

Editor. Editor Tabs

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Use this page to configure the appearance of editor tabs and tab headers, specify their positioning on the screen, and define the tab closing policy.

Item	Description
Tab Appearance	
Placement	<p>Use this drop-down list to define the location of the editor tab. The available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <i>Top</i> - the default setting.■ <i>Bottom</i>■ <i>Right</i>■ <i>Left</i>■ <i>None</i> - select this option to have single editor without any tabs displayed. <p>Refer to the section Changing Placement of the Editor Tab Headers for details.</p>
Show tabs in single row	<p>Select this check box to have headers of currently opened editor tabs displayed in a single row. As a result, some tab headers may become invisible. To cope with this problem, use the command Window Editor Tabs Show All Tabs. Refer to the section Navigating Between Editor Tabs.</p> <p>If this check box is selected, the sorting in alphabetical order mode becomes available for the top and bottom placement of the editor tabs.</p> <p>If this check box is not selected, headers of all the currently opened tabs are displayed, possibly, in several rows.</p>
Hide file extensions in editor tabs	<p>Select this check box to have only file names displayed in editor tab headers.</p>
Show directory in editor tabs for non-unique file names	<p>If this check box is selected, the editor tabs will show the file name together with the parent directory name; if this check box is not selected, only the file name will be included in the editor tab.</p>
Show "close" button on editor tabs	<p>Select this check box to have the Close Active Editor button  displayed in editor tab headers.</p>
Mark modified tabs with asterisk	<p>Select this check box to have tabs with modified but unsaved contents marked with an asterisk in the tab header. By default, this check box is cleared, because IntelliJ IDEA saves files transparently and you do not need to do it manually.</p>
Tab Closing Policy	

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Tab limit	In this text box, set the maximum number of editor tabs to display.
When number of opened editors exceeds tab limit	<p>In this area, specify which editor tab should be closed when the tab limit is reached and the user attempts to open a new file. The available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Close non-modified files first - if this option is selected, IntelliJ IDEA examines the tabs in the order they were opened and closes the first tab with content that has not been modified. ■ Close less frequently used files - if this option is selected, IntelliJ IDEA closes the tab with the less frequently modified content.
When closing active editor	<p>In this area, specify which editor tab to activate when closing the currently active tab. The available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Activate left neighbouring tab - if this option is selected, IntelliJ IDEA activates the closest tab to the left from the tab being closed. ■ Activate most recently opened tab - if this option is selected, IntelliJ IDEA activates the tab with the file which was opened last.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Advanced Editing Procedures](#)

Getting Started:

- [Familiarize Yourself with IntelliJ IDEA Editor](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 