

# Formatting

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Use this page to configure common formatting options, regardless of the type of a particular file.

| Item              | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| Comment Type      | <p>In this area, specify the type of comment to enclose copyright notices in. The available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Use block comment</b> - select this option to have copyright notices enclosed in block comments.</li><li>■ <b>Prefix each line</b> - select this check box to have each line of a copyright notice prepended with the character defined in the <b>Separator char</b> text box. By default, an asterisk is used.</li><li>■ <b>Use line comment</b> - select this option to have copyright notices represented as a sequence of line comments.</li></ul>  |
| Borders           | <p>In this area, define how to separate copyright notices from other comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Separator before</b> - select this check box have a copyright notice prepended with a line of characters defined in the <b>Separator char</b> text box. The number of characters in a separator line is defined in the <b>Length</b> text box.</li><li>■ <b>Separator after</b> - select this check box have a copyright notice followed by a line of characters defined in the <b>Separator char</b> text box. The number of characters in a separator line is defined in the <b>Length</b> text box.</li><li>■ <b>Separator char</b> - in this text box, type the character that will be used in the separator strings and as a prefix or ending character in block comments.</li><li>■ <b>Box</b> - select this check box to have each line of a copyright notice followed by a character defined in the <b>Separator char</b> text box.</li><li>■ <b>Add blank line after</b> - select this check box to have a blank line inserted after a copyright notice.</li></ul> |
| Relative Location | <p>In this area, specify the location of a copyright notice relative to other comments in a file.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Before other comments</b> - when this option is selected, copyright notices are inserted above other comments.</li><li>■ <b>After other comments</b> - when this option is selected, copyright notices are inserted below other comments.</li></ul>  |
| Preview           | <p>Use this area to view a sample copyright notice with the formatting you have defined.</p>  |

## See Also

Concepts:

- [Scope](#)
- [Configuring Copyright Profiles](#)

#### Procedures:

- [Accessing Project Settings](#)
- [Generating and Updating Copyright Notice](#)

#### Reference:

- [Plugins](#)

#### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 