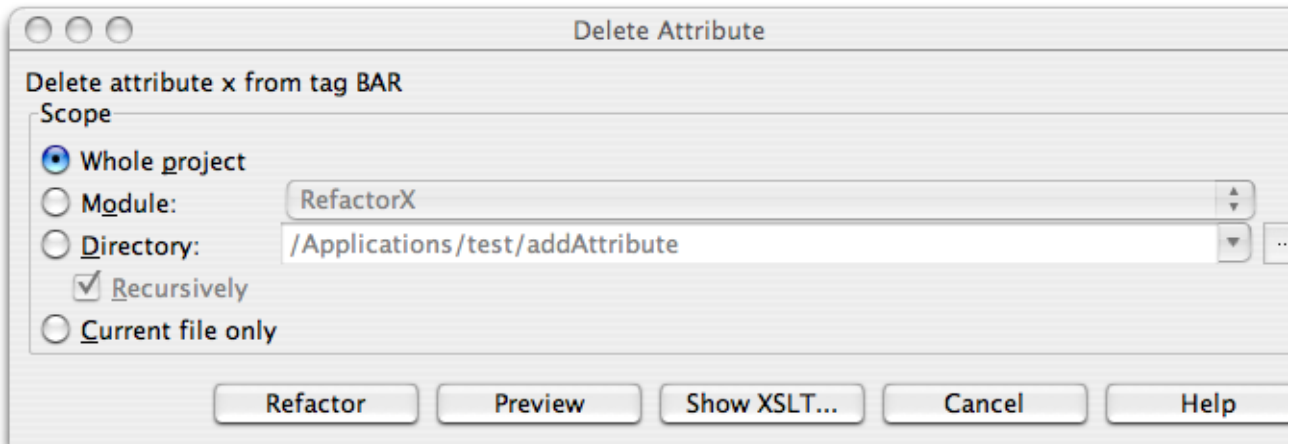


Delete Attribute

The **Delete Attribute** refactoring allows you to delete a set of attribute definitions on a set of XML tag. If this refactoring is invoked, all attributes matching the selected attribute name on tags with the selected tag name may be removed. This bulk removal of attributes may be useful as XML schemas evolve.

Deleting attribute

1. Position the caret on the attribute to delete in the editor, right-click, and select the **XML Refactorings | Delete Attribute...**



2. Determine the scope of the deletion. All attributes matching name of the attribute selected on the tag selected will be deleted, if they are in the selected scope. Scopes available include the current file, the entire project, or a specified directory or module. Directory scopes can either include sub-directories, or not, based on whether the **Recursively** check box is selected. If the **Limit to files with DTD:...** check box is selected, the scope will be limited to those files with the same DOCTYPE as the current file.
3. Press **Preview** button to make IntelliJ IDEA to search for usages of the selected attribute **Find** window.
4. Click **OK** to continue. If you do not select the **Preview** option, all usages will be changed immediately.

Please note the following:

- Pressing **Preview** opens the **Refactoring preview** window displaying all found usages of the attributes to be removed. In this window you can exclude/include usages you want to refactor.
- Pressing **Show XSLT...** opens the **XSLT preview** window displaying a small fragment of XSLT equivalent to the refactoring requested. This fragment can be used by XSLT processors to perform the requested refactoring on files external to your IntelliJ IDEA project.
- The **Refactoring preview** window may appear anyway, if the files to be affected are read-only.