

Generating and Updating Copyright Notice

IntelliJ IDEA enables you to insert or update copyright notices in the files of your projects, according to the [copyright profile](#) that is applicable to the corresponding [scope](#).

- If a file does not belong to any scope with a copyright profile assigned, the [default copyright profile](#) is used.
- If the **No copyright** option has been set as the *Default Copyright Profile* in the [Copyright](#) settings dialog box, no copyright notice will be created or updated and IntelliJ IDEA will prompt you to configure a profile to apply.

To add a copyright notice

1. Open the desired file in the editor.
2. Press **Alt+Insert**.
3. From the list that is displayed in the editor, select **Copyright**.

To update a copyright notice

1. In the **Project** tool window, select files or directories where you want the copyright notice to be updated or just open the desired file in the editor.
2. Right-click the selection, and choose **Update Copyright** on the context menu.

You can also update copyright notices when [committing changes](#).

To have copyright notices updated correctly, make sure that the [keyword](#) specified in the copyright profile is a part of the notice definition. Otherwise, IntelliJ IDEA will not detect copyright notices and, instead of updating existing notices, will insert new ones.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Scope](#)

Procedures:

- [Creating Copyright Profiles](#)
- [Associating a Copyright Profile with a Scope](#)

Reference:

- [Copyright](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 