

External Tools

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Support for external tools enables integration with the third-party applications without creating plugins. Configuration options for the external tools enable passing contextual information (like the current file name or project source path) to an application via command-line arguments.






The list of external tools can be shared among the development team. Once added, the external tools appear as the new menu commands.

Use this dialog box to manage the list of external tools to be accessible from IntelliJ IDEA through the **Tools** menu and context menus.

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Toolbar

| Item | Description |
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|  | Click this button to open the Edit Tool dialog box and configure access to an external tool from scratch. |
|  | Click this button to open the Edit Tool dialog box and configure access to an external tool based on the copy of the selected configuration. |
|  | Click this button to open the Edit Tool dialog box and change the selected configuration. |
|  | Click this button to delete selected entries from the list of external tools. |
|  and | Use these buttons to change the order of entries in the list of external tools. The order of items in the list defines the order in which the tools are presented within a group on the Tools menu. |

List of External Tools

The area displays a tree of available external tools organized by groups they belong to.

- To enable a tool, select the check box next to it.
- To enable an entire group, select the check box next to the group name.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Configuring Third-Party Tools](#)

Reference:

- [Edit Tool Dialog](#)
- [Output Filters Dialog](#)
- [Project and IDE Settings](#)

Web Resources:

