

Launching Groovy Shell

IntelliJ IDEA lets you launch a Groovy shell for Groovy projects and Grails applications.

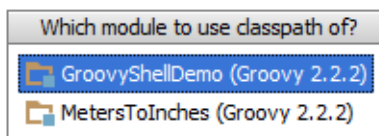
Before you launch a Groovy shell, make sure that the Groovy 2.2 library version is downloaded.

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To launch Groovy shell

1. On the main menu, choose **Tools | Groovy Shell**.
2. If your project consists of two modules or more, choose the module to use the classpath of:

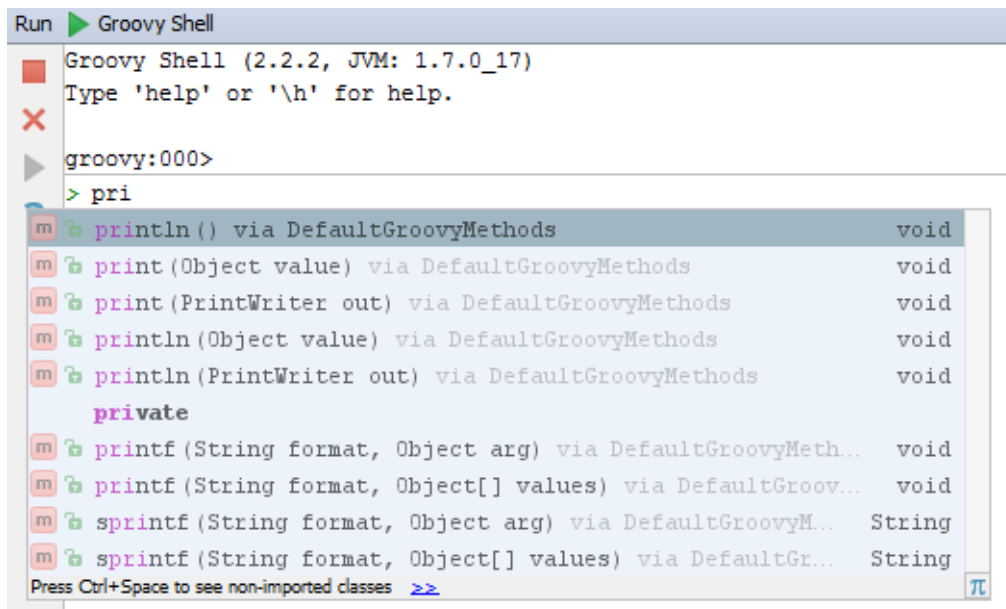



The [Groovy shell](#) starts in a separate tab of the Run tool window:

To use Groovy shell

- Type code in the console after the prompt character, or just paste from the editor tab.

Note that coding assistance is available, as you type (code completion and error highlighting):



- Click , or press **Ctrl+Enter** to execute the entered code.
- To start a new line, press **Enter**.
- Use up and down arrow keys to navigate through the history of commands. Depth of the history is defined by the **Console commands history size** in the [Editor](#) settings.
- Use the [basic](#) and [advanced](#) editor shortcuts. In particular, you can *jump to declaration* of a symbol, if you place the caret at the symbol name, and press **Ctrl+B**, **Ctrl+Button1 Click** or **Button2 Click**. Alternatively, keep the **Ctrl** key pressed, and hover your mouse pointer over the reference to a symbol. So doing, brief information appears at the tooltip, and the reference turns to a hyperlink, which allows you to jump to the declaration in the source code.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Groovy Shell](#)
- [Editor](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 